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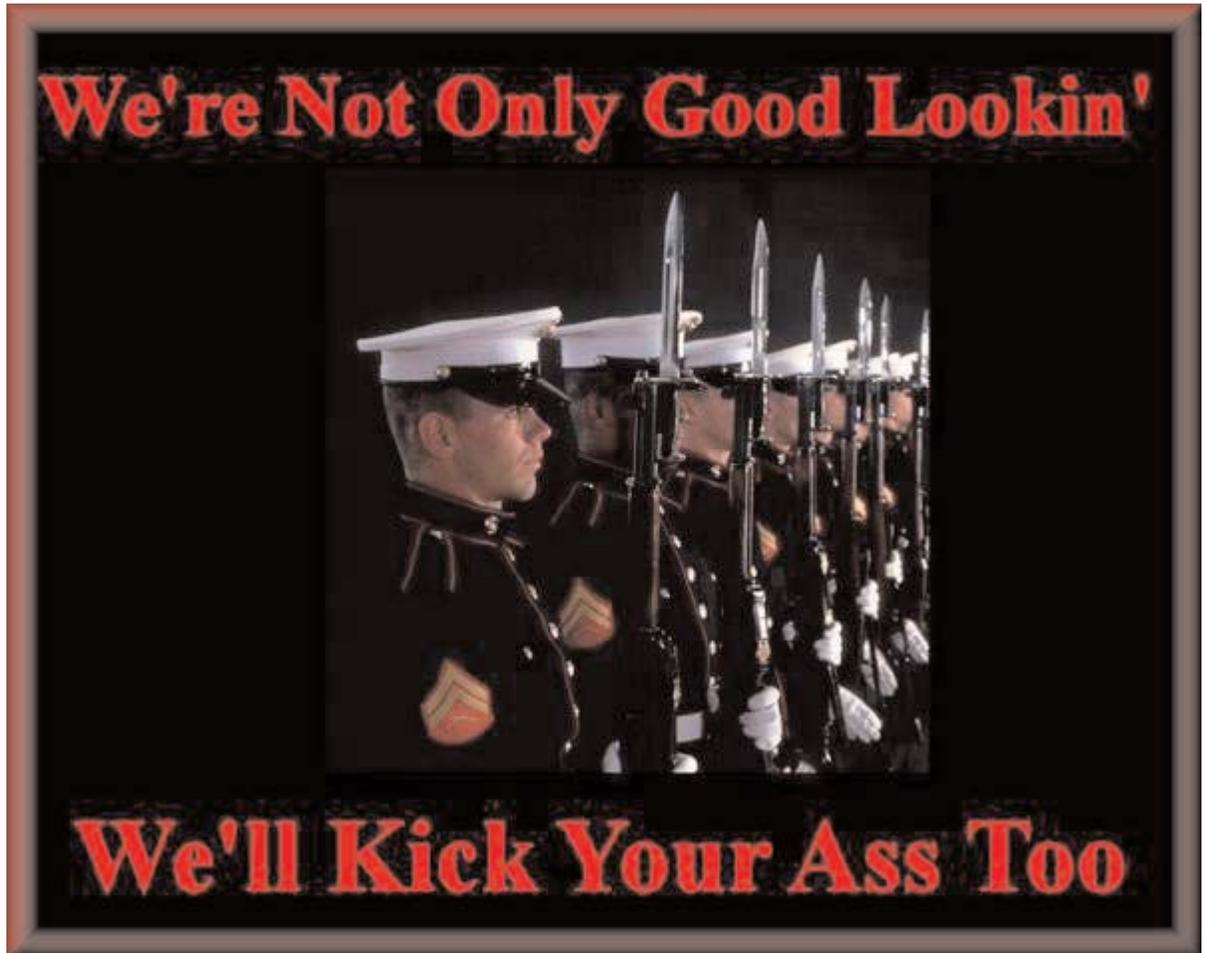
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ANY QUESTIONS ?

Our next Meeting is 0900 hrs Saturday September 15th, 2007 at the Trenton Town Hall.
Located at 1071 State Hwy 33 East, West Bend Wi 53095.

Kettle Moraine Detachment 1203, Marine Corps League
Minutes of Meeting Held on August 18th, 2007
25 Members present

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

The Commandant called the meeting to order at 0901. The Sgt at Arms presented the Colors, and the Chaplain said the opening prayer.

Roll Call of Officers

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

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

Other Members in Attendance

Bertling, Dave	Bertling, Greg	Bertram, Tim (ex)	Bollmann, Paul	Coulter, Dan
Erdman, Don	Fleischman, John	Heiman, Carl	Kaczmarek, George	Krause, John
Lorenz, Jerry	Lucka, Gil	Mathews, Glen(ex)	Montag, Fred	O'Toole, Dan
Racine, Cal	Ramage, Jim	Schlieff, Paul	Straub, Hugo	

New Members

There were no new Members or Guests present.

Reading of the Minutes

With no corrections or comments on the Minutes as posted in the August Newsletter Hugo Straub made a motion to accept them as written. Seconded by Paul Schlieff. Motion passed.

Paymaster's Report

The Paymaster distributed the Financial Report and went over the account balances. As voted on in the July Meeting \$10,000 was rolled into a 5 month CD that will earn 5 ¼% . The Paymaster stated that there are CD's coming due in next few months if cash is needed. As voted on at the July Meeting, the number of separate bank accounts has been reduced to two, one for savings and the other for checking. The Paymaster discussed how the money from each of the old accounts was disbursed into the remaining accounts. He has also been checking with an accountant on the financial responsibilities that the Detachment has with tax reporting, and Detachment total financial worth. There is no cap on the total funds the Detachment can have as long as 90% come from donations/fundraisers. If you raise more than \$5000 a year in income then an informational return must be filed with the State of Wisconsin with a \$15 per year filing fee. If more than \$25,000 per year is raised then a federal return would also need to be filed. The Paymaster is looking into how far back (if at all) the Detachment will need to file a State return. Bill Wallace made a motion to accept the Financial Report as written. Seconded by Gil Lucka and passed.

Chaplain's Report

The Chaplain reported Rollie Moericke is back home and recovering from surgery.

Correspondence Received/Delivered

The Adjutant stated he has received the Incorporation papers for the Detachment.

Report of Standing Committees

Honor Guard: Nothing new to report.

Flag History Presentation Team: Sign up sheets were passed around for Sept 11th and 12th programs. As voted on at the July Meeting, uniforms have been ordered for the current FHPT Members who need them.

Scholarship: John Fleischman read application bios for Nicole Fleischman and Samantha Wollner. Paul Bollmann made a motion to award KetMorDet Scholarships to each of these students. Seconded by Bill Wallace and passed.

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: Bill Wallace thanked Carl Heiman and John Krause for participating at the Miller Park fundraiser. George Wujcik thanked Fritz Montag, Hugo Straub, Dan O'Toole, Carl Heiman, and John Fleischman for participating at the Det Brat Fry at Geidel's Piggly Wiggly in Kewaskum. John Fleischman said that a thank you has been passed onto the Geidel family for their support. He thanked Izzy Straub for helping at the brat fry. Sign up sheets were on hand for the last fundraisers of the season. It is a Labor Day Weekend event to be held at the West Bend Wal-Mart. There was not much enthusiasm shown by the Members as not many signed up. The Commandant stated he would be making phone calls before the event to try to get more Members to help out for it. The Commandant thanked all those Members that have helped at the Det fundraisers this summer. Dan Coulter sent out 50 letters in an attempt to raise funds for the Marine Band visit. The McCullen-Kimpel Detachment of Fond du Lac responded by sending \$200 to help cover this expense. A thank you has been sent out to them.

Newsletter: The Editor asked if all the Members received their Newsletter. He suggested that all be sure to read page 9 which lists the many of the different job possibilities currently available to Marines. The Aug Marine of the Month bio on Dave Bertling is especially interesting as during the Korean War, most of the people around Dave ended up as casualties. The Editor asked the courtesy that ALL Newsletter input be e-mailed to him at barona@att.net or or mailed directly so that there can be no misinterpretation of what is written by the person making the submission. This will alleviate any problems with someone saying something in person or on the phone and later denying that it was said as printed. No phone calls or third party input notes will be accepted. A lot of effort goes into trying to put out a good Newsletter and a little courtesy when providing written input will help a lot. Any Member can submit something for the Newsletter, although it may be edited for space. Input needs to get to the Editor no later than the first Monday of each month so that it can be assembled and delivered to the printer in a timely manner.

Color Guard: The Color Guard Commander went over the Color Guard details for the Allenton parade. There will be a Color Guard participating during the Celebrate Fredonia parade on Sep 8th. A sign up sheet was passed around for this parade which has a 1200hrs (noon) kickoff at the Fireman's Park in Fredonia.

Birthday Ball: Nothing new to report.

Band/Allenton Parade: Dan Coulter stated that all is ready for the Marine Reserve Forces Band. Fritz Montag went over details of the parade. He also inquired as to KetMorDet's payment for their participation in covering the Band's cost for this parade. The Commandant stated he has asked Dan Coulter for a full disclosure on the expenses before payment is made. KetMorDet will stand behind its responsibilities and pay its share as soon as it can be determined what the payment covers.

Old Business

Roger Cross has purchased the non-slip white gloves as voted on last month for the Color/Honor Guard. The Guard Members are asked to save their old white gloves for use by the FHPT. The lightweight red KetMorDet windbreakers are in and can be purchased by Members for \$10 for their first one and \$20 thereafter. Members needing either of these items can contact Roger Cross. The Judge Advocate stated he has received mixed results from speaking to the National Judge Advocate on the phone. At the July Meeting, the JA was asked to send a registered letter to National MCL Hqs to get a written determination regarding the use of the Campaign Covers. He said that he has not yet sent out that registered letter to determine if the Campaign Covers can legally be worn by Members in MCL functions. At the Commandant's request, the JA said that he would send out the registered letter prior to the Sep Meeting and will report the results at that Meeting. John Fleischman thanked the Detachment for the donation made to his family in this time of need, and gave an update on his niece. Members inquired as to the status of the new Det. In Ozaukee County. The Adjutant will look into this and report back.

New Business

The Adjutant reviewed the delinquent Members list. Several attempts have been made to contact Otto Quandt, Colin Bravi, and Todd Meeks about late dues. Don Erdman made a motion to drop these Marines from the Membership Roster. Seconded by Paul Schlieff and passed. These Marines will be dropped from the KetMorDet roll effective at the end of August. The Adjutant went on to mention that Ken Heinecke (Sep), Richard Schlice (July) and Paul Schlieff (Sep) are on the "bubble" for dues and that he will attempt to contact these Marines to determine their intentions. The Commandant thanked Ken Unertl for the newly revised flag box that will now easily fit into POV's. Jim Krudwig made a motion to donate \$100 to the Salvation Army as they are currently in a fundraising drought. Seconded by Paul Bollmann. Motion voted on and passed. The Paymaster received raffle tickets from the Marines Helping Marines program through the Marine Corps League. They are \$5 ea or 3 for \$10. Dan O'Toole made a motion that the Detachment purchase the 30 ticket pack for \$100 with any winnings to go back into the savings account. Jim Krudwig seconded and the motion passed. Jim Krudwig suggested that KetMorDet consider doing more for the State Veterans Homes and VA Hospital. Paul Bollmann said that there is also a group of homeless Vets in Milwaukee and he will look into anything that can be done to help them. Paul Bollmann also suggested that it would be good to have a KetMorDet family function like a picnic before the warm weather ends. The Commandant asked Paul if he would come up with some ideas and report back at the Officers Call before the next regular meeting in Sep. Then a concise report can be brought forward to the Members for consideration. John Fleischman asked if we could get more advertising for KetMorDet functions like fundraisers, parades, Honor Guards and Flag History Presentations so the public would know who we are. The Commandant stated that this would be a great job for the Public Affairs Officer (if someone would step forward and take charge of it). Anyone wishing to take this MUCH needed post as Members have stated should contact the Commandant.

Good of the League

Tim Bertram has been asked to act as the liaison between KetMorDet and "Fox" Co, USMCR, as they ready themselves for another deployment to Iraq. The Detachment stands ready to support our local Marines (including Tim's son and Det Member Chris Moericke) as they head into harms way. Jim Ramage reminded Members that the Viet Nam Vets of America was having a brat fry fundraiser in Newburg just after the KetMorDet meeting. He asked all to be sure to stop by and support this cause.

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 Commandant thanked all for attending and asked that they secure new members. The Meeting closed at 1001. The next meeting will be held at 0900 on September 15th, 2007 at the Trenton Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Waier, Adjutant

HOW MARINES PULLED FALLUJAH OUT OF HELL

By Ralph Peters (Taken from the internet)

FALLUJAH, Iraq - Fallujah and the Marines have some history. In 2004, one savage battle ended when the Marines were pulled out for political reasons. Later that year, they had to finish the job. And they did. They took down the terrorist's stronghold in a week of fury. With the fundamentalist tradition, Fallujah seemed to fit al Qaeda perfectly. Robbed of their Saddam-era privileges and out for revenge, even secular locals had aligned with the terrorists. Despite the Marine victory, violence simmered on. The extremists and insurgents believed they could wear America down.

Between 2004 and 2008, two things happened: We wore them down - and al Qaeda wore them out. With foreign fanatics butchering the innocent and enforcing prison-yard "Islamic laws" that far exceeded the Koran's demands, it belatedly dawned on the insurgents that, where we intended to leave eventually - on our own terms - al Qaeda meant to stay. A wave of suicide bombings earlier this year, culminating in a massive attack on a funeral procession, made the population snap. The people of Fallujah may never love us, but they hate al Qaeda with rage of a betrayed lover.

Since May, the change has been stunning. When the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines were last in Fallujah, in 2006, they took casualties from snipers and roadside bombs. The city was violent, bankrupt and partly in ruins. Now the battalion's back. And welcome. Marines banter with the locals where, six months ago, it was risky to ride in an armored vehicle. Paradoxically, the violence of the past sent the only possible conditions for the sudden reconciliation. The Iraqis had to grasp that we meant business. Now the 1st Platoon of Fox Company lives and works in the Hadari Precinct with the Iraqi police. The new police are recruited from vetted locals, and the policy has paid huge dividends. The locals know who doesn't fit, and they've got an immediate interest in the neighborhood's safety. Most encouragingly, the reformed police are popular.

Fallujah still isn't a place to buy retirement property, but it was encouraging to sit down with the 1st Platoon's Commander, 2ndLt Nick DeLonga, and his Iraqi counterpart, 1stLt Mohammed. DeLonga joined the Marines immediately after 9/11, because "I didn't want to just sit and vote while others were dying." Now he's the sheriff of a sprawling neighborhood in a war-torn city. 1stLt Mohammed's father is a sheik, giving him a brand of authority - and insight - an outsider could never attain. DeLonga has the firepower (if ever needed) and the resources, while Mohammed has the pull. It works.

We went for a stroll in the streets. The Marines still wear full combat gear: Despite security measures, a sniper might still sneak into the city. But there was no threat from the locals in the market. The worst mood the Marines encountered was aloofness. More often they were welcomed with a polite greeting. People are relieved that their streets are safe again. And the kids are out in regiments, surrounding the Marines in hope of candy or just a bit of attention.

For the Iraqi police lieutenant, our patrol was a triumphal procession. DeLonga let Mohammed have center stage as citizens came out to complain about lagging utilities or, in one striking case, to protest that, as former residents of Baghdad, they had come to Fallujah to be safe, but were being charged exorbitant rents. A ward pol as well as a cop, Mohammed told his aides to write it all down. Mohammed is effective, but he might jar anyone with unrealistic expectations. In our one-on-one meeting, he quoted Saddam: "You must be sharp as a sword with civilians - and as soft as a perfume." But he's no hard-core Ba'athist: You have to remember that Saddam shaped every Iraqi's life for more than three decades. Anyway, men such as Lt. Mohammed have figured out that nostalgia solves nothing. And thanks to al Qaeda's blood orgy, the old Middle Eastern dictum applies: The enemy is my friend. In a sense, al Qaeda set us up for success.

But there's more to it. Much more. The Marines and the Iraqi police find they get along surprisingly well. The Americans realize that the Iraqis know the buttons to press to get things done, while the Iraqis learn from the Marines' professionalism. I laughed to see Iraqi cops marveling at a Marine's, uh, interesting tattoos, while the Marines are still surprised that the environment has gone "non-kinetic" so fast. And we're truly winning over some Iraqis. "Crash", is a Basra-born interpreter (a "terp") who, more than anything else in the world, wants to become a U. S. Marine. He lives and works with the Marines, studies their rituals, works out with them - and carries himself like a Marine. Crash also carries a weapon for self-defense - a right he earned after pulling wounded Marines to safety in combat. "His" Marines are doing all they can to help him enlist.

Fallujah? Some districts have ugly stretches of ruins, while others are largely intact. The population has returned. And there's a construction boom. Meanwhile, the Marines have repaired generators, turned trash lots into parks and created hundreds of jobs. Suddenly, the city's movers and shakers want to work with the Marines. Oh, and the mullah of the city's strictest mosque, just sat down for the first time with Lt. DeLonga. They got along fine.

Had I been asked three years ago if we'd ever be welcome in Fallujah, I would've called it wrong. Not that the Iraqis want us to stay forever, but they'd rather cooperate than fight at this point. Given Fallujah's past, that's no small thing. And the locals are out in front of us in the fight against al Qaeda. Which is a big thing. I was in the city during one of the last phases of Operation Aljiah, which had been bringing the rule of law back to the city's precincts, one by one. In the hours of darkness, Marine engineers swept in and blocked the roads in and out of one of the last un-purged districts with Jersey barriers. The police moved in to bust suspected terrorists and kick out hoodlums who don't have local roots. In a "Swarm", identification cards are provided to all, beginning with the local movers and shakers. Volunteers are vetted to join the police or armed neighborhood-watch groups. And revitalization programs go into gear.

Capt. Mason Harlow, the Fox Company commander, was wounded by shrapnel two years ago in Fallujah. Now he's back, overseeing the Hadari District and two others. His Marines haven't been attacked for months. And his former enemies are doing his work for him. Capt. Harlow didn't think that he'd ever live to see the day.

Ralph Peters reports from Iraq. His new book is "Wars of Blood and Faith." Amazon. Com lists him as having authored 110 books.

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**The Marine Reserve Forces Band/KetMorDet Color Guard
Allenton Wi August 19th, 2007**



Although it was a rainy, dreary day outside to the rest of the community, it was a beautiful day for Marines as there was Marine music in the air. From warming up in the parking lot, to marching on water soaked streets, to sitting under a tent with friends and family, a good time was had by all! Thanks goes out to the Marine Reserve Forces Band, the KetMorDet Color Gaurd and everyone who helped with the parade to make it a huge success.

For more pictures visit www.ketmordet.com

KETMORDET OFFICER REPORTS FOR SEP 15TH MEETING

NOTE: 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. Should a Member have something to share it can also be included but 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:

Honor Guard: The Honor Guard has not participated in any funerals since posted in the July newsletter

Support the Troops Packages: At the September 1st Wal-Mart fund raiser I received a request from Lori Lepak to send a package to Sgt. Naten Miner who is Lori's daughter's significant other. Although a package was sent to Sgt. Miner in July at the request of his mother, another will be sent to honor Ms. Lepak's request. Another package will be sent to L/Cpl. Jeffery Regelein whose name was submitted by Member Jim Krudwig. Mandatory Information required for packages shipment is: Recipient's name, complete mailing address, and e-mail address. The name(s) of the individual submitting the recipient's name and e-mail address.

Notes from the troops:

Mr. Stern: Thank you for the great package. All the pilots in the unit really appreciate your generosity. I'm sure you know just how important mail and packages are for morale and yours made my day. Things here are going well. We're operating in a challenging environment to say the least. The A-10 Warthog is the ideal machine to bring pain on the insurgents and that's just what we've been doing. We spend our time searching the roads looking for insurgents planting IED's. We're at altitude where we can't be seen or heard, but we can see the bad guys quite well with our targeting pods. When we find them planting explosives we monitor them, get clearance and then send them a 500 lb consolation prize. Thanks again for your support and taking the time to send such a great package.

LtCol Timothy "Wedge" O'Toole

Hello Mr. Stern. Thank you for what you are doing for all of us over here! Everyone still loves to get care packages its gives us a little piece of home. As far as the items you send I don't use smokeless tobacco but other than that everything else sounds great. Thank you in advance for the care package you are about to send. I could use one thing if it's not an inconvenience... Gillette shaving cream our PX has been out of shaving cream for over a month now. The only correction to the address is C. Co. 2-8 CAV. Thank you once again it is greatly appreciated. SPC Jeremy N. Ghilani

Fund Raising: Thanks go to Marines Coulter, Keller, and Straub who assisted me on the Friday, Sep 1 West Bend Wal-Mart fund raiser. Many positive contacts with the public were made that day as well as potential new members. While this concludes the Det's 2007 fund raising season it is not too early to start thinking about 2008. The Det. is in need of someone to step up and act as fund raising officer.

Public Affairs Officers:

At the conclusion of the August meeting three Marines stepped forward and volunteered to co-chair the PAO position. The commandant has forgotten who the three individuals were so if they would please contact him it would be greatly appreciated as I have some ideas concerning thanking the community for their support in various local newspapers. Thank you

SR VICE COMMANDANT BILL WALLACE: Nothing reported.

JR VICE COMMANDAT GLEN BREWER: Nothing reported.

JUDGE ADVOCATE CHARLIE KELLER: Nothing to report.

Color Guard: Celebrate Fredonia Parade - Sep 8th; Grafton Christmas Parade - Nov 24th

ADJUTANT JASON WAIER REPORTS: Marines, I have not yet been able to find any further info on the "Lakeshore Det." in Cedarburg. There is nothing listed on the National Register for them, and have not yet received a return call from the Dept of WI Commandant. I will try to have more info at the Meeting. Attempts to contact those Members who have dues owed continue. I received word from KetMorDet Member/Active Duty Sgt Chris Moericke who is on the Fox Company advance party at Marine Corps Ground Air Combat Center, 29 Palms, and CA. The remainder of Fox Co will arrive there on Sep 17th. He said that the training schedule will be hectic, but he is looking forward to the challenge.

PAYMASTER ROGER CROSS REPORTS: I have a few windbreakers left for sale and will be ordering the winter embroidered jackets in the beginning of Oct. If you would like a jacket, see me at the next meeting.

SERGEANT AT ARMS BARRY OELERICH: Nothing reported.

CHAPLAIN GEORGE WUJCIK REPORTS: Two scholarships were approved at the Aug. Meeting. Nicole Fleischman, daughter of Member John Fleischman, and Samantha Wollner, John's granddaughter, will be awarded at the Sep Meeting with a Det scholarship. John gave a synopsis of the girl's activities and progress at the Aug. Meeting. A brat fry fundraiser was held in Kewaskum at the Piggly Wiggly Food Center. Thanks to the great help we received from the manager and employees of the store. John Fleischman coordinated the event with help from Hugo Straub, Fred Montag, Carl Heiman, Dan O'Toole and George Wujcik. I must acknowledge that fundraising, though important, is surpassed by the camaraderie of the Marine Members involved. We need more of the Det. Members to participate and get to know each other at these functions. Semper Fi Marines.

FLAG HISTORY PRESENTATION (FHP) CHAIR JIM KRUDWIG REPORTS: We have two FHPs scheduled for Sept for Scouts in Beaver Dam and Slinger. See the KetMorDet Schedule of Event on the last page for info. We are always looking for schools, churches, civic groups, scout units, nursing homes, and businesses that would want to have a FHP conducted. It helps to get them scheduled a month in advance. Let me know the contact person for any group interested in having a FHP conducted for them.

Det's. ALLENTON PARADE COORDINATING TEAM DAN COULTER AND FRITZ MONTAG REPORT: Fritz sent a note that the bill for KetMorDet's share covering the appearance of the Marine Forces Reserve Band was \$1400 plus which was about half of what had been anticipated. One night of housing and two meals were provided for the band. The bill was given to the Det. Paymaster.

MARINE CORPS ISSUES NEW UNIFORM REGULATIONS *(Taken from the internet)*

Effective July 11th 2007, the Commandant, General James Conway, signed off on new uniform Regs for active duty Marines. The 36 new regulations- which provide guidance on old standards and spell out new ones - went through a nearly year long gauntlet of review boards and surveys. Some of the changes follow:

Cell phones aren't the only thing Marines can no longer wear on their uniforms, The Corps added "tobacco pouches/canisters, visible barrettes (except in physical training situations), and keychain/lanyards/security badges (except as required by the command in the work environment)" to its list of banned items. That means that Marines can no longer tuck their can of chewing tobacco between their goggle strap and helmet, or use the watertight pouches often attached on the front of the body armor. However, cell phones can be stored in pockets instead of worn on belts. But walking and talking on the cell phone is forbidden, according to the new Regs, even if the user has an earpiece. "If it's that important, Marines will have to stop and talk while standing still."

Marines also officially can no longer drink or keep their hands in their pockets while walking in uniform. In the field, the rules can change and if Marines doesn't have his gloves, he should use common sense and use his pockets. But doing so is not authorized in garrison. The same regulation states that Marines may not use electronic devices such as iPods while walking or running in uniform unless the local commander allows it.

Unlike Army and Air Force policies, the Corps prohibited wearing non-issued bags while in uniform. Marines may carry computer bags or gym bags in their hands but are not authorized to wear them over their shoulders or on the backs, even if they match the color of their uniform.

Hair and jewelry: Several of the new Regs deal with what's under a Marine's cover. Hairstyles such as the teardrop, horseshoe, and Mohawk were officially banned for male Marines. Many Marines already considered haircuts such as the Mohawk forbidden but senior NCOs' wanted it in writing. Women's hairstyles were also covered. In response to a number of female Marines shaving their heads in Iraq, it was decided to define how short a woman's hair can be. Women must have hair longer than a quarter inch from the scalp. Hair in buns may not extend more than three inches from the scalp and can be no wider than the woman's head.

The Corps nixed the trend of wearing class rings or "door knockers" alongside a wedding band and can wear only one ring per hand, except for wedding/engagement rings, and no rings on their thumbs. Male Marines are banned from wearing earrings in uniform or civvies while female Marines can wear only one earring per ear while in uniform or civvies. Women's fingernails are now limited to a quarter inch past the fingertip, though French manicures are allowed. The Regs also clarify what nail polish and makeup colors are acceptable. Decorative orthodonture is also covered. No "platinum grills or dental caps used for "purposes of ornamentation" are allowed. As for civilian attire, the new Regs want to eradicate the "gangsta" look. When wearing trousers with belt loops, Marines wear a belt. Trousers are defined as any pants or shorts, including jeans. Any civilian clothing revealing the "midriff", "buttocks" or "excessive amounts of chest/cleavage" is also banned.

Change in Federal Law Now Allows Veterans and Servicemen NOT in Uniform to Salute the Flag

Washington, D. C. - U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla) praised the passage by unanimous consent of his bill (S.1877) clarifying U.S. Law to allow veterans and servicemen not in uniform to salute the Flag. Current Law (US Code Title 4, Chapter 1) states that veterans and servicemen (and servicewomen) not in uniform should place their hand over their heart without clarifying whether they can or should salute the Flag.

"The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service," Senator Inhofe said. "Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform. Unfortunately, current U.S. Law leaves confusion as to whether veterans and service members out of uniform can or should salute the Flag. My legislation will clarify this regulation, allowing veterans and servicemen (and servicewomen) alike to salute the Flag, whether they are in uniform or not."

"I look forward to seeing those who have served saluting proudly at baseball games, parades, and formal events. I believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to other citizens. Those who are current serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others."

This Bill was passed July 25, 2007. Let your veteran friends know about it. *(Taken from the internet)*

"A Veteran - whether active duty, national guard or reserve, retired or discharged from any of these is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America' for an amount of 'up to and including my life.' That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this Country who no longer understand it." Author unknown *(Taken from the internet)*

From a Chaplain in Iraq

"I recently attended a showing of "Superman 3," here at LSA Anaconda. We have a large auditorium we use for movies, as well as memorial services and other large gatherings. As is the custom back in the States, we stood and snapped to attention when the National Anthem began before the main feature. All was going as planned until about three quarters of the way through the National Anthem the music stopped.

Now, what would happen if this occurred with a thousand 18-22 year-olds back in the States? Imagine there would be hoots, catcalls, laughter, a few rude comments; and everyone would sit down and call for a movie. Of course, that is, if they had stood for the National Anthem in the first place.

Here, the thousand Soldiers continued to stand at attention, eyes fixed forward. The music started again. The Soldiers continued to quietly stand at attention. And again, at the same point, the music stopped. What would you expect to happen? Even here I would imagine laughter, as everyone finally sat down and expected the movie to start.

But here, you could have heard a pin drop. Every Soldier continued to stand at attention. Suddenly there was a lone voice, then a dozen, and quickly the room was filled with the voices of a thousand Soldiers, finishing where the recording left off:

"And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave, O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

It was the most inspiring moment I have had here in Iraq. I wanted you to know what kind of Soldiers are serving here." Chaplain Jim Higgins-5/14/07-LSA Anaconda is at the Balad Airport in Iraq, north of Baghdad. *(Taken from the internet)*

KETTLE MORaine MARINE NEWSLETTER GETS HONORABLE MENTION

Each year, the National Marine Corps League holds a competition for the best Newsletters based on size of participating Detachments. KetMorDet is in the Level One, Platoon size (50 or less Members) competition. Three copies of various **KETTLE MORaine MARINE** Newsletters chosen from the past year were submitted prior to the end of June. The judging is rather restricting as specific things are required including the location of certain information which the Editor and Graphics Editor don't always agree with the judge's criteria. Some requirements include Det. VAVS activity while others cover State and National MCL news. KetMorDet does not always have these covered in its Newsletter as it rather attempts to follow the interests of the Members and what they request for content. Despite these 'shortcomings', our Newsletter was given the first Honorable Mention which was awarded in the Judging Chairman's "recent memory because the scores between the (Third Place Winner) Stones River #1158 and KetMorDet #1203 were like tenths apart." Kudos should be given to Jason Waier who does all the graphics and Roger Cross who arranged for the classy printing done by Kruepke Printing each month.

The Editor

"THE FEW. THE PROUD. THE MARINES."

Your vote is needed to immortalize the Marine Corps slogan "***The Few. The Proud, The Marines.***" It was recently announced that "***The Few. The Proud. The Marines.***" has been nominated BEST SLOGAN FOR THE Madison Avenue Advertising Walk of Fame. More than just a slogan, these three sentences represent what Marines are all about, epitomizing the challenge of becoming one of (The Few), and the reward of being (The Proud), and one of the elite (The Marines). Suffice it to say, Few slogans convey such a Proud tradition. With your help, we now have the opportunity to immortalize these words as an American cultural icon. The Marine Corps will compete with 26 others for entry into the hall of fame based upon total number of votes received online. The winning slogan will be etched on a plaque, and set alongside other time-honored brands on Madison Avenue between 49th and 50th Streets. You are asked to vote for "***The Few. The Proud. The Marines.***" by going to:

http://advertising.yahoo.com/advertising_week_07/slogan/poll.html

If you have internet access in more than one location, you can vote more than once. So remember to vote from home, work, the library, and anywhere else you can find a computer. Be sure to pass this along to your co-workers, family members and friends to that they may also vote. We are confident a concentrated effort will deliver "***The Few. The Proud. The Marines.***" into the hall of fame, in its rightful place among elite American slogans. Thanks for your support. Voting began Aug 28th and runs through Sep 24.

MARINE DROWNS SAVING 2 BOYS OFF NC BEACH

Alma, MI - A US Marine drowned after saving two children who were swimming off Atlantic Beach in NC. MSgt Michael Wert, an intelligence chief in 2ndMAW at Cherry Point was vacationing with his family when he saw two boys struggling in the surf. He rushed into the water while his wife, Debbie, went to call 911. Their daughter, Katrina, grabbed a boogie board and followed Wert into the water. She managed to help the boys onto the board but didn't see her dad with them. One little boy told her that (Michael Wert) had "let them go and had died." Rescue personnel found Wert but could not revive him. Wert joined the Marines in 1989 and had served in Operation Desert Storm and supported Operation Iraqi Freedom.

KETTLE MORAINÉ DET'S FIRST PICNIC

A PICNIC IS PLANNED FOR THE 29TH OF Sep at West Bend's Ridge Run Park Site #1. Notify Paul Bollmann if you plan to attend, how many family members you plan on bringing. Also your thoughts on the ideas of having a Det. picnic. If this works out, we can plan on it becoming an annual event.

Paul's phone number is (262) 628-0469 and his e-mail address is paulbow@charter.net

KETMORDET'S SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 8	Sat	?	Color Guard in Celebrate Fredonia Parade in Fredonia
Sep 10	Mon	1900	Det. Officers Call - MPTC West Bend
Sep 11	Tue	1830	Flag History Presentation - Cub Pack 3738, Jefferson School, Beaver Dam
Sep 12	Wed	1830	Flag History Presentation - Cub Pack 3731, Slinger Elementary School (next to HS)
Sep 15	Sat	0855	Det. Regular Monthly Meeting, Trenton Town Hall, Hwy 33 East
Sep 29	Sat	?	Det. Family Picnic, Ridge Run Park Site #1, Notify Paul Bollmann 262-628-0469 or E-mail paulbow@charter.net
Nov 10	Sat	?	Marine Corps Birthday Ball - Old Wash Co Courthouse/Museum
Nov 24	Sat	?	Color Guard in Christmas Parade - Grafton

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