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Kettle Moraine Detachment presents Scholarship Awards to Joseph Ebert and Jena Thurow

Be sure to read their essays on Patriotism

**Our next Meeting will be held: 7pm, MONDAY May 23rd, 2011!
It will be conducted at Moraine Park Technical College North Campus in West Bend.
Hope to see you there!**

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Calendar of Events (Subject to change)

May 23	1900	Detachment Monthly Meeting held at MPTC in West Bend
May 30		West Bend Memorial Day Parade
Jun 4-5		Reclaiming Our Heritage Positively Patriotic Weekend at the Zablocki VA Center in Milwaukee
Jun 10-11		Rose Distribution Fundraiser- West Bend Walmart
Jun 13	1400 & 1500	Flag History Event at Cedar Bay Ridge Complex in West Bend
Jun 15		38th Annual Disabled Vets "Take a Vet Fishing" Day
Jun 20-26		Marine Week St Louis
Jul 8-9		Rose Distribution Fundraiser- West Bend Walmart
Jul 8		Rose Dist Fundraiser- Miller Park 7pm game
Jul 20	0900	Veterans Appreciation Day-Washington Cty Fair
Aug		Seventh Annual Fisher House Golf Outing in Menomonee Falls
Aug 12-13		Rose Distribution Fundraiser- West Bend Walmart
Aug 13		Rose Dist Fundraiser - Miller Park 6pm game

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Kettle Moraine Detachment 1203, Marine Corps League
Minutes of Meeting Held April 16, 2011
18 Members Present

The meeting was held at the Trenton Town Hall, West Bend, Wisconsin. At 0900, we opened the meeting with the reading of the essays by the students who composed them for our scholarship applications, which was a very moving experience for the entire detachment. After the essays were read the Commandant called the meeting to order at 0908. Sergeant at arms posted the colors, and the Chaplain opened the meeting with a prayer, the Bible is open. At this time the installation of officers for the coming year was performed by Commandant Gary Stueber. The slate of officers for the coming year are listed below in the roll call:

Roll Call of Officers

Commandant: Jim Ramage present	Paymaster: Roger Cross present
Sr. Vice Commandant: Danny O'Toole present	Chaplain: George Wujcik present
Jr. Vice Commandant: John Stern present	Sergeant at Arms: Bill Wallace present
Adjutant: Paul Schleif present	Historian: Jason Waier present
Judge Advocate: Charlie Keller (ex.)	

Other Members Attending

Other detachment members attending were Steve Chantelois, John Fleischman, Carl Heiman, George Kaczmarek, Gil Lucka, Roland Moericke, Fritz Montag, Doug Smith, Hugo Straub and Ken Unertl.

New Members and Guests

We had very exciting things happening this morning! Not only was our state Commandant Gary Stueber attending the meeting, but we had three other very important guests! John Fleischman's wife Kathleen was at the meeting with his grandson Joe Ebert, and Ken Unertl's grand-daughter Jena Thurow was also in attendance. These two fine young people had applied for the detachment scholarship and brought along their essays to read for the detachment, which were composed on the topic of patriotism.

Joe Ebert read his moving work about patriotism in America and how people can reflect patriotism in their everyday lives and activities. Jena Thurow also read her essay, a truly patriotic composition on the importance of Memorial Day and patriotism in our home towns. These essays were true red-white-and-blue through and through American! Both Joe and Jena are obviously very proud of their grandpas and it was plain to see (and hear) the pride in their voices and words as they talked about their country, the United States of America.

I know I speak for the entire detachment in complementing these two exemplary young people on their efforts and the terrific work they did on this project. They truly made the entire detachment swell with pride and we truly wish them both the very best in pursuing their careers. It was easy to see how their grandparents can be very proud of them. Well-done!

Reading of the Minutes

After the installation of officers, it was asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from last month's meeting. Jason Waier motioned, with Steve Chantelois seconding the motion, to accept the minutes as published in last month's newsletter. The motion passed.

Paymasters Report

Roger passed out and explained what was going on in the paymasters report for this month. With fundraising still being a couple of months away we are still in a quiet time. Roger did open a new account at Bank Mutual in West Bend and will be closing out our accounts at Chase Bank. A motion was made by George Kaczmarek and seconded by Bill Wallace to accept the paymasters report; the motion passed.

In addition Roger has gotten our situation squared away with the exchange where we purchase uniform trousers for our personnel who participate in parades, honor guard and flag history. Jim Ramage, Roger Cross and the Quartermaster will now be able to order items from the exchange.

With the moving of and keeping up with funds, creating a monthly report in addition to taking care of our uniform supply confusion I would like to say thank-you to Roger for taking care of all that business! It's a lot of time and care; well-done!

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Patriotism

By: Joseph Ebert

Freedom isn't a right, it's a privilege, fought for and earned by millions of American soldiers since the beginning of this great country. The least that today's Americans can do is show patriotism. Patriotism is the devotion and love towards one's country. Americans, including myself, can show patriotism through many ways. It is one of the simplest things I can do to show thanks to all of the soldiers who put their lives on the line.

Most of the ways to show patriotism are extremely easy. One of the easiest ways is by saying the "Pledge of Allegiance" or singing the "National Anthem." By doing this, I show the respect that I have for the United States of America. Another way that I show patriotism is by writing to soldiers who are currently serving. When my brother was in Iraq a few years ago, I wrote to him a lot. I not only did this because he is my brother, but also because I was thankful for what he was doing. I felt that it was the very least I could do for him. American's can also show respect towards soldiers by sending them packages and just saying a simple "Thank You." Loyalty and love is shown by many American's by flying the flag. Not only should it be flown, but it should be done in the out most respect. These are just a few simple ways of showing patriotism.

There are many other ways that I show patriotism towards the United States. A main way that I can do this is by showing respect to our president. Even if I don't agree with certain things, I still respect him because he is the president of our country. By being the president he has earned, and deserves, my respect. Also, by following the United State's laws citizens show patriotism. However, we also have the right to speak out against things that we don't agree with. By

using your rights, one also shows patriotism. One of our most important rights, as an American, is to be able to vote. By voting you are having a say in your government. This shows dedication to your country. Citizens may also run for office. Whether it is the right to bear arms, freedom of speech, or the freedom of press it is important to use these rights.

These are just a few of the hundreds of ways to express patriotism. Patriotism is shown by great American citizens every day. Whether it is a brave soldier fighting for his country and his life, or an average American citizen, people are expressing their love towards this The United States of America. Every single American Soldier who fought for our country has expressed more patriotism than I could ever hope to. We need to appreciate the opportunity that we have been given, to live in the greatest country in the world. We need to honor our county, our soldiers, and our fellow citizens, and through patriotism we are doing this!

Patriotism

By: Jena Thurow

Every year, there is a parade. However, this parade isn't solely based on bands, firetrucks, and clowns: it's dedicated to veterans. Every Memorial Day, I play with my school's marching band to honor those that have served for our country. When I was younger and did not even remotely understand the meaning of this holiday, I got excited about the parade, but that was about it. Now that I can appreciate this day for what it truly is, I get something more out of it.

Looking around at the crowd, I see so many good things about our country. The fact that an entire town can put aside their busy schedules, come out in the hot summer sun, and pay their

respects to veterans impresses me. Memorial day is a day that Americans show their patriotism loudly and proudly. People pay their respects to those that have given everything to our country. The speakers are inspiring every year, and shed light on what they have been through. Memorial day is full of the kind of magical moments that give one a peek into the special and amazing life of a veteran.

I recall a past Memorial Day experience that continues to inspire me and stick in my mind. It was at a park in Cedarburg, and after the parade, I sat with the band to play some patriotic tunes. The community was all sitting in the boiling sun, watching a demonstration presented by veterans. Each veteran had a specific object that they placed on a table that showed what a person left behind when they died in a war. It was inspirational to see each life that they have touched, each person that one leaves behind, and how in a way the world stays the same without them there. Even if they didn't agree with the terms of the war, they still chose to give their lives for our nation. That in itself is the largest step in patriotism, because all of their qualms were abandoned in service of the good of their land.

Memorial day demonstrates that patriotism can be spread with the smallest gesture. Talking with a veteran and saying "thank you" for their bravery and hard work in devotion to the country goes a long way. Some people hang flags for President's Day, Memorial Day, and various other holidays. They show pride in their country, and inspire hope and confidence in others around them. A simple step like employing one's right to vote can inspire patriotic feelings and show respect for the founding fathers of our country.

The above essays were submitted in accordance with the Scholarship Committees requirement to be considered to receive the \$500 Scholarship.

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KETTLE MORaine DETACHMENT
COMMANDANT JIM RAMAGE, AND THE REST
OF THE 2011-2012 OFFICERS!**



**Gil Lucka has been very busy with the
Boy Scouts - Eagle Scout Program
as of late.**



**He can be seen here at several
different events, recognizing the
efforts of local Eagle Scouts!**



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:

Activity for this month has been Color Guard for opening day at Slinger Speedway, John Stern, John Krause, Roger Cross, Barry Olerich and myself participated. Work detail for West Bend Beautification Committee unloading flowers, as of this writing John Stern, Roger Cross, Fritz Montag and myself will be working. The recruiters usually help but they weren't able to help and gave the name of the Marine Corps League. Remember we start meeting at Moraine Park Tech College on Monday nights 6:00 PM Officer Call 7:00 meeting. Next month is our 1st WalMart Rose fund raiser.

Jr. Vice Commandant John Stern reports:

Honor Guard:

The Honor Guard was activated 9 April 2011 for the funeral of Marine Herbert Bohrer. Marines participating in Marine Blanchard's funeral and burial were: Cross, Montag, Oelerich, and Stern. Since its' inception the detachment's Honor Guard has rendered military honors for 33 veterans throughout Ozaukee and Washington counties.

Support the Troops Packages:

To date the detachment has sent 706.7 pounds of items to servicemen and women currently serving in harm's way. Marines, I respectfully ask that all of you solicit names from clergy, friends, and family to which the detachment can show their support. Remember I need ALL of the following information before sending packages: Name and full address of recipient.

Name and relationship of person originating the request. And finally an e-mail address to determine rotation date and any personal needs.

Respectfully submitted, John W. Stern

John Stern:

I received your care package. Again I would like to thank you for everything you sent and for all the thought that went into it.

*Thank you,
Donald Silva*

The above note is from PVT Silva who is currently serving in Afghanistan

Adjutant Charlie Keller: Nothing new to report.

George Wujcik reports: Nothing reported

Historian/Editor Jason Waier reports:

Let me begin this month by Congratulating this years board of officers! I would also like to thank Gil Lucka for throwing his name into the fray. Although not elected to office, he jumped in and would have been willing help lead the Detachment from the front, not just sit and back go along for the ride.

This summer is already looking to be busy for the Det. We have several fundraisers planned both at Walmart, and at Miller Park. There will be Parades and Color Guard events, along with everyhting else that we participate in. We all have busy lives and none of us will get rich doing any of these events, but this is what we do. Anyone having participated in a parade

or Color Guard can tell you the pride you feel makes all the work and effort worth it. None of it however can be done without YOUR help.

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Please volunteer for any event you can.

I would like to wish Marines Jerry Lorenz, Sgt Major Wayne Hertz, Tim Bertram, & George Wujcik a very Happy Birthday!

I would also like to Thank Dept of Wisconsin Comandant Gary Stueber for coming to our April Meeting and swearing in the Officers.

June 15th is the 38th Annual Disabled Vet's Fishing Outing aka Take a Vet Fishing out of Port Washington. They are once again looking for volunteers, donations, and boats. If you or someone you know has the time or resources to help please contact Mary Schuknect at 284-9144 or Vicki Lee at 284-4721.

Don't forget that the meeting time and place is different for the summer months. We will be meeting at Moraine Park Tech College on the north side of West Bend at 7pm on Monday May 23rd. This is the same place we met last summer. The room number has not yet been assigned as of the writing of the newsletter so be on the watch when you come in for someone directing you where to go.

I will leave you this month with this closing picture, and a quiet Thank You. Semper Fi



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Chaplain's Report

Charlie Keller remains in Arizona recovering from a broken leg and knee suffered in a crosswalk when he was hit by a car. A card was sent and remember to keep Charlie in your thoughts and prayers for a successful recovery.

Correspondence Received or Delivered

A card was received from the family of Irv Blanchard thanking us for military honors rendered at his funeral, a very moving and stirring tribute.

A card of thanks was also received from Chris Beine in appreciation of the Eagle certificate we awarded him, in addition to the Cabelas gift certificate.

Report of Standing Committees

Honor Guard: The Honor Guard was recently activated for two funerals, rendering military honors.

Color Guard: Stay-tuned for up-coming events for color guard activities. At our next meeting we should have more information about the Memorial Day Parade, which is usually our first parade of the season.

Fundraising: Our detachment has been assigned two dates for fundraising at Miller Park this year. Those dates are July 8th and August 13th. These dates do conflict with Walmart fundraising dates, but it was felt that we should definitely pursue them as they are very lucrative. Walmart could be covered by members who don't have the time or means to make it to Miller Park.

Old Business

Fritz gave an up-date on the things that are happening at Fair Park for Veterans Day this July 20th. It sounds like we'll be doing some flag folding and will also be able to have an area to display our detachment activities.

Roger gave an up-date on the bowling outing that we are working on putting together. King-Pin will have us bowl, with it costing 7.95 per person for two hours of bowling and we'll be able to have a table set up to display membership items and possibly recruit some new members. We do not yet have a date set for this event.

Good of the League

Gary Stueber, our state commandant, gave a nice talk to our detachment. Gary covered a lot of ground, and I'm not going to go into detail on the many topics he discussed were you not able to attend the meeting. I will say though that he did complement our detachment, giving us high marks for our work and being well "squared away"! I feel that should mean a lot to all in the detachment who are active. Gary, thank-you very much for coming over from home to be with us on Saturday morning, it is appreciated.

A certificate was awarded at the meeting to Jason for his excellent work that he does on our newsletter. Well-done Jason! Jason announced at this time that as of December of this year he will no longer be Editor/Producer of the newsletter. Hopefully someone will step forward to take this on; Jason did say that he would be willing to help but he will truly be missed in this role. He's been doing the newsletter for years now, and he has helped me personally in the role of Adjutant to my great relief more than once. Jason, I truly thank-you.

Our detachment has donated money to Allenton Little League once again, as well as Kewaskum Little League. Jackson Little League is still in the works as well! This is really a worthwhile endeavor for our detachment, getting us out in the community as well as some exposure. Not to mention the All-Americanism of baseball itself. I feel this is one of the finest things our detachment does.

Marines helping Marines again sent us raffle tickets for their wounded warrior program. Members of the detachment feel this is a worthy cause. George Wujcik motioned, with Jason seconding the motion, to purchase the tickets as a detachment. If we would win, the money would belong to the detachment to do as is seen appropriate. The motion passed.

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We also received raffle tickets from National Auxiliary. After much discussion by the detachment, it was felt by many members that we should keep our funds and donations closer to home. No motion was brought forward to purchase these tickets, so they were put on the table up front for any member interested in picking them up and personally supporting this cause.

We have also heard from Sgt Major Hertz! The Sgt Major is alive and well in Kansas City MO, and wishes us well.

Meeting Closed

With no further business to conduct, the Commandant gave the order to close the meeting at 1030. 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. It is also noted at this time that with summer approaching our next meeting will be at Moraine Park Technical College on Monday evening, May 23rd at 1900, where meetings will continue through the summer months. The Marine Hymn was sung in closing the meeting. The Bible is closed.

Respectfully submitted by:
Paul Schleif
Adjutant

V.A.V.S.

I wanted to relay to you information about a program that's available to help hearing disabled Veterans obtain free amplified phones through the Wisconsin Telecommunications Equipment Purchase Program (TEPP).

TEPP is a Wisconsin state program that provides free vouchers to residents with hearing loss so they can obtain amplified phones and improve their utilization of basic telephone services. TEPP is administered through the Public Service Commission and funded by a Wisconsin telephone user fee known as the Universal Service Fund. Most people have probably noted the "USF" charge on their phone bill but never knew its purpose. In effect, this is a "pre-paid program" that people are

allowed to access if they struggle to communicate on a normal telephone.

The TEPP program will provide free vouchers for telephone equipment given that the following applicant requirements are met:

- * Wisconsin residency.
- * A voluntary declaration of hearing loss.
- * No receipt of TEPP funding within the last three years.

There are no age or income restrictions.

The telephones offered have many features that enable those with a hearing loss to communicate over the phone. These features include hearing aid compatibility, amplified volume, enriched tone controls, extra large numbered keypads, loud ringer volume choices, caller ID enabled, and unique speed-dialing features.

People who apply for the TEPP

program can expect to receive their equipment in approximately 4-6 weeks. No additional charges will ever appear on the individuals' phone bill and the amplified phone becomes their property. In several years time, TEPP participants may reapply in order to receive technologically advanced equipment to deal with additional needs.

TEPP provides a very turn-key approach by speaking with the client, taking the application, receiving the voucher, ordering the equipment, and providing any service related matters after the equipment is delivered.

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