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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps has protected citizens and guarded their freedom for the past 232 years; and

WHEREAS, our country has established a position of world leadership, the Marines have proven themselves as dedicated professionals willing to risk their lives to defend and protect the rights and liberties valued by Americans; and

WHEREAS, a Marine is trained to hold the ground against any odds and to always be faithful to God, Country and Corps, standing ready to fight anytime, anywhere, the President or Congress may designate; and

WHEREAS, the term "Marine" has been associated with courage and military efficiency, since its creation on November 10, 1775 by Resolution of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, the people of Wisconsin are proud of its rich contribution to the Marine tradition and salute the Marines serving around the globe;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the day of **November 10th, 2007** as

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DAY

in Wisconsin, and urge the people of Wisconsin to join me in honoring the Marines.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty sixth day of September in the year two thousand seven.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Doyle".

JIM DOYLE



Next

Meeting:

0900

Saturday

October

20th,

2007

at

Trenton

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Hall.

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Kettle Moraine Detachment 1203, Marine Corps League
Minutes of Meeting Held on September 15th, 2007
23 Members and 3 guests present

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

The Jr Vice Commandant called the meeting to order at 0902. The Sgt at Arms presented the Colors, and the Chaplain said the opening prayer.

Roll Call of Officers

Commandant: John Stern excused
Sr. Vice Commandant: Bill Wallace excused
Jr. Vice Commandant: Glen Brewer present
Adjutant: Jason Waier present
Judge Advocate: Charlie Keller excused

Paymaster: Roger Cross present
Chaplain: George Wujcik present
Sgt at Arms: Barry Oelerich excused
Historians: Jason Waier present
" Jim Krudwig present

Other Members in Attendance

Bertling, Greg	Bollmann, Paul	Conde, Ted	Coulter, Dan	Erdman, Don
Fleischman, John	Heiman, Carl	Kaczmarek, George	Mathews, Glenn	Moericke, Andrew
Moericke, Chris	Moericke, Rollie	Montag, Fred	O'Toole, Dan	Ramage, Jim (excused)
Rodriguez, Sean	Schlieff, Paul	Smith, Doug	Straub, Hugo (excused)	Unertl, Ken

New Members/Guests

Marines Sean Rodriguez and Andrew Moericke were sworn in as new Members. Welcome Aboard Marines! Nicole Fleischman and Samantha Wollner were present to accept KetMorDet Scholarships. Paul Link was in attendance as a potential new Member.

Reading of the Minutes

Paul Bollmann made a motion to accept the Minutes from the August Meeting as posted in the September Newsletter. John Fleischman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Paymaster's Report

The Paymaster distributed the monthly Financial Report and reviewed it with the Members, including a check for Ken Unertl (for the flag box), and Dan Coulter (for postage sending out solicitations for the Marine Reserve Forces Band, which netted the Detachment \$350.00). Roger Cross stated that there are several Large and 2XL green Detachment t-shirts with the Iwo Jima flag raising available for \$5. He is currently taking orders for the red waist length embroidered jackets, and windbreakers. The red Detachment baseball caps are also available. Anyone wishing to purchase any or all of these items is asked to contact him. He also displayed the FULL COLOR t-shirt that is being looked at for next year's fundraisers. The Allenton Parade Group submitted a bill for \$1,482.50 which covers KetMorDet's portion of the expenses of the Marine Reserve Forces Band participation during the Allenton Parade in August. Jim Krudwig requested more of the rubber palmed white gloves for the FHP Team. Dan Coulter made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as written. Motion seconded by Paul Bollmann. Motion passed. Jim Krudwig inquired as to the total amount raised during the 2007 fundraisers as compared to earlier years. The Paymaster stated he did not have that amount on hand, but he could give a report on this at the October Meeting.

Chaplain's Report

The Chaplain said that get well cards had been sent to Member Richard Schlice, and MCL National Commandant John Ryan.

Correspondence Received/Delivered

The Dept of Wisconsin, Marine Corps League Fall Staff Meeting will take place at King Veterans Home October 20th and 21st. If anyone is interested in attending, contact Jason Waier for event specifics. The Adjutant had a Thank You note from Lt Col O'Toole for a KetMorDet Care Package sent to him in Iraq.

Report of Standing Committees

Honor Guard: Nothing new to report.

Flag History Presentation Team: There have been presentations for Cub Scout units in Beaver Dam (97 people present) and Allenton (38 people present) during Sep. The FHP Team will probably conduct 2-3 presentations per month. If there are organizations out there who would be interested in having a presentation, talk it up and refer them to Jim Krudwig. All KetMorDet Members are welcome to participate on the FHP Team.

Scholarship: Nicole Fleischman, and Samantha Wollner, daughter and granddaughter of Member John Fleischman, were presented KetMorDet Scholarship checks.

Quartermaster: Nothing new to report.

VAVS: Contact the Commandant if interested in volunteering for this position.

PAO: Contact the Commandant if interested in volunteering for this position.

Fundraising: George Wujcik thanked Jim Ramage, Carl Heiman, and John Fleischman for their participation during the Sept 1 fundraiser at Walmart. The Jr Vice said that the 2007 fundraising season is over, and that the Commandant is looking for a Member to take on the position of Fundraising Chairman for next year. If interested contact John Stern.

Newsletter: Members not receiving their Newsletters should contact the Det. Adjutant to make sure their mailing address is correct. The Editor said that Newsletter input should be submitted to him by the first Monday of the month. Dan Coulter asked if there are extra copies of the Newsletter available to be mailed out to perspective new Members. Jim Krudwig said that, to keep costs

reasonable, there are a limited number of copies printed every month and when advised by the Membership Chair, any remaining copies are sent to prospective Members. Jason Waier stated that ANYONE can be directed to the Detachment website www.ketmordet.com where they can view and print copies of the Newsletter. This helps keep the Newsletter costs down. If a Member prefers to receive their Newsletter electronically instead of by snail mail, contact the Editor.

Color Guard: Christmas Parades are right around the corner. Color Guard Members are asked to sign up for them as their schedules permit. Anyone having info on future parades should contact the Color Guard Commander, Charlie Keller.

Birthday Ball: Dan Coulter stated that the KetMorDet Birthday Ball is scheduled for Nov 10th this year. Several active duty and Reserve Marines have been contacted to be the guest speaker without much luck. Finding a guest speaker is a little harder this year as this is the same date as most of the other Birthday Balls around the area. Dan Coulter suggested that the Commandant speak briefly in place of a guest speaker. Jim Krudwig noted that a guest speaker is part of the Birthday Ball tradition and there are a number of retired and former Marines in the area who might be available to speak of their experiences in the Corps. Ted Conde stated that The Birthday Ball will be held at the Old Courthouse in West Bend as it was last year. Dan Coulter stated that he would like to raise the amount that the Detachment would cover for the Ball from \$500 to \$1,000. Several Members inquired as to why the amount should be raised. Dan suggested it would help lower the cost to the Members attending. It was pointed out that some of the Members attending last year's Ball were willing to pay more per person as having the Ball was worth it. The Jr Vice Commandant said that he would pass these thoughts onto the Commandant and that it would be brought before the Members again next month. Jim Krudwig made a motion to hold the Birthday Ball in November in lieu of a regular monthly Meeting. Seconded by Ken Unertl. Motion passed. There will be no general monthly Meeting in Nov. If an emergency arises, Members are asked to contact the Commandant.

Old Business

The Adjutant stated he has attempted to contact Members that are "on the bubble" for dues. Richard Schlice is currently in the hospital, and Ken Heinecke has moved with no forwarding address. The Adjutant was asked at the August Meeting to determine what info is available about a new Detachment forming in our area (Ozaukee County). The Adjutant said that he has looked at the Detachment listings "on line" and called the Dept of Wisconsin MCL Commandant several times, but has not been able to find out any info. He will try again and report back next month. Dan Coulter gave a quick recap of the Allenton Parade, and that everyone thought the Marine Band was a huge success. John Fleischman inquired as to the possibility of having them perform every year. Dan Coulter stated that it normally takes years of preparation in getting a Marine Band here. It was only by chance that the Band was in the area this year for a Change of Command ceremony that made them available. Jim Krudwig said that when he had been contacted by the Allenton Parade Committee to see if a Marine Band was available for the parade, he had made phone calls and it had taken less than six months to set it up. He noted that other than financial support no one from KetMorDet was willing to step forward and handle any of the planning for a concert in West Bend. If a Det. Member was willing to put forth a serious effort and chair a Band Committee and bring forth a game plan to the Det. Officers, then the Marine Forces Reserve Band Drum Major had told Jim that a band could probably be brought up to Wisconsin each summer, BUT NOT ON MAJOR HOLIDAYS. Other Dept of WI MCL Detachments have expressed an interest in the Marine Forces Reserve Band returning to the area. This could be looked at in the future if there is serious support beyond verbalizing how great it would be. John Fleischman stated he is interested in doing this. Paul Bollmann said that the Detachment Picnic has been put off until next year when it can be planned in a timelier manner, instead of being rushed together. He is currently looking at an early May timeframe for the 2008 picnic. The Adjutant thanked Paul for all the work he put into assembling a "business plan" for the picnic and presenting it to the Officers in preparation for bringing it before the Detachment. The Det. Judge Advocate has sent a registered letter to the National Judge Advocate regarding the use of the campaign covers and is awaiting a response. Members are reminded that before making MOTIONS to spend Detachment funds on other than charitable causes, that a "business plan" must be brought before the Officers during the Officer Call so that the details can be hashed out before bringing it before the general Membership. This will save time during meetings.

New Business

Dan Coulter asked if there are any provisions to help out with ill Members and dues. There is none. Dan Coulter asked the Officers discuss this and see if a policy of some sort could be made to help out ill Members with their dues. Jim Krudwig noted that several MCL Detachments have a policy of imposing a fee of \$1 for Marines that arrive late to the Meeting, cell phones that ring during the meeting, or cussing during the Meeting. He asked that the Officers consider something such as this so to cut down on distractions during the Meeting. Dan O'Toole noted that some all-weather gear is needed for the Color Guard as was evident during the Allenton Parade. This will be discussed at a future Meeting.

Good of the League

The Detachment wished best regards to Chris and Andrew Moericke as they leave for deployment to 29 Palms and then to Iraq with the Mad Ghosts of Fox Co. 2nd Bn 24th Marines. Jim Krudwig recently moved and thanked Fritz Montag, Don Erdman, and Jason Waier for helping him. He said that Marines helping Marines is another tradition that helps differentiate Marines from the other services. If you need help with something, don't be afraid to ask your fellow Members for support.

Meeting Closed

With no further business to be conducted, the Jr Vice Commandant gave the order to close the Meeting. The Sgt at Arms retired the Colors, the Chaplain gave the closing prayer, and the Jr Vice Commandant thanked all for attending and asked that they secure new members. The Meeting closed at 1039. The next meeting will be held at 0900 on October 20, 2007 at the Trenton Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Waier, Adjutant

"WHEN GOD MADE THE MARINE"

When God created a United States Marine, it was into the sixth day of overtime. An angel appeared and said, "You're having a lot of trouble with this one. What's wrong with the standard model?" And the Lord replied, "Have you seen the specs on this order?"

"It has to be able to think independently, yet be able to take orders; have the qualities of both a military mind and a compassionate heart; be a leader of junior Marines and learn from seniors; run on black coffee; handle critical ops without a Military Procedure Manual; be able to manage a difficult subordinate, and irate supervisor and a demanding OIC; have the patience of a saint and six pairs of hands, not mention the strength of three its size."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands - no way!" and the Lord answered, "Don' worry, we'll make other Marines to help. Besides, it's not the hands which are causing the problem. It's the heart. It must swell with pride when other Marines do well, sustain the incredible hardship of combat, beat on soundly when it's too tired to do so, and be strong enough to continue to carry on when he's given all he's had."

"Lord," said the angel touching the Lord's sleeve gently, "Come to bed!"

"I can't," said the Lord. I'm so close to creating something unique. Already I have one who can complete a 26-mile forced march with full pack, handle a 9mm and an M16 with astounding accuracy, conduct land navigation in the dark, and operate field communications."

The angel circled the model of the Marine very slowly. "It's too serious," she sighed. "But tough," said the Lord excitedly, "You cannot imagine what the Marine can do or endure." "Can it feel?" asked the angel. "Can it feel!" replied the Lord. "It loves the Corps and country like no other!"

Finally the angel bent over and ran her finger across the Marine's cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told you you're trying to put too much into this model." "That's not a leak," said the Lord. "That's a tear."

"What's it for?" asked the angel. "It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, frustration, pain, loneliness and pride." "You're a genius!" exclaimed the angel. The Lord looked at her somberly and replied, "I didn't put it there."

ANOTHER DAY TO SERVE THE CORPS.

Submitted by MSgt Jeff Johnson USMC Retired (WI Dept of Veterans Affairs)

MARINE CORPS SLOGAN TAKES OUT THE COMPETITION

The Marine Corps' legendary recruiting pitch, "The Few, The Proud, The Marines," defeated such famous ad slogans as "Just Do It," "Have It Your Way," "Take a Bite Out of Crime" and "Think Outside the Bun" for a spot on the advertising industry's Walk of Fame in New York City.

This year's two winning slogans - the other is Southwest Airlines' "Ding! You are now free to move about the country" - were announced as part of Advertising Week 2007, an advertising industry convention in New York City. They Corps beat out a number of companies and agencies in a nationwide Internet poll for the honor, including Nike, Burger King, The National Crime Prevention Authority and Taco Bell.

The Corps and Southwest will join previous winners, such as the Texas Department of Transportation's "Don't Mess with Texas," Verizon's "Can You Hear Me now?" and Hallmark's "When You Care Enough to Send the Very Best," on the Madison Avenue Advertising Walk of Fame, which consists of a plaque on the sidewalk between 49th and 50th Streets in Manhattan.

Other nominees the Corps beat out include the USDA Forest Service's "Give a Hoot. Don't Pollute"; the California Milk Process Board's "Got Milk?"; Major League Baseball's "I Live For This!!!"; Dunkin Donuts' "Time to Make the Donuts"; and Allstate Insurance's "You're in good hands."

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Cougar Mine Protected Armored Patrol



The Cougar, developed and produced by Force Protection Inc. is a multi-purpose, 12 ton mine protected armored patrol vehicle. The design uses a monocoque, bulletproof and blast-proof capsule fitted with 4 inch thick transparent armored glass, which protects the driver and crew from small arms fire, mine blasts and IED. Typical roles for the vehicle are armored, mine protected troop transport for security, stability and

peacekeeping missions, protected weapons platform, law enforcement special response vehicle, counter IED an EOD / Range Clearance vehicle. The vehicle can accommodate 10 passengers in a 4x4 configuration and 16 passengers in a 6x6 configuration. Cougar was selected to serve with the US Marine Corps as a Hardened Engineer Vehicle (HEV), to support engineer mine clearing and explosive ordnance disposal teams deployed in Iraq. As of June 2006, there are more than 130 Cougars and Buffalos in Afghanistan and Iraq.



Since their deployment to Iraq in 2003 the Cougar and Buffalo vehicles employed with explosive ordnance disposal teams and engineers units have taken about 1,000 IED hits



without a loss of life, said Wayne Phillips, a company vice president in charge of Marine Corps programs. The vehicle has proven to be superior to less

protected vehicles, such as the up-armored Humvee or armored trucks. For more info on these amazing vehicles please go to www.forceprotection.net . Taken from www.defense-update.com



Here are some amazing photos of the Cougar in action. This is one of the new "hardened" vehicles that was hit by a 500 lb bomb (IED). The vehicle was totally destroyed, but EVERYONE IN THE VEHICLE WALKED AWAY.

Note the unusual construction of the bottom of the hardened APC. Note the bottom looks like the hull of a ship. The blast picked up the truck and turned it around! The driver got some broken ribs from hitting the steering wheel, but that's it. Everyone walked away from a 500 lb explosion directly beneath their vehicle.

Incredible!

Photos taken from the internet

KETMORDET OFFICER REPORTS FOR OCT 20TH MEETING

In order to expedite the regular meeting time, the Commandant has requested that all Officers and Committee Chairs provide their input to himself or the Newsletter Editor by the first weekend of each month. Members are also welcome to submit something but it may be edited. This will enable the Members to review items of interest and reduce discussion at the meetings. Additionally, it provides any Member who cannot make it to a regular meeting, the opportunity to remain abreast of Det. activities.

COMMANDANT JOHN STERN REPORTS: Nothing Reported.

Honor Guard:

SR VICE COMMANDANT BILL WALLACE: Nothing Reported.

JR VICE COMMANDANT GLEN BREWER: Nothing reported.

JUDGE ADVOCATE CHARLIE KELLER REPORTS:

Confirmation of campaign cover request.

Color Guard: Christmas Parades:

11-25-07.....West Bend

12-01-07.....Germantown

ADJUTANT JASON WAIER REPORTS: All of the Members' DD214's that were stored in KetMorDet files have been destroyed per guidance from National MCL Hqs.

Steve Stockwell, current Badger Det Sr Vice Commandant advises that the Northshore Det #1289, MCL, has received its Charter. They currently have 26 Members and are excited about what lies ahead for them. They are based in Cedarburg. Life Member Wally Huf advises that he has moved to Nekoosa, WI and will more than likely not be attending any KetMorDet Meetings. Best Wishes go out to Wally.

Members are reminded that Newsletter ads are coming due again and to let prospective advertisers know there are openings in the this nationally acclaimed Newsletter.

From the Front: Sgt Chris Moericke (KetMorDet Member) wanted the Members to know that all is well in 29 Palms, CA. The training schedule had started them out slowly doing mostly PT so that the Battalion could get adjusted to the plus 100 degree heat of the desert. They have since stepped up the pace and new KetMorDet Member, LCpl Moericke stated that he has launched more mortars in the last week than he has in the last two years. Both of the Moericke Marines are doing well and hope that everyone here "in the rear" are also well.

PAYMASTER ROGER CROSS REPORTS:

The KetMorDet celebration of the **Marine Corps Birthday Ball** will again be held at the **Washington County Old Courthouse Museum in West Bend** beginning at **1800 on Saturday November 10th**. The guest speaker will be LtCol Bill Gillette USMC Retired who currently lives in the Hartland, WI area. LtCol Gillette worked closely on the staff of General Peter Pace during the Gulf War. General Pace has served as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the first Marine General to have held that billet. This is a great speaker for our Ball. Invitations are being prepared as this Newsletter goes to press. Cost again will be \$20 a person (a real bargain).

CHAPLAIN GEORGE WUJCIK REPORTS: Member Paul Bollmann will be acting Chaplain.

FLAG HISTORY CHAIR JIM KRUDWIG REPORTS:

Two Flag History Presentations were conducted: FHP for Cub Pack 3738 in Beaver Dam on Sep 11 (97 viewers) with Members Erdman, Heiman, Luka, Rollie Moericke, O'Toole, Waier and Krudwig participating. FHP for Troop 3731 in Allenton on Sep 12 (38 viewers) with Members Erdman, Heiman, Kaczmarek, Montag, Straub, Waier and Krudwig participating. An e-mail note was received from Sherra Burg for the Sept 12 Allenton FHP - "I want to Thank the Marine Corps League for the great presentation and have heard great things (about it)!"

Uniforms arrived for four more FHP Team Members (Duffin, Kaczmarek, Ramage and Bollmann) and are currently being tailored. They should be available for pickup at the Oct 20th Det. Meeting. Those who ordered the double soled dress shoes can pick them up as well with a check for \$56 made out to KetMorDet.

A number of groups/organizations wanted FHP's around Veterans Day so four have been scheduled. See the KetMorDet Schedule of Upcoming Events on the last page for the dates. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Oct 20th Meeting. We need 6-7 Members for each FHP. Now that just about all of the Team Members will have received a Dress Blue Delta uniform, it should be worn for all future FHP's along with the white gloves and web belt w/SNCO buckle and dress shoes. The new white gloves with the rubberized palms recently obtained from the Paymaster work much better for holding the flags and poles.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Excerpted from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia on the internet.

The Star-Spangled Banner is the national anthem of the United States, with lyrics written in 1814 by Francis Scott Key. Key, a 35-year old lawyer and amateur poet, wrote them as a poem after seeing the bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland, by British ships in Chesapeake Bay during the War of 1812.

The poem, titled "Defence of Fort McHenry," was set to the tune of the popular British drinking song "The Anacreontic Song", more commonly known by its first line, "To Anacreon in Heaven," and became a well-known American patriotic song. With a range of one and a half octaves, it is known for being difficult to sing. It was recognized for official use by the Navy in 1889 and the President in 1916, and made the national anthem by a Congressional resolution of 3 March 1931 (46 Stat. 1508, codified at 36 USC 301). Although the song has four stanzas, only the first is commonly sung today, with the fourth ("O thus be it ever when free men shall stand...") added on more formal occasions.

On September 3, 1814, Key and John S. Skinner, an American prisoner-exchange agent, set sail from Baltimore aboard the sloop HMS Minden flying a flag of truce on a mission approved by U.S. President James Madison. Their objective was to secure the release of Dr. William Beanes, the elderly and popular town physician of Upper Marlboro, a friend of Key's who had been captured in his home. Beanes was accused of aiding in the arrest of British soldiers. Key and Skinner boarded the British flagship, HMS Tonnant, on September 7 and spoke with Major General Robert Ross and Admiral Alexander Cochrane over dinner, while they discussed war plans. At first, Ross and Cochrane refused to release Beanes, but relented after Key and Skinner showed them letters written by wounded British prisoners praising Beanes and other Americans for their kind treatment.

Because Key and Skinner had heard details of the plans for the attack on Baltimore, they were held captive until after the battle, first aboard HMS Surprise, and later back on HMS Minden. After the bombardment, certain British gunboats attempted to slip past the fort and effect a landing in a cove to the west of it, but they were turned away by fire from nearby Fort Covington, the city's last line of defense. During the rainy night, Key had witnessed the bombardment and observed that the fort's smaller "storm flag" continued to fly, but once the shelling had stopped, he would not know how the battle had turned out until dawn. By then, the storm flag had been lowered, and the larger flag had been raised.

Key was inspired by the American victory and the sight of the large American flag flying triumphantly above the fort. This flag, with fifteen stars and fifteen stripes, came to be known as the Star Spangled Banner Flag and is today on display in the National Museum of American History, a treasure of the Smithsonian Institution. It was restored in 1914 by Amelia Fowler, and again in 1998 as part of an ongoing conservation program.

Aboard the ship the next day, Key wrote a poem on the back of a letter he had kept in his pocket. At twilight on 16 September, he and Skinner were released in Baltimore. He finished the poem at the Indian Queen Hotel, where he was staying, and he entitled it "Defence of Fort McHenry."

Key gave the poem to his brother-in-law, Judge Joseph H. Nicholson. Nicholson saw that the words fit the popular melody "To Anacreon in Heaven", an old British drinking song from the mid-1760's, composed in London by John Stafford Smith. Nicholson took the poem to a printer in Baltimore, who anonymously printed broadside copies of it - the song's first known printing - on 17 September; of these, two known copies survive.

On 20 September, both the Baltimore Patriot and The American printed the song, with the note "Tune: Anacreon in Heaven". The song quickly became popular, with seventeen newspapers from Georgia to New Hampshire printing it. Soon after, Thomas Carr of the Carr Music Store in Baltimore published the words and music together under the title "The Star-Spangled Banner", although it was originally called "Defence of Fort McHenry." The song's popularity increased, and its first public performance took place in October, when Baltimore actor Ferdinand Durang sang it at Captain McCauley's tavern.

The song gained popularity throughout the nineteenth century and bands played it during public events, such as July 4 celebrations. On 27 July 1889, Secretary of the Navy Benjamin F. Tracy signed General Order #374, making "The Star-Spangled Banner" the official tune to be played at the raising of the flag.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson ordered that "The Star-Spangled Banner" be played at military and other appropriate occasions. Although the playing of the song two years later during the seventh-inning stretch of the 1918 World Series is often noted as the first instance that the anthem was played at a baseball game, evidence shows that the "Star-Spangled Banner" was performed as early as 1897 at Opening Day ceremonies in Philadelphia and then more regularly at the Polo Grounds in New York City beginning in 1898. Today, the anthem is performed before the beginning of all NBA, NHL, MLB and NFL games, as well as in the pre-race ceremonies portion of every NASCAR race.

Modern History of The Star-Spangled Banner

In 1944 a Boston audience was so stunned and bewildered by émigré Igor Stravinsky's modernist arrangement of the piece that the police were sent to his next concert with orders that he desist from further performances on pain of being arrested for "desecration of the national anthem."

The first "pop" performance of the anthem heard by mainstream America was by Puerto Rican singer and guitarist Jose Feliciano. He shocked the crowd at Tiger Stadium in Detroit and the rest of America when he strummed a slow, bluesy rendition of the national anthem before Game Five of the 1968 World Series between Detroit and St. Louis. This rendition started contemporary "Star-Spangled Banner" controversies. The response from many in Vietnam-era America was generally negative, given that 1968 was a tumultuous year for the United States. Despite the controversy, Feliciano's performance opened the door for the countless interpretations of the "Star-Spangled Banner" we hear today.

In fact, many "interpretative" versions of the anthem are held in high regard by modern critics, such as Marvin Gay's funk-influenced performance at the 1983 NBA All-Star Game, and Whitney Houston's stirring, high-note filled rendition before Super Bowl XXV in 1991, which when released as a single charted at number 20 in 1991 and number 6 in 2001 - the only times the anthem has been on the Billboard Hot 100. Another famous instrumental interpretation is Jim Hendrix's guitar solo at the first Woodstock Festival. Incorporating sonic effects to emphasize the "rockets' red glare" and "bombs bursting in air", it became a late-1960's emblem.

Protocol

When the song is performed in public, it is customary for American citizens to stand and face the American flag, if one is displayed, in an attitude of respectful attention. If no flag is on display, it is customary to stand and face the source of the music in the same respectful attitude of attention as if the flag were on display. People are also encouraged to remove their hats during the performance. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, military personnel, fire service, and law enforcement officers in uniform normally salute during the national anthem from the first note and hold the salute until the last note is played. Civilians who are citizens of the United States should salute by placing their right hand over their heart. NOTE: A recent change authorizes military personnel not in uniform and veterans to salute the flag if they desire rather than holding their hands over their hearts.

Translations

As a result of immigration to the United States, the lyrics of the song were translated into other languages. In 1861, it was translated into German. It has since been translated into Yiddish by Jewish immigrants, French by Acadians of Louisiana and Samoan. The third verse of the anthem has also been translated into Latin.

A Spanish-language recording of the "Star-Spangled Banner" called "Nuestro Himno" was released on 28 April 2006. This was a few days before nationwide demonstrations on 1 May regarding amnesty. This recording was created as a show of support for all illegal immigrants in the United States in response to a proposed crackdown on illegal immigration. "Nuestro Himno" used the text of the Spanish-language version, translated by Francis Haffkine Snow, of the "Star-Spangled Banner" called "La Bandera de Estrellas." This version was published by the US Bureau of Education in 1919. This same translation is on the United States Department of State's website. A reproduction of the original sheet music is on the Library of Congress website. Public reaction to "Nuestro Himno" was widely divided. It drew a critical response from President George W. Bush. "I think people who want to be a citizen of this country ought to learn English and they ought to learn to sing the national anthem in English." Despite this, President Bush's administration had Spanish versions of the Anthem posted online.

Performances

The song is notoriously difficult for nonprofessionals to sing, because its range is wide: an octave and a half. Garrison Keillor has frequently campaigned for the performance of the anthem in the original key, G major - which can, in fact be managed by most average singers without difficulty. Professional and amateur singers have been known to forget the words, which is one reason the song is so often prerecorded and lip-synced. Other times the issue is avoided by having the performer(s) play the anthem instrumentally instead of singing it. The prerecording of the anthem has become standard practice at some ballparks.

Lyrics (first verse)

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

MILITARY DEATH NUMBERS

Newspapers, magazines and television news frequently point out the number of deaths as a result of the War in Iraq. The following information compiled over the past 27 years should enlighten those misguided "experts". Listed below are the total number of deaths in the military for each year:

1980	2,392	1987	1,983	1994	1,075	2001	890	
1981	2,380	1988	1,819	1995	1,040	2002	1,007	
1982	2,318	1989	1,636	1996	974	2003	1,410 (*534*)	(*Indicates deaths
1983	2,465	1990	1,508	1997	817	2004	1,887 (*900*)	as result of Operation
1984	1,999	1991	1,787	1998	826	2005	(*919*)	Iraqi Freedom &
1985	2,252	1992	1,293	1999	795	2006	(*920*)	Operation Enduring
1986	1,984	1993	1,213	2000	774			Freedom*)

It is interesting to note that 1980 which was the last year of President Carter's administration had the highest number of deaths. Those who want to distort the facts often choose what supports their agenda. Another slant pushed by the media and politicians is that these brave men and women losing their lives are minorities. The latest census shows the following:

<u>Racial Group</u>	<u>Percent of Total Serving</u>	<u>Fatalities over Past Three Years in Iraqi Freedom</u>
European descent (white)	69.12%	74.31%
Hispanic	12.5%	10.74%
African American	12.3%	9.67%
Asian	3.7%	1.81%
Native American	1.0%	1.09%
Other	2.6%	2.33%

These statistics are published by DOD and may be viewed at: <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL32492.pdf>

KETMORDET'S REPORTED SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 24	Wed	0945	Flag History Presentation, 1022 Club, Aurora Med Center, Hartford
Nov 1	Thu	1800	Flag History Presentation, Cub Scouts, Addison Elem School, Hartford
Nov 7	Wed	1245	Flag History Presentation, Bethlehem Lutheran School, Menomonee Falls
Nov 10	Sat	1800	Detachment's Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Old Courthouse Museum, West Bend
Nov 11	Sun		Veterans Day - Fly the Flag Proudly
Nov 12	Mon	1145	Flag History Presentation, Veterans Day Luncheon, Sussex Community Center, Sussex
Nov 25	Sun	?	Color Guard in Christmas Parade, West Bend
Dec 1	Sat	?	Color Guard in Christmas Parade, Germantown
Apr 4, 2008			Flag History Presentation, Daughters of the American Revolution luncheon, WI Club, Milwaukee

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