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Marines Welcome Their Newest Bulldog,

He's only 9 weeks old but has already entered recruit training. That would be "Chesty," the pedigreed English bulldog and future Marine Corps mascot, who arrived at Marine Barracks in the nation's capital on Valentine's Day. The handsome and distinguished young Chesty will enter obedience school and canine "recruit training," earn the title of Marine and be named the next Marine Corps mascot on March 29. His official duties include marching in myriad events, including the Friday twilight parades at the facility, looking tough but buff in his own custom dress blues.

Mascots and Marines have a long history, according to Marion F. Sturkey, who penned "Warrior Culture of the U.S. Marines," published in 2001:

"Thanks to the German Army, the U.S. Marine Corps has an unofficial mascot. During World

War I many German reports had called the attacking Marines 'teufel-hunden,' meaning Devil-Dogs. Teufel-hunden were the vicious, wild, and ferocious mountain dogs of Bavarian folklore."

"Soon afterward a U.S. Marine recruiting poster depicted a snarling English Bulldog wearing a Marine Corps helmet. Because of the tenacity and demeanor of the breed, the image took root with both the Marines and the public. The Marines soon unofficially adopted the English Bulldog as their mascot."

"At the Marine base at Quantico, Virginia, the Marines obtained a registered English Bulldog, King Bulwark. In a formal ceremony on 14 October 1922, Brig. Gen. Smedley D. Butler signed documents enlisting the



bulldog, renamed Jiggs, for the 'term of life.' Pvt. Jiggs then began his official duties in the U.S. Marine Corps."

But Jiggs gave way to Chesty, and many more Chesties after that.

"In the late 1950s the Marine Barracks in Washington, the oldest post in the Corps, became the new home for the Corps' mascot. Renamed Chesty to honor the legendary Lt. Gen. Lewis B. 'Chesty' Puller Jr., the mascot made his first formal public appearance at the Evening Parade on 5 July 1957. In his canine Dress Blues, Chesty became an immediate media darling, a smash hit," .

Department/National Meeting Schedule.

- 2013 SPRING DEPARTMENT MEETING, 15-16 MARCH HQ BUILDING I-GAP
- 2013 NATIONAL NORTHEAST DIVISION CONFERENCE 21-23 MARCH MATAMORAS, PA
- 2013 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION 12-16 JUNE 2013 MECHANICSBURG, PA
- 2013 NATIONAL CONVENTION 4-9 AUGUST 2013 GRAND RAPIDS, MI

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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN



Marines,

Well it's a slow time of the year, but we are getting ready to ramp it up for the spring and summer.

I would like to first send out my sincere condolences to **PDC Ed Hoth** on the passing of his wife Evelyn on Feb. 8th 2013.

This past Wednesday our Detachment Meeting was scheduled but had to be called due to not meeting the requirements of a quorum. For those that don't know we have to have 10 members (at least 2 being elected officers) at a meeting to meet the requirements of a quorum as stated in the Detachment by-laws. We missed what would have been a great meeting with a lot of useful information on upcoming events. I would like to see more attendance at the meetings, if you have any concerns about the meetings contact me.

We have Detachment nominations and elections coming up in March, if you have a desire to be a part of the elected staff contact **Junior Past Commandant Budd Pearce** to get your name on the list. Anyone wishing to fill an appointed position contact me directly. We need to have a good turnout for the next meeting especially so that nominations

and elections can be held.

Below is some information I want to get out to everyone that would have been passed along at the meeting;

We had a successful Detachment Staff Meeting on Feb 4th, hosted by **Marine Mike Mattie** and held at the Doylestown Wealth Management Offices, we discussed some items that we can improve on in the Detachment and held an educational session on lesson plan 6 of the Professional Development Program. I have some raffle tickets we are selling from the Devil Dogs PA Pack they are \$1 per chance or 6 for \$5 and the prizes are 1st \$150.00 to Sgt Grit catalog, 2nd \$100.00 to Sgt. Grit catalog, and 3rd \$75.00 to Sgt. Grit catalog. If anyone wishes to support the PA Pack and buy some chances contact me directly. Finally, as listed in this publication several times, the Detachment Staff meeting is coming up March 15-16, at I-Gap. I am reserving a room with two beds if anyone wants to go contact me directly. We have the list of dates of the Valley Forge Gun Show, at SMG Warrington so anyone that can help out for these dates mark them on your calendar April 6&7, June 22&23, Sept. 7&8, and Dec. 7&8. Right now we have a table reserved for the April dates and will keep everyone

updated on the future dates.

We are going to ramp up on Youth and Veteran ticket sales. Anyone needing tickets contact **Jr vice Vince DeBella** directly.

All forms for the Pistol Shoot in May 31- June 2 and the Rifle Match August 31st -Sept 1st, are due in a.s.a.p. get the forms to Budd Pearce, PC or me as soon as you can or at the March Detachment meeting at the latest. All forms are on the Dept. website, fill them out online and print and sign, make sure you fill out all pages, or in other words make sure you scroll to the bottom of every page. Below is the link for the Department Website. Once on the web site, go to Department programs and then Rifle or Pistol to get the form needed, the pistol form is two pages the rifle is one page.

<http://www.pamcleague.org/>

That's all for now. See you in March,

Semper Fi,

VETERANS REPORT FOR MARCH / 2013

New "Distinguished Warfare Medal" for drone pilots

In a nod to the changing nature of warfare, the Pentagon on Wednesday created a new medal recognizing combat contributions of people like drone pilots and cyber warriors who are reshaping the battlefield, even from thousands of miles away.

Outgoing Defense Secretary and former CIA Director Leon Panetta - who spent much of the past four years bolstering those new capabilities - announced the decision to create the "Distinguished Warfare Medal" at a Pentagon news conference.

"I've seen firsthand how modern tools, like remotely piloted platforms and cyber systems, have changed the way wars are fought," Panetta said. "This award recognizes the reality of the kind of technological warfare that we are engaged in, in the 21st century."

It is the ninth-highest warfare medal the Pentagon can bestow on troops - even higher than the Bronze Star. Importantly, it is the only combat medal that a military service member can receive without actually physically being in the same geographic area where combat took place.

Mourners Remember Ex-Sniper as Warrior and Family Man

ARLINGTON, Tex. — Military leaders, law enforcement officials and thousands of others gathered at Cowboys Stadium here on Monday to remember Chris Kyle, the retired Navy SEAL sniper and author who was killed with another man, investigators say, by a troubled veteran he was trying to help.

On Feb. 2, Mr. Kyle and his friend Chad Littlefield took the veteran, Eddie Ray Routh, 25, to a remote shooting range in Erath County. According to the authorities, Mr. Routh turned his weapon on the two men, shooting and killing them before fleeing in Mr. Kyle's truck.

Investigators believe that Mr. Kyle, an expert marksman who survived four tours of duty in Iraq and became known for spotting enemy targets at extraordinary distances, was gunned down at point-blank range by a mentally ill young man he had tried to befriend and help, as he had many other veterans struggling to adjust to life at home. In Iraq, Mr. Kyle was known for protecting American troops while perched on a rooftop with a bolt-action rifle, describing his use of deadly skill as payback for the 9/11 attacks.

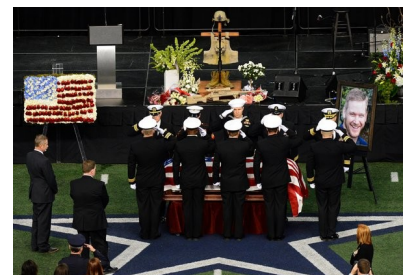
Back at home, Mr. Kyle, the author of "American Sniper: The Autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History," continued to protect troops by other means. He helped create the nonprofit Fitco Cares Foundation to help veterans overcome post-traumatic stress disorder by providing exercise equipment and counseling. Though his book became a best seller, he never collected money from it, friends said, donating the proceeds to the families of two friends and fallen SEAL members, Ryan Job and Marc Lee.

At the end of the service, Mr. Kyle's wife and children walked hand in hand behind the uniformed pallbearers as the sound of bagpipes filled the stadium.



A drone used in modern warfare piloted from the States.

"It is the only combat medal that a military service member can receive without actually physically being in the same geographic area where combat took place".



Members of the military with the coffin of Chris Kyle at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

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10 MARCH

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13 MARCH

DEPARTMENT STAFF

MEETING

15-16 MARCH

ST. PATRICKS DAY

17 MARCH

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DIVISION CONFERENCE

22-23 MARCH

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31 MARCH

DETACHMENT MEETING

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