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**When the President dials 9-1-1,
the Marines have always
answered the call.
But what will America's
Force in Readiness
look like in the 21st Century?**

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Our next Meeting will be held: 9am, Saturday February 19th, 2011!
It will be conducted at the Trenton Town Hall, located at 1071 State Hwy 33 East, West Bend.
Hope to see you there!

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UPCOMING DETACHMENT EVENTS (Subject to change)

- Feb 14** FHPT at Masonic Lodge in Hartford
- Feb 19** 0900 Det monthly Meeting at Trenton Town Hall/Officer Nominations
- Feb 20** FHPT for the VFW of Germantown. To Be held at the American Legion Hall.
- Mar 19** 0900 Detachment Monthly Meeting with Officer Elections
- Mar 26-27** Dept of Wisconsin Spring Conference
- Apr 16** 0900 Detachment Monthly Meeting
- Aug** Seventh Annual Fisher House Golf Outing in Menomonee Falls

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Kettle Moraine Detachment 1203, Marine Corps League
Minutes of Meeting Held January 15, 2011
15 Members Present

The meeting was held at the Trenton Town Hall, West Bend, Wisconsin
The Commandant called the meeting to order at 0900. Sergeant at arms posted the colors, and the Chaplain opened the meeting with a prayer, the bible is open.

Roll Call of Officers

Commandant: Jim Ramage present
Sr. Vice Commandant: Danny O'Toole (ex)
Jr. Vice Commandant: John Stern present
Adjutant: Paul Schleif present
Judge Advocate: Charlie Keller (ex)

Paymaster: Roger Cross present
Chaplain: George Wujcik present
Sergeant at Arms: Bill Wallace present
Historian: Jason Waier present

Other Members Attending

Other members attending were: Ken Unertl, Doug Smith, Hugo Straub, Fritz Montag, Gil Lucka, George Kaczmarek, Carl Heiman and John Fleischman.

New Members and Guests

No new, prospective members or guests were in attendance.

Reading of the Minutes

A motion was made by Hugo Straub and seconded by George Kaczmarek to accept the minutes as published in last month's newsletter. The motion passed. I would like to thank Jason for filling in for me, taking the minutes and transcribing them into the newsletter, as I was on-call and working that weekend. Well-done!

Paymasters Report

Roger presented the paymaster report. There hasn't been much activity over the month, as there isn't much going on. We did receive a check for fifty dollars for an honor guard activation which was deposited. Jason Waier motioned with John Fleischman seconding to accept the paymaster report. The motion passed.

Roger mentioned how our fundraising has been dwindling. Since 2006 fundraising has seen a 75% drop in dollars raised. This can be attributed to many things including lack of participation. Although fundraising has slowed down the Detachment is still ahead of what it has spent for the year.

Our checking and savings will be moved in the near future. Our current bank is going to begin charging us for checking anytime we have less than 1000 dollars in the account. In light of the fact that we don't keep that much cash in checking and never have, our savings will be moved to a more friendly location.

It was also reported that Allenton Little League never cashed our check to them for 100 dollars from last summer's baseball team sponsorship. The check will be voided. Thank-you Roger for taking good care of and keeping an eye on our funds and investments.

Chaplains Report

Danny O'Toole is continuing to recover from triple bypass surgery, and hopes to be home by Sunday. Good-luck trying to keep Danny down for long...

Steve Deutsch, the organizer of honor flights here in Wisconsin, lost his wife recently. A card was sent.

Carl Heimans wife has been ill.

Please remember to think of these people and keep them in your prayers.

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Changes loom for the Marine Corps

By Mark Walker, North County Times

Commandant to outline vision for remodeled force.

The Marine Corps is on the cusp of its most significant restructuring in decades, a process one defense analyst says may forever alter its character.

It's expected to shrink by tens of thousands of troops, reduce its equipment inventory and alter its approach to shore invasions.

"The bottom line is pretty simple ---- the Marine Corps has defined itself as the ones who do forcible entry of shorelines, and now it appears that the Pentagon wants to water that down," said Loren Thompson of the Washington-based Lexington Institute, a libertarian think tank.

"Aspects of what the Pentagon is proposing could make the Marines less useful, less capable and less important," Thompson said.

At issue is Defense Secretary Robert Gates' order that the Marine Corps redefine its fundamental mission, or its "core competency."

Gates directed Navy Secretary Ray Mabus and the new commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James Amos, to conduct a "thorough force structure review to determine what an expeditionary force in readiness should look like in the 21st century."

For the roughly 60,000 Marines at Camp Pendleton near Oceanside and Miramar Marine Corps Air Station in San Diego, that review, and what Amos says in a scheduled speech Tuesday in San Francisco, could

dramatically alter the course of their military service.

'Tamer'

Amos, a four-star general and the first aviator to command the Marine Corps, is expected to answer Gates in his speech.

Nicknamed "Tamer," his aviator call sign, Amos already has talked about the Marine Corps as a "middleweight force" with fewer troops and much lighter equipment than it has used in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Marine Corps' current 202,000 troop level could fall to about 182,000 by the middle of this decade under a recommendation from Gates.

Others have suggested the number of Marines could go down even further, provided the nation is not at war.

Navy strategists meeting in San Diego last month said that budget pressures in Washington are driving other changes for the Marine Corps.

The looming Pentagon spending cuts should prompt the Navy and Marine Corps to consider merging staffs and placing more Marines aboard ships throughout the world to respond more quickly to trouble spots, one strategist suggested.

"We need to have the 'mother of all roles' discussions," said Navy Capt. Victor Addison, who works in advance concepts. "We should use this opportunity to remake the Navy and Marine Corps team."

'Too heavy'

Gates talks about the impending makeover as a time of anxiety for the Marine Corps, which, since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, has functioned as a second land army in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The perception being that they have become too heavy, too removed from their expeditionary, amphibious roots and the unique skill sets those missions require," Gates said in an August address to the Marines' Memorial Association in San Francisco, the same group that Amos is slated to address next week.

Gates went on to say the country doesn't need another land army or a "U.S. Navy police force."

What it does need, he said, is the "Marines' unique ability to project combat forces from the sea under uncertain circumstances ---- forces quickly able to protect and sustain themselves ---- a capability that America has needed in this past decade, and will require in the future."

At the same time, Gates and Marine Corps leaders say leathernecks need to remain ready to storm ashore.

But what that will look like this century has come into question and is being widely debated in defense circles.

Gates doesn't believe there's a need for World War II-style beach assaults.

"I do think it is proper to ask whether large-scale amphibious assault landings ... are feasible," he said in his August address. "New anti-ship missiles with long range and high accuracy may make it necessary to debark from ships 25, 40 or 60 or more miles at sea."

That foreshadowed Gates and Amos' announcement late last month that they jointly agreed Congress should scrap the overbudget and overdue Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle.

The behemoth was supposed to serve as the Marine Corps' new, heavily armored amphibious fighting vehicle, delivering troops from ships 25 miles offshore and able to maneuver once it reached land.

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Report of Officers and Committee Chairs

In order to expedite the regular monthly meeting, all Officers and standing committee chairs are afforded the opportunity to provide their input to the Newsletter by the first Monday of each month. Members are also welcome to submit something. This will enable all Members to review items of interest and reduce discussion at the meetings. Additionally, it provides any Member who is unable to make it to a regular meeting, the opportunity to remain abreast of current Detachment activities. Any submission may be edited and use depends on available space.

Commandant Jim Ramage reports:

Gill Luka and I attended the winter conference and fund raiser. Gary Brown, paymaster, is very ill and this is the reason for many delays dealing with finances. The Department is looking into if we need to have someone assist him. National will be going on line for Paymaster business they are still working out the kinks and security. We need to make sure we send death notices to Maureen Hornung, Department Chaplain and illnesses. I hope to see Danny O'toole back to his old self again. Remember nominations and election of officers and getting some fresh people in office with new and better ideas. See you all at our next meeting.

Semper Fi

Jim Ramage

Adjutant Charlie Keller:

Nothing new to report.

George Wujcik reports:

Two dates have been set weather permitting for Flag History presentations. The first is on Feb. 14th set in Hartford at the Masonic Lodge in the Schauer Arts center. The second is set for the 20th with The VFW in Germantown-- at the American Legion Hall.

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VA Publishes Final Regulation to Aid Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange in Korea

WASHINGTON – Veterans exposed to herbicides while serving along the demilitarized zone (DMZ) in Korea will have an easier path to access quality health care and benefits under a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) final regulation that will expand the dates when illnesses caused by herbicide exposure can be presumed to be related to Agent Orange.

“VA’s primary mission is to be an advocate for Veterans,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki “With this new regulation VA has cleared a path for more Veterans who served in the demilitarized zone in Korea to receive access to our quality health care and disability benefits for exposure to Agent Orange.”

Under the final regulation published today in the Federal Register, VA will presume herbicide exposure for any Veteran who served between April 1, 1968, and Aug. 31, 1971, in a unit determined by VA and the Department of Defense (DoD) to have operated in an area in or near the Korean DMZ in which herbicides were applied.

Previously, VA recognized that Agent Orange exposure could only be conceded to Veterans who served in certain units along the Korean DMZ between April 1968 and July 1969.

In practical terms, eligible Veterans who have specific illnesses VA presumes to be

associated with herbicide exposure do not have to prove an association between their illness and their military service. This “presumption” simplifies and speeds up the application process for benefits and ensures that Veterans receive the benefits they deserve.

To learn more about Veterans' diseases associated with Agent Orange exposure visit <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/diseases.asp> and birth defects in children of Vietnam-era Veterans at http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/birth_defects.asp.

VA encourages Veterans with covered service in Korea who have medical conditions that may be related to Agent Orange to submit their applications for access to VA health care and compensation as soon as possible so the agency can begin processing their claims.

Individuals can go to website <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/AO/claimherbicide.htm> to get a more complete understanding of how to file a claim for presumptive conditions related to herbicide exposure, as well as what evidence is needed by VA to make a decision about disability compensation or survivors benefits.

Additional information about Agent Orange and VA’s services for Veterans exposed to the chemical is available at www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange. The regulation is available on the Office of the Federal Register website at <http://www.ofr.gov/>.

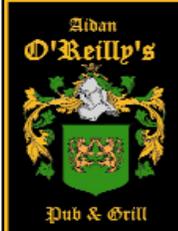


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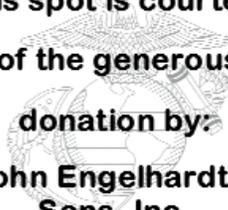
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A MESSAGE FROM THE MARINES OF ST. LOUIS

Third Battalion, 24th Marines is honored to be the designated command element for Marine Week St. Louis. Our battalion is going to be very busy in the coming months preparing for the week-long event, and we are ready for the challenge. Marine Week St. Louis is our opportunity to share the heritage, history and tradition of the Corps with the great patriots of St. Louis. In the months leading up to the 20-26 June event, Marines based locally, as well as those from across the country, will be in and around the city of St. Louis engaging with the community. The Albany Marine Band will perform in Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's Day parades and interact with musicians from local schools; Marine Corps Sports and Martial

Arts teams will hold demonstrations for the public; and hometown Marines will serve as guest speakers at community organizations, businesses and schools. Marine Week is sure to leave an

indelible mark on our community. Hundreds of Marines will be reaching out to St. Louisans through volunteer service projects, from blood drives to park rebuilding projects. Marine sentries will be posted at the Soldiers Memorial twenty-four hours a day to show St. Louis that we are always on duty, always on guard to protect their freedom. There will be daily parades through the streets, equipment displays open for the public to explore, and most importantly, a chance for St. Louisans to meet their Marines face-to-face. All Marine Week events are free and open to the public. For updates, follow Marine Week on Twitter @USMC (#MarineWeek) or become a fan on Facebook at Facebook.com/Marines.



Note from the Editor: While this is not as close as Marine Week in Chicago was, it is still only a few hours drive away and sounds like a great time!



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Correspondence Received or Delivered

No correspondence to report.

Report of Standing Committees

Honor Guard: The Honor Guard rendered honors at one funeral over the past month.

Flag History Presentation Team: There will be a flag history presentation on February 14th, that's Valentine's Day, in Hartford. The event is taking place at the Masonic Lodge, which is next to the Schauer Center, and begins at 1830. Free coffee and cake!

Color Guard: Nothing to report since the last meeting.

Adjutant: In light of the fact that it has been extremely difficult to get new people interested in being officers in the detachment, (just about all the active people are currently serving as officers of some kind if they can), there was discussion about changing the bylaws of our detachment so that officers can stay in their positions longer. Difficult but necessary discussion followed. Are we just prolonging the inevitable? In a couple of years will we need to change the bylaws again just to keep the detachment going? It isn't a pretty picture. It was decided that we'll change the terms from 2 years to 4. This bylaw change needs to be presented again next month, which will make it three times that it's been talked about at an official meeting and then it can be voted on. This means that officer nominations will take place in February with elections in March.

The adjutant thanks Roger, Jason and Gil for everyone's work on the Eagle Scout certificates these past couple of weeks.

Two pair of trousers will be ordered for members of the detachment wishing to be involved with flag history and color guard events.

Fundraising: John Fleischman talked about his brat fry that he did at Sausage Plus on the west side of West Bend recently. The brat fry was a disaster as far as detachment participation, with practically nobody at all showing up to support it. John stated that at this time if someone wishes to do a brat fry he will help but he won't do them anymore on his own. I can't say that I blame him, he put in a lot of his time and was left out to dry.

New Business

Discussion took place concerning sponsorship of Little League teams again this year. Last year we sponsored a team in West Bend, which cost us \$500 dollars. With Allenton and Kewaskum Little League team sponsorships costing \$100 dollars apiece it was felt that we'll get more bang for our buck looking in those directions. Members with connections to these organizations are looking into them now.

This coming summer meetings will again be held at Moraine Park Technical College on Monday evenings. This will begin in May and go through August.

Good of the League

Jason sent out several notices to advertisers in the newsletter that their advertisement fees are coming due. If anyone has any business connections that would be interested in advertising in our newsletter please contact Jason.

Our state convention is next weekend! A motion was made by Jason, and seconded by George Wujcik to donate \$200 dollars to support the effort in Cottage Grove. The motion passed.

A scholarship application was received from Ken Unertl's granddaughter that George Wujcik is taking care of. She is currently working on her essay on patriotism that applicants submit for the scholarship.

An idea that generated optimistic discussion was brought up at the meeting. Doug mentioned the possibility of having a bowling tournament that would be free to people who had served in the Marine Corps. Roger is going to speak with the people who run Lighthouse Lanes and we'll see what happens from there. It was felt that it may be a great way to get people out and expose them to the detachment. Marine Corps Veterans could bowl free!

Wednesday the 27th of July will be Veterans Day at Fair Park. During the day there will be three flag folding ceremonies at 1200, 1500 and 1800. This will be looked into to see if our detachment could participate, not only with our flag history team but we may be able to have an information booth at the fair that day. Stay tuned for more details to develop!

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Meeting Closed

With no further business to conduct, the Commandant gave the order to close the meeting at 1000. The Sergeant at Arms retired the colors and the Chaplain gave the closing prayer. The Senior Vice Commandant thanked all members for attending and asked that they secure new members. The Marine Hymn was sung in closing the meeting. The bible is closed.

Respectfully submitted by:
 Paul Schleif, Adjutant

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Analyst Thompson said that after spending \$3.3 billion on the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle, calling on Congress to end the program has huge implications for the Marine Corps.

"Eliminating it appears to be the first step in watering down the mission," Thompson said.

If the Marine Corps also begins cutting its fleet of fighter jets and helicopters, the "question then becomes, 'What role does that leave?'" he said. "The Marine Corps is facing a difficult moment of uncertainty."

'Move the furniture around'

Another analyst, John Pike of the defense monitoring firm GlobalSecurity.org, said he expects Amos to continue to go along with Gates and Pentagon budget-cutters.

"His strategy is to keep the Marine Corps intact, and he will go along with little cosmetic cuts to avoid the big one," Pike said. "He will move the furniture around a little and agree to troop reductions, because if the Marine Corps is not another land army, it's really hard to understand why there are so many of them."

At the National Defense University, retired Marine and U.S. Naval Academy and Oxford graduate T.X.

Hammes said he believes that the Marines will emerge from the downsizing with their expeditionary character intact.

As such, it will remain the nation's "ready force" that the president can call on to respond overnight to hot spots and take and hold territory until reinforcements arrive, he said.

"The Marine Corps will be smaller, it will take a hard look at its equipment mix and continue its reputation as the force that can do more with less," Hammes predicted.

Shortly after he became the 35th commandant in October, Amos issued an outline of his vision that included acknowledging change was in the offing.

"The decisions of the next couple of years will affect the course of the Marine Corps for decades to come," he wrote. "The challenges we face ---- to simultaneously fight a war and rebalance our Corps to confront a complex future security environment -- -- will require difficult choices.

"My challenge to all Marines is that ... you remain ready to adapt."

Taken from a forwarded email.

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Historian and Newsletter Editor Jason Waier reports:

I hope everyone will join me in wishing George Kaczmarek, Danny O Toole, Rory Ott, Cal Racine, John Stern and William Wallace a Happy Birthday!

I am requesting your help. At one point the newsletter had 28 advertisers. Currently there are 14. As printing expenses have not gone down the newsletter has become a financial drain to the Detachment. I am looking for help in getting more advertisers. Please let me know if you have any businesses that you think may be willing to donate. I will get a package to them to look at.

I may sound like a broken record but the Detachment is at a cross roads. We are considering having to change to bylaws so that the elected Officers can stay on longer instead of getting new members to come forward and help lead the way. If you have not been an Officer in YOUR Detachment yet, it is time for you to step up and do so.

The fact that our most recent current member joined over three years ago is also testament to where we are headed. If we can not get new members the end result of the Detachment will be the same no matter what. I fear the Det is on life support and slipping away. Please help prove me wrong.