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UPCOMING DETACHMENT EVENTS (Subject to change)

Mar	20	0900	Officer Call prior to Regular Det Meeting, Trenton Town Hall Officer Installation
Mar	25	1400	FHPT Kettle Moraine Gardens
Mar	29		Viet Nam Veterans Day
Apr	9-11		Dept of WI MCL Spring Meeting place TBD
Apr	17	0900	Regular Det Meeting, Trenton Town Hall
Apr	22		FHPT St. Francis Cabrini (time tbd)
May	15		Armed Forces Day
May	17	1900	Regular Det Meeting, Moraine Park West Bend
May	21-23		Operation LZ Lambeau
May	31		Memorial Day
Jun	5-6	0900	Reclaiming Our Heritage, Zablocki VA Center
June	21	1900	Regular Det Meeting, Moraine Park West Bend
Jun	25-27		Dept of WI Dept Convention place TBD
Jun	29		Brewers Fundraiser (tentatively)
Jul	7		Brewers Fundraiser (tentatively)
Jul	19	1900	Regular Det Meeting, Moraine Park West Bend
Aug	10		Brewers Fundraiser (tentatively)
Aug	23	1900	Regular Det Meeting, Moraine Park West Bend
Sep	7		Brewers Fundraiser (tentatively)

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Kettle Moraine Detachment 1203, Marine Corps League
Minutes of Meeting Held February 20, 2010
17 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 present
Jr. Vice Commandant: open
Adjutant: Paul Schleif present
Judge Advocate: Charlie Keller excused

Paymaster: Roger Cross present
Chaplain: George Wujcik present
Sergeant at Arms: Tim Bertram present
Historian: Jason Waier present

Other Members Attending

Steve Chantelois	Carl Heiman	George Kaczmarek	Gil Lucka	Roland Moericke
Fritz Montag	Barry Oelerich	Hugo Straub	Ken Unertl	Bill Wallace

New Members and Guests

There were no new or prospective members or guests at the meeting.

*After the opening ceremony and roll call of officers, the meeting was recessed at 0906 for the counting of ballots for election of officers for this coming season, 2010-2011. The ballot box was open for votes to be cast from 0845-0900 at which time the meeting began and the ballot box closed. There were 16 ballots cast by the membership. The nominated officer positions carried with 16 votes each, those being Jim Ramage for Commandant, Danny O'Toole for Sr. Vice Commandant, John Stern for Jr. Vice Commandant, Charlie Keller for Judge Advocate, Roger Cross for Paymaster, Paul Schleif for Adjutant, George Wujcik for Chaplain and Jason Waier for historian. The position for Sgt at Arms was open as Tim Bertram is not going to repeat at this office. In the final hours Bill Wallace mounted a campaign for the position and won it with 7 write-in votes; Glen Brewer received one write-in vote. Bill, we all thank-you for being willing to serve as Sgt at Arms for the detachment. We also extend a very well-done and big thanks to Tim Bertram for his dedication and service at the same office. Your time and work are very much appreciated!

*The meeting was re-opened at 0916 for business

Reading of the Minutes

Jason made a motion, with Bill Wallace seconding, that the minutes be approved and accepted as published in the newsletter. The motion carried.

Paymasters Report

Roger presented the paymaster report, noting that there has not been much activity in the past month. Two funeral stipends have been received for work by our honor guard, along with a check from Germantown for participation in their Christmas Parade. A motion was made by George Kaczmarek and seconded by Steve Chantelois to accept the paymasters report; motion carried. Thank-you Roger

Chaplains Report

George reported that John Fleischman had hip surgery and is at home recovering and well. A get well card was circulated for him.

Hugo reported that he had marrow biopsies taken from his hip and arm, and has an early cancer. He just began radiation treatment. It's time to go to battle brother. Hugo, please know that the entire detachment is in your corner and keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. If anything is needed please let us know, we're there for you as much as we can be.

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HBO paying for honor flight for Marine vets

By David Bauder - The Associated Press
 Posted : Friday Mar 5, 2010 18:08:33 EST

NEW YORK — HBO is paying to send 250 veterans to Washington next week to visit the World War II memorial, coinciding with the networks' premiere of a miniseries about the war.

The 10-part series, "The Pacific," starts on the network March 14. It's a drama focusing on the lives of

Marines fighting the Japanese in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor.

The network said Friday it is working with the Honor Flight Network, an organization that pays to transport veterans to the nation's capital. Courtney Monroe,

HBO's marketing chief, says that group has more than 9,000 veterans on its waiting list.

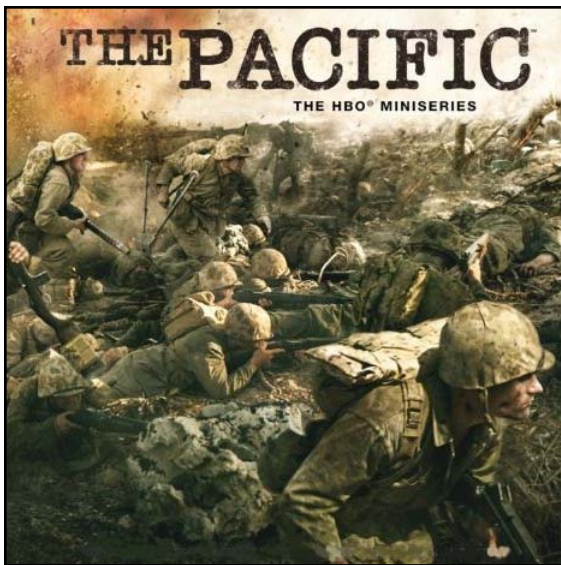
The veterans will include a 100-year-old man. Veterans from Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, New York, Philadelphia and Orlando, Fla., will make the trip.

American Airlines is paying to fly veterans from all of the cities except for Baltimore and Philadelphia, where they will be driven. Marriott Hotels & Resorts are putting them up.

The veterans will participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the World War II memorial March 11. It will be filmed for later use on HBO.

The miniseries "is an amazing tribute to veterans overall and reminds us of the sacrifices they've made," Monroe said. "We really wanted to use this opportunity to honor these veterans and thank them for the sacrifices they've made."

Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg are part of the production team for "The Pacific," just as they were for the "Band of Brothers" miniseries in 2001. At that time, HBO paid to send veterans to Normandy, France, for



the premiere of the series at the site of the D-Day invasion.

"This is a great opportunity for a farm boy," said William T. Hay, 85, who served on the aircraft Enterprise in the South Pacific during World War II. Hay, from Chana, Ill., about 100 miles west of

Chicago, is set to make the trip. Hay said he was a friend of Lt. Cmdr. Edward Henry "Butch" O'Hare, the war hero for whom Chicago's O'Hare International Airport is named.

Still serving, Hay said he's volunteered to help some veterans on the trip who may have trouble getting around.

"I'm still kickin'," he said. ■

Ooh-Rah!

Off to war again for 1st Marine Division

By Gidget Fuentes - Staff writer
 Friday Mar 5, 2010 Taken from the internet

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - With its first groups of Marines leaving home soon for the military surge into Afghanistan, the 1st Marine Division gathered in early March week to honor its combat heritage and march off again to war.

Marines, their commanders and veterans of earlier wars gathered for a "March Off to War" ceremony outside the division's "White House" headquarters at Camp Pendleton. "We go forward when the country needs us the most," Maj. Gen. Richard Mills reminded the crowd.

Mills, who commands 1st Marine Division, will leave later this month for a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan, where he will take over from Camp Lejeune, N.C.-based 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade and command I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) and oversee all Marine forces in southern Afghanistan.

About 4,000 Marines already are in Afghanistan, but the additional forces will rotate to Helmand province with about 6,000 to 7,000 members of the division in the combat zone at any given time, Mills said. "All elements of the division are committed."

One major focus will be maintaining the progress that Marines and Afghan military forces have made in the now-former Taliban stronghold of Marjah. "The build phase relies on security," he said. "We will provide that security envelope."

Mills, decked in desert digital camouflage combat gear with a pistol strapped to his thigh, watched as junior Marines in period war uniforms handed the division's colors from one Marine to

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another, representing the Corps' continuing legacy of going forward to the fight. The Afghanistan deployment will add another battle streamer to the division colors.

"Battle colors we follow. Battle colors we honor," Mills told the crowd.

A small group of Marines, also decked in combat gear, marched off as the 1st Marine Division Band played "Waltzing Matilda," the division song.

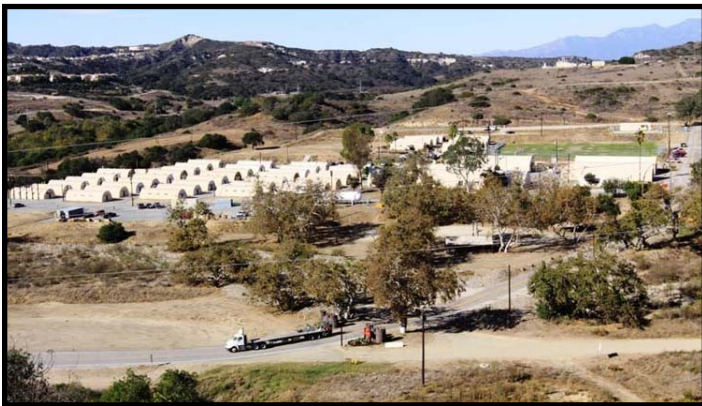
The deployment marks the seventh time the division's colors will be overseas since the division, known as "The Old Breed," was established 69 years ago.

For veterans in the crowd, time seemed to pause. Henry Andrasovsky, a retired gunnery sergeant, fought at Guadalcanal, New Britain and Peleliu, where he was shot twice, and later joined in the Inchon landing and fought at Chosin Reservoir during the Korean conflict. But the sight and ceremony had him reminiscing about earlier years. "I wish I was going with them," he said.

After the ceremony, Andrasovsky, whose red jacket bore patches of veterans organizations and combat experiences, met and shook hands with Mills, who told him, "We stand on your shoulders as we move out." ■

Historic Camp Talega due for a facelift

By Gidget Fuentes
Sunday Mar 7, 2010 Taken from the internet



OCEANSIDE, Calif. - The construction boom at Camp Pendleton may mark the end of an era at one of its historic training camps.

Base officials want to reconstruct Camp Talega, a collection of 1940s-style prefabricated Quonset huts, with modern barracks, a mess hall, armory, offices, classrooms and warehouses to support additional training and boost camp amenities.

It is expected to cost about \$225 million to rebuild the expeditionary support camp, located in the base's northernmost reaches, about 25 miles from Camp Pendleton's main gate.

Officials must now seek Marine Corps and congressional support for the funding necessary to rebuild the camp. The reconstructed camp will "compete for MilCon funding" starting in 2012, base officials said.

If the money is approved, Talega will join other camps at the Southern California training base receiving a massive makeover, thanks to the more than \$2 billion in defense, military construction and federal stimulus funding. Other base projects include various barracks, a new hospital and revamped clubs.

Camp Talega, officially known as Area 64, is tucked in a canyon along an intermittent creek at the northern end of Cristianitos Road.

It was once home to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. Since Sept. 11, 2001, thousands of mobilized reservists have settled briefly at Camp Talega for processing. The camp has also served the Reserve Support Unit, later renamed Mobilization Support Battalion and Deployment Processing Command-West.

Over the years, the Quonset huts have served as temporary overflow barracks space for 1st Marine Division units. Members of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, were shut out of their barracks at Camp San Mateo several miles away in late 2005 and early 2006 because of a combination of deployed units returning home and construction of modern barracks.

On April 29, 1975, Talega and the surrounding area went from a military garrison to a refugee camp when thousands of Vietnamese, including women and children, arrived in the U.S. as part of a massive resettlement program following the end of the Vietnam War. The camp processed more than 50,000 refugees before the center closed later that year.

Many leathernecks might recall Camp Talega from the big screen. The Quonset hut complex served as a background for scenes in the 1986 movie, "Heartbreak Ridge," which starred actor Clint Eastwood as the crusty Gunny Tom Highway. ■

"The United States Marine Corps, with its fiercely proud tradition of excellence in combat, its hallowed rituals, and its unbending code of honor, is part of the fabric of American myth. "

Thomas E. Ricks; Making the Corps, 1997

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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:

We are starting a new session with renewal of officers. I want everyone to put their past displeasure in the dumpster and start a new with committing to help the detachment grow and prosper. We need participation at meetings, fund raisers and next year stepping up for being an officer or chairing a committee.

Sr Vice Commandant Danny O'Toole Reports:

Nothing reported.

Jr Vice John Stern Reports:

Nothing reported.

Paymaster Roger Cross:

Nothing reported.

Judge Advocate Charlie Keller:

As Judge Advocate, I now have a complete and updated copy of the National By-laws.

Charlie

Adjutant Paul Schlieff:

Nothing reported.

Chaplain and Flag History Chairman George Wujcik:

A get well card was sent to Marine John Fleischman, hope to see you hopping soon. The Flag History team was invited to give a presentation at KM Gardens on March 25th at 2:pm. Another Presentation is on schedule for April 22nd for a Boy Scout Troop at ST. Francis Cabrini. We also ask for prayers for any members in distress that may not have been in contact with us.

Sgt at Arms Bill Wallace Reports:

Nothing reported.

Honor Guard Commander John Stern Reports:

Nothing reported.

Color Guard Commander Roger Cross Reports:

Jason Waier Reports:

Editor:

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Historian:

Nothing new to report.

PAO:

Nothing new to Report

VAVS:

Gulf War Veterans Illness Task Force

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki announced that the department's Gulf War Task Force report was nearly completed. For those seeking additional information on the report please go to

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=1858>

A brief description can be found below.

VA Gulf War Veterans Illness Task Force Background Brief 26 February 2010

The Gulf War Veterans Illness Task Force (GWVITF) is a leading edge of the Secretary's vision of transforming the VA into a 21 st century organization. The Task Force represents a bold step forward in how VA considers and addresses the

challenges facing not just Veterans of a specific era, but the challenges facing all Veterans. Improving the responsiveness of the VA to the challenges facing the 1990-1991 Gulf War Veterans is a priority that requires innovation and the engagement of all stakeholders, including VA employees, DoD, Congress and Veterans' Service Organizations (VSOs). This brief summarizes the efforts of the Task Force and the recommendations made in the draft report which was written by an interdisciplinary team of subject matter experts from across multiple work centers within VA. The intended outcome is to take the VA one step closer to the goal of improving services for Gulf War Veterans across the spectrum of care and benefits. ■

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--Gen Peter Pace, 28Jul06



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George also reported that Sgt Major Hertz, who has been a member of our detachment for some time now, is going to be leaving the area. The detachment will be presenting him with a plaque at a scout meeting to be held at St. Frances Cabrini where he has worked with scouts while he has been here. Sgt Major, the entire detachment offers you our heartfelt best wishes and appreciation for your service to our country; it's been an honor to have you with us!

Correspondence Received or Delivered

There was no correspondence to report at the meeting.

Report of Standing Committees

Honor Guard: No report from John at this time.

Senior Vice Commandant: Danny encouraged all members who may not have their discharge paperwork on file with county veterans office to get that done in case something is needed or help is applied for, then they'll already have your record. In addition, if any member is planning on being laid to rest in one of the veterans cemeteries, get the application and paperwork squared away now to avoid stress and questions after a person has passed away. To get to the county veterans' service offices enter the county courthouse building from the west parking lot and they are located in the first turn-off to the left.

This spot is courtesy of the generous donation by: Judy and Michael Mason

Flag History Presentation Team: March 25th at 1400 there will be a flag history presentation at Kettle Moraine Gardens located in Kewaskum.

PAO: Jason reported that the newsletter was shorter this past month as there hasn't been much happening; however, next month we have another bio coming, which will increase size again back to about 10 pages. John Englehardt and Sons donated money to our newsletter this past month. They don't wish to be mailed one however, so very big thanks to them and their generosity. It should also be noted that Hugo made this contact for the detachment.

If you received the newsletter you noticed that the flag history team photo was of our members still in khakis. Another detachment brought this to the attention of the state commandant, which earned us a telephone call received by Jason. He was happy that we are out and active in the community with our activities. However, we are not in line with uniform regulations! We most definitely need to finish getting this situation squared away and taken care of with the utmost haste. It was decided our goal is to have our new short sleeve white shirts up-and-rolling by next month's meeting. An important addition to this information is that on the white shirts troops can wear their DOD ribbons and badges or Marine Corps League issued ribbons, not both of them together! This is very important and must be adhered to. In addition ties are not worn with the short sleeve shirts.

A motion was made by Jason and seconded by Roger to approve funding for the long-sleeved shirts and ties. The motion passed. All honor guard and color guard members, and troops who will also be using the long sleeves should check shirt sizes that they have at home in their closet for neck and sleeve measurement. We hope to get the ball rolling on these shirts very soon indeed.

Color Guard: Roger reported that we have been contacted regarding the Action in Jackson parade again this year. The parade is June 13th at 1200. It was thought by some that Flag Day in Waubeka is possibly on that same date.

Quartermaster: Nothing to report
Adjutant: Nothing to report
Fundraising: Nothing to report

Old Business

Jason has forms available for anyone wishing to place an order for LZ Lambeau tickets. George has the application to sponsor a West Bend Little League team! The cost will be 500.00 dollars for the season, which will put our name on the back of the jersey as well as being listed on the web-site as a sponsor.

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Fritz reported that Allenton Little League will be holding their start-up meeting in March. Last year they didn't need any more sponsors, but he was informed that most every year somebody drops out due to the economy or other various reasons. The cost of sponsoring an Allenton team will be 100.00 dollars.

New Business

Jim and Jason have been working on forming a list of non-profit organizations that we can put charitable donations toward. They came up with a list of several, and after discussion and input by the detachment the following organizations were listed; Big brothers and sisters, Nova services (who work with youth needing some guidance and encouragement), Food pantries of Washington and Ozaukee Counties, and King and Union Grove Veterans Homes and organizations. It was felt by the detachment that by giving to both Washington and Ozaukee County food pantries that we would gain some nice exposure in these areas. Interfaith is an organization that provides transportation to and from medical appointments and services to people in need; it's a resource to call on. They were another suggestion brought up by a member. Roger made us aware of a fund that we could donate toward that is overseen by the veterans' office in the county. The fund is specifically for veterans who have fallen on hard times and need help to "get over the hump" of being injured, laid-off work, things of that nature.

All detachment members are encouraged to be aware that we are always on the lookout for charitable and worthwhile organizations to help out if we can!

Good of the League

Fox Company donated some items to our detachment from Miller brewing; hats, koozie coolers and can openers. Hugo donated a 2nd Marine Division shirt, and there was also a challenge coin. When members voted at the meeting they received a raffle ticket, and there was a drawing for all of the items for any member who had voted.

Jason awarded a challenge coin to Hugo for the outstanding work he has done obtaining sponsors for our newsletter; well done Hugo!

Our detachment had already authorized spending \$250.00 dollars to sponsor the organization known as Dry Hootch. For \$10.00 dollars more we can buy two eight-by-eight bricks, a total of \$260.00 dollars. A motion was made by George Kaczmarek and seconded by Jason to increase our donation to \$260.00 instead of \$250.00, and the wording on the bricks to be determined by the officers of the detachment. The motion passed. Danny also read a list of items such as stand-up cooler, dishwasher, under-counter refrigerators that are needed by Dry Hootch for their facility.

Danny will take on the job of ordering Marine Corps League ribbons and awards that can be worn by members. There are many available, such as Marine of the Year, Serving as an officer, attendance and so-forth.

Jason passed out a flyer of information on the Marine Corps League "Mentoring Program". This program increases retention and fosters improvement within detachments that use it.

Meeting Closed

With no further business to conduct, the Commandant gave the order to close the meeting at 1017. The Sergeant at Arms retired the colors and the Chaplain gave the closing prayer; the bible is closed. The Marine Corps Hymn was sung in closing.

Respectfully submitted;
Paul Schleif, Adjutant ■

"I love the Corps for those intangible possessions that cannot be issued: Pride, Honor, Integrity, and being able to carry on the traditions for generations of warriors past. "

Cpl. Jeff Sornij, USMC; in Navy Times, November 1994

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