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17th SERGEANT MAJOR OF MARINE CORPS NAMED

WASHINGTON--The Commandant of the Marine Corps announced April 11 his selection for the next Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.

"I'm pleased to announce **SgtMaj. Micheal P. Barrett** as the 17th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps," said **Gen. James Amos**, Commandant of the Marine Corps. "SgtMaj. Barrett, through his long and distinguished service to our nation, has demonstrated that he is particularly well-suited to serve as my senior enlisted advisor through the challenges ahead. My wife Bonnie and

I welcome him and his wife Susan and look forward to serving with them."

Barrett will replace **SgtMaj. Carlton W. Kent**, who has served as the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps since April 25, 2007. The relief and appointment ceremony and retirement of Kent is scheduled for June 9 at Marine Barracks Washington.



Barrett recently returned from Afghanistan where he served as the Sergeant Major of Regional

Command Southwest and I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward). He currently serves as the Sergeant Major of 1st Marine Division at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Barrett's official biography can be found at: <http://www.imef.usmc.mil/external/1stmardiv/command/biographies/sgtmaj/micheal.barrett.jsp>

The post of Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps was established in 1957 as the senior enlisted ad-

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Combat Firearms 'Report Card' from Afghanistan

[This is from a Marine who's in Afghanistan; his buddy Jordan provides many of the details--submitted by Bob Sundling]

No politics here; just a Marine with a bird's eye view opinion.

U. S. Weapons:

1) **The M-16 rifle:** Thumbs down. Chronic jamming problems with the talcum powder like sand over there. The sand is everywhere. Jordan says you feel filthy two minutes after coming out of

the shower. The M-4 carbine version is more popular because it's lighter and shorter, but it has jamming problems also. They lack the ability to mount the various optical gun sights and weapons lights on the pica tinny rails, but the weapon itself is not great in a desert environment.

They all hate the 5.56 mm (.223) round; Poor penetration on the cinder block structure common over there and even torso hits can't be

reliably counted on to put the enemy down.

Fun Fact:

- 1) **Random autopsies** on dead insurgents show a high level of opiate use.
- 2) **The M243 SAW** (squad assault weapon): .223 cal., drum-fed, light machine gun. Big thumbs down. Universally considered a piece of sh-t. Chronic jamming

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USMC STATISTICS - FY 2010

USMC Percentage of DOD Budget: 6.1%

For that, Marine Corps provides:

15% of ground maneuver Brigades & Regimental Combat Teams;
12% of fighter/attack planes
19% of attack helicopters

Average Cost per Active Duty Member

Marine	\$63,335	Sailor	\$76,694
Soldier	\$72,781	Airman	\$78,701

Officer/Enlisted Ratio

USMC 1:8.4 Army 1:5.0 Navy 1:5.3 AF 1:4.0

Civilian to Active Duty Member ratio

USMC 1:12.8 Army 1:2.1 Navy 1:1.9 AF 1:2.0

Operational Force and Percentage of Total Force

USMC	136,182 (67%)	Navy	162,400 (50%)
Army	307,700 (56%)	USAF	119,000 (36%)

Average Age

USMC 24.9 Army 28.5 Navy 28.7 USAF 29.6

E-3 and Below

USMC	83,047 (45.7%)	Navy	79,324 (28.9%)
Army	118,792 (25.6%)	USAF	69,265 (26.0%)

Number of Generals

USMC 81 Army 315 Navy 221 USAF 284 SecDef 81

Afghanistan Force: U.S. 92,000

USMC 21,000 Army 57,000 Navy 4,000 USAF 9,000

FRIENDS OF THE WASHINGTON CROSSING PARK

presents

BEERFEST

Saturday, May 14
12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Beer Tickets - \$40.00

(More than 50 Breweries)
"Designated Driver" Tickets - \$10.00

Washington Crossing Historic Park

(Upper End-behind Thompson Neely House, past Bowman's Tower-five miles north of Park Visitors Center)

On-line ticket sales at:

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APRIL DETACHMENT MEETING



M I N U T E S

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held April 13, 2011, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 18 members present including all officers except the Senior Vice Commandant. Distinguished members in attendance included **Department of Pennsylvania Commandant Leanna Dietrich, Past Commandants Don Gee, Budd Pearce, Don Parzanese Sr., and Bob Sundling; Southeast Division Aide-de-Camp Dick Kondash, and Department Southeast Division Vice Commandant/Past Commandant Bill Miller.**

The **Minutes** of the March Meeting were unanimously approved.

The **Paymaster's Report** was presented and unanimously accepted.

New Member: Justin Tuttle (of Warminster) was unanimously accepted as an Associate Member.

Sick Call: Marine Ray Krout has returned home from Pine Run. **Marine Mike Waldron's wife Dorothy** is recuperating at home from a recent heart attack.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Jim Powell reported the Memorial Day Parade Committee is seeking help with coordinating marching units. Anyone interested in helping should contact **Marine Jim McComb**, Parade Marshal, at 215-489-7711 or at jim_mccomb@verizon.net.

*The Zaengle Detachment is holding a Beef & Beer Fund Raiser on Sat., Apr. 16, at 2030 in the North Penn VFW Post in Glenside. Cost is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple.

*Willow Grove is celebrating its tri-centennial this year. The Marine Drum & Bugle Corps and the Silent Drill Team will be participating on May 10 at the Upper Moreland High School Football Stadium.

*The newly revised Detachment ByLaws have been approved.

*The Detachment received a Certificate of Participation in recognition of our participation in the 2010 Toys for Tots Campaign. The Commandant is in the process of recording all of the awards the Detachment has earned and will include them on the website.

In the absence of **Senior Vice Commandant Ben Jones** the Adjutant/Paymaster reported the Detachment strength at 69 members including 28 Life Members, 33 Regular Members, 2 Dual Members, 5 Associate Members, and 1 Honorary Member. We have five delinquent members.

Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile reported anyone needing more Scholarship Raffle tickets should contact him. Tickets and monies need to be turned in at the June Meeting.

Judge Advocate Bill Mickelson reported the Detachment had no known legal problems.

Chaplain Budd Pearce, PC, reported he had attended services for **Marine Clifford Tice** on Mar. 18. Since then the Detachment has received \$300 in donations in his memory.

The Adjutant/Paymaster reminded the members about the Department Convention June 22-26 at the Holiday Inn in New Cumberland. Anyone interested in attending should contact him so they can be credentialed for the meeting.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC, reported he had not received any requests for the Detachment Color Guard since the last meeting.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher reported \$20.00 in sales during March.

The **Public Relations Officer** set Apr. 20 as the deadline for submitting material for the May *Listen Up!*

Junior Past Commandant & Southeast District Vice Commandant Bill Miller reported he will be holding a District meeting May 1 in Downingtown, hosted by the Chester County Detachment. He enjoined the members to attend the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY Coordinator Budd Pearce set April 30 as the date for the next highway cleanup instead of April 16. As usual, members will meet at "Back-to-the-Fifties Restaurant" in Furlong at 8 a.m. for breakfast (on the Detachment) before starting the cleanup.

YOUNG MARINES Liaison Bob Sundling reported the Liberty Young Marines Unit had visited the battleship NEW JERSEY.

Pistol Team Coordinator Joe Kier reported on the forthcoming pistol match.

NEW BUSINESS

*A motion was made and unanimously accepted to donate \$100 to **Young Marine LCpl. Luke Sliwinski's** "Walk for the Wounded" on May 21 in Media, PA.

***Commandant Powell** presented **Associate Member David Gentile** the Individual Meritorious Commendation ribbon for his sustained participation in numerous fund-raisers last year.

***Department Commandant Dietrich** installed the elected and appointed officers for the coming year. Installed were **Commandant Budd Pearce, Senior Vice Commandant Joe Kier, Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile, Adjutant/Paymaster Don Gee, Judge Advocate Donald D. Parzanese Sr., Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, Quartermaster Corey A. Fisher, and Chaplain Donald D. Parzanese Jr.**

***Commandant Pearce** presented Appointed Detachment Staff Medals to **Senior Vice Commandant (former Mess Sergeant) Kier** and **Chaplain Partzanese**. He also presented an Elected Detachment Staff Medal to Senior Vice Kier.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Marine Mike Waldron reported on recent decisions by V-A concerning Agent Orange. Anyone interested in more information should contact him at 215-491-0441 or at gunnymike@verizon.net.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11.

NEW AGENT ORANGE PRESUMPTIVES PROCESSED

WASHINGTON--The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has decided more than 28,000 claims in the first six weeks of processing disability compensation applications from Vietnam Veterans with diseases related to exposure to the herbicide Agent Orange.

"With new technology and ongoing improvements, we are quickly removing roadblocks to processing benefits," said **VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki**. "We are also conducting significant outreach to Vietnam Veterans to encourage them to submit their completed application for this long-awaited benefit."

VA published a final regulation last summer that makes Veterans

who served in the Republic of Vietnam and who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, ischemic heart disease, or a B-cell (or hairy-cell) leukemia eligible for health care and disability compensation benefits.

With the expiration of the required 60-day congressional review on Oct. 30, 2010, VA is now able to process these claims.

Vietnam Veterans covered under the new policy are encouraged to file their claims through a new VA Web portal at www.fast-track.va.gov <<http://www.fast-track.va.gov>>. Vietnam Veterans are the first users of this convenient automated claims processing system.

If treated for these diseases outside of VA's health system, it is important for Veterans to gather medical evidence from their non-VA physicians. VA has made it easy for physicians to supply the clinical findings needed to approve the claim through the new Web portal. These medical forms are also available at www.vba.va.gov/disabilityexams.

The portal guides Veterans through Web-based menus to capture information and medical evidence required for faster claims decisions.

While the new system currently is limited to these three disabilities, usage will expand soon to include claims for other conditions.

Did you know?

DoD is removing Social Security Numbers
from ID cards

SSN Removal

To protect your privacy and personal identity information, your Social Security Number (SSN) is being replaced with a DoD ID Number on all ID cards.

ID Card Changes:

- As of June 2011, SSNs will no longer be printed on any new ID card.
- SSN removal will occur in three phases.
- Your new ID card will have a **DoD ID Number** in place of your SSN.
- Your DoD ID Number will be used as the Geneva Conventions serial number.
- If you are eligible for DoD benefits, there will also be a **DoD Benefits Number** printed on your new ID card.



For more information about Social Security Number removal, please visit www.dmdc.osd.mil/smartcard.

visor to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the first such post in any of the branches of the United States Armed Forces.

The Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps is selected by the Commandant, and typically serves a four-year term, though his service is at the pleasure of the Commandant.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT MEETING

THE Southeast District Meeting, will be held at the Chester County Detachment Home on Sunday, May 1 at 1400. They are located at 430 Acorn Lane Downingtown, PA 19335. Food and beverages will be served after the meeting. Please contact **Commandant Dan Condron** by April 25, 2011 if you plan on attending. He can be contacted at dcond@verizon.net or 610-458-0797.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**GOOD FRIDAY
22 APRIL**

**EASTER
24 APRIL**

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY
CLEAN-UP
30 APRIL**

**DEPARTMENT
SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
MEETING
1 MAY**

**SUMMER UNIFORM
1 MAY**

**MOTHER'S DAY
8 MAY**

**MARINE D&B CORPS
&
SILENT DRILL TEAM
UMHS STADIUM
10 MAY**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
11 MAY**

**'WALK FOR WOUNDED'
MEDIA. PA
21 MAY**

**MEMORIAL DAY
30 MAY**

Seeking Support

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OPERATION FIRST RESPONSE



Your Participation Helps Wounded Soldiers in Danger on the Homefront

Support Pennsylvania's Fourth Annual

WALK FOR THE WOUNDED

Saturday, May 21st

Registration - Noon

**In Rose Tree Park,
Delaware County, PA**
A suburb of Philadelphia,
Wilmington & South Jersey



www.walkforthewounded.org
www.operationfirstresponse.org



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In recognizing our wounded veterans now numbering more than 50,000.

Please bring family and friends and walk to support our wounded soldiers! Your contribution helps carry these soldiers and their families through the often staggering financial and survival challenges they face upon returning home.

May 21st
WALK FOR THE WOUNDED

Operation First Response helps America's wounded soldiers when they need it the most.

- Renovating a home to meet new physical needs
- Helping make a mortgage payment so a soldier doesn't lose his home
- Funding a spouse to be at the soldier's side during critical surgeries

OFR helps wounded soldiers and their families manage the day to day trials of turning physical injury – into recovery, rebuilding lives and keeping families strong.

- Helicopter Displays
- Special Ceremonies
 - Live Music!
- Children's Games
 - Great Food
 - Military Booths



OPERATION FIRST RESPONSE

Since 2003 there have been over 400,000 new claims submitted to the Veterans Affairs Office and at this point their office is behind in over 1 million cases. These statistics alone clearly give reason for the existence of OFR, we are a bridge that will enable our Veterans to exist during the VA claim process which on average can take from six months to one year.

You Can Change a Life!

problems, most of which require partial disassembly (that's fun in the middle of a firefight).

3) The M9 Beretta 9 mm: Mixed bag. Good gun performs well in desert environment; but they all hate the 9 mm cartridge. The use of handguns for self-defense is actually fairly common. Same old story on the 9 mm: Bad guys hit multiple times and still in the fight.

4) Mossberg 12 gauge military shotgun: Works well, used frequently for clearing houses to good effect. (Great weapon: I used this when transporting prisoners.)

5) The M240 Machine Gun: 7.62 NATO .308-cal. belt-fed machine gun, developed to replace the old M-60 (what a beautiful weapon that was!) Thumbs up. Accurate, reliable, and the 7.62 round puts 'em down. Originally developed as a vehicle mounted weapon, more and more are being dismantled and taken into the field by infantry. The 7.62 round chews up the structure over there.

6) The M2 50-cal. heavy machine gun: Thumbs way, way up. "Ma Deuce" is still worth her considerable weight in gold. The ultimate fight stopper - puts their dicks in the dirt every time. The most coveted weapon in-theater.

7) The .45 pistol: Thumbs up. Still the best pistol around out there. Everybody authorized to carry a sidearm is trying to get their hands on one. With few exceptions, one can reliably be expected to put 'em down with a torso hit. The special ops guys (who are doing most of the pistol work) use the HK military model and supposedly love it. The old

government model .45s are being re-issued en masse.

8) The M-14: Thumbs up. They are being re-issued in bulk, mostly in a modified version to special ops guys. Modifications include lightweight Kevlar stocks and low power red dot or ACOG sights. Very reliable in the sandy environment, and they love the 7.62 round.

9) The Barrett .50-cal. sniper rifle: Thumbs way up. Spectacular range and accuracy and hits like a freight train. Used frequently to take out vehicle suicide bombers (we actually stop a lot of them) and barricaded enemy. It is definitely here to stay.

10) The M24 sniper rifle: Thumbs up. Mostly in .308 but some in .300 win mag. Heavily modified Remington 700s. Great performance. Snipers have been used heavily to great effect. Rumor has it a Marine sniper on his third tour in Anbar province has actually exceeded **Carlos Hathcock's** record for confirmed kills with more than 100.

11) The new body armor: Thumbs up. Relatively light at approximately 6 lbs. and can reliably be expected to soak up small shrapnel and even will stop an AK-47 round.

The bad news: Hot as sh-t to wear, almost unbearable in the summer heat (which averages over 120 degrees). Also, the enemy now goes for head shots whenever possible. All the bullsh-t about the "old" body armor making our guys vulnerable to the IEDs was a non-starter. The IED explosions are enormous and body armor doesn't make any difference at all in most cases.

12) Night Vision and Infrared Equipment: Thumbs way up. Spectacular performance. Our guys see in the dark and own the night, period. Very little enemy action after evening prayers. More and more enemy being whacked at night during movement by our hunter-killer teams. We've all seen the videos.

13) Lights: Thumbs up. Most of the weapon mounted and personal lights are Surefires, and the troops love 'em. Invaluable for night urban operations. Jordan carried a \$34 Surefire G2 on a neck lanyard and loved it. I can't help but notice that most of the good fighting weapons and ordnance are 50 or more years old!! With all our technology, it's the WWII and Vietnam era weapons that everybody wants!! The infantry fighting is frequent, up close and brutal. No quarter is given or shown.

BAD GUY WEAPONS

1) Mostly AK47s. The entire country is an arsenal. Works better in the desert than the M16 and the .308 Russian round kills reliably. PKM belt fed light machine guns are also common and effective. Luckily, the enemy mostly shoots like sh-t. Undisciplined "spray and pray" type fire. However, they are seeing more and more precision weapons, especially sniper rifles. (Iran, again)

2) The RPG: Probably the infantry weapon most feared by our guys. Simple, reliable and as common as dogsh-t. The enemy responded to our up-armored Humvees by aiming at the windshields, often at point blank range. Still killing a lot of our guys.

3) The IED: The biggest killer of all. Can be anything from old

Soviet anti-armor mines to jury rigged artillery shells. A lot found in Jordan 's area were in abandoned cars. The enemy would take 2 or 3 155 mm artillery shells and wire them together. Most were detonated by cell phone and the explosions are enormous. You're not safe in any vehicle, even an M1 tank. Driving is by far the most dangerous thing our guys do over there. Lately, they are much more sophisticated "shape charges" (Iranian) specifically designed to penetrate armor.

Fact: Most of the ready made IEDs are supplied by Iran , which is also providing terrorists (Hezbollah types) to train the insurgents in their use and tactics. That's why the attacks have been so deadly lately. Their concealment methods are ingenious, the latest being shape charges, in styrofoam containers spray painted to look like the cinderblocks that litter all Iraqi roads. We find about 40% before they detonate, and the bomb disposal guys are unsung heroes of this war.

4) Mortars and rockets: Very prevalent. The soviet era 122 mm rockets (with an 18 km range) are becoming more prevalent. One of Jordan 's NCOs lost a leg to one. These weapons cause a lot of damage "inside the wire." Jordan's base was hit almost daily his entire time there by mortar and rocket fire, often at night to disrupt sleep patterns and cause fatigue (It did). More of a psychological weapon than anything else. The enemy mortar teams would jump out of vehicles, fire a few rounds, and then haul ass in a matter of seconds.

THE FIGHT

Fun fact: Apparently the bad guys have marveled at the marksmanship of our guys and how hard they fight. They are apparently told in Jihad school that the Americans rely solely on technology, and can be easily beaten in close quarters combat for their lack of toughness. Let's just say they know better now.

Bad guy technology: Simple yet effective. Most communication is by cell and satellite phones and also by email on laptops. They use handheld GPS units for navigation and "Google Earth" for overhead views of our positions. Their weapons are good, if not fancy, and prevalent. Their explosives and bomb technology is TOP OF THE LINE. Night vision is rare. They are very careless with their equipment and the GPS units and laptops are treasure troves of Intel when captured.

Who are the bad guys? These are mostly "foreigners," non-Afghan Arab Jihadists from all over the Muslim world (and Europe). Some are virtually untrained young Jihadists that often end up as suicide bombers or in various "sacrifice squads." Most, however, are hard core terrorists from all the usual suspects (Al Qaeda, Hezbollah, Hamas etc.). These are the guys running around murdering civilians en masse and cutting heads off.

The Chechens (many of whom are Caucasian) are supposedly the most ruthless and the best fighters. They have been fighting the Russians for years. The terrorists have been very adept at infiltrating the Afghan local governments, the police forces and the Army.

They have had a spy and agitator network there since the Iran-Iraq war in the early 80s.

Bad Guy Tactics: When they are engaged on an infantry level they get their asses kicked every time! Brave, but stupid. Suicidal banzai-type charges were very common earlier in the war and still occur. They will literally sacrifice 8-10 man teams in suicide squads by sending them screaming and firing AK's and RPG's directly at our bases just to probe the defenses. They get mowed down like grass every time (see the M2 and M240 above). Jordan 's base was hit like this often. When engaged, they have a tendency to flee to the same building, probably for what they think will be a glorious last stand. Instead, we call in air and that's the end of that more often than not. These hole-ups are referred to as Alpha Whiskey Romeo's (Allah's Waiting Room).

We have the laser-guided, ground-air thing down to a science. The fast mover's, mostly Marine F-18s, are taking an ever increasing toll on the enemy. When caught out in the open, the helicopter gunships and AC-130 Spectre Gunships cut them to ribbons with cannon and rocket fire, especially at night. Interestingly, artillery is hardly used at all.

Fun facts: The enemy death toll is supposedly between 45-50 thousand. That is why we're seeing less and less infantry attacks and more IED, suicide; bomber sh-t. The new strategy is just simple attrition. The insurgent tactic most frustrating is their use of civilian non-combatants as cover. They know we do all we can to avoid civilian casualties and therefore

schools, hospitals and especially Mosques are locations where they meet, stage for attacks, cache weapons and ammo, and flee to when engaged. They have absolutely no regard whatsoever for inflicting civilian casualties. They will terrorize locals and murder without hesitation anyone believed to be sympathetic to the Americans. Kidnapping of family members, especially children, is common to influence people they are trying to influence but can't reach, such as local government officials, clerics, tribal leaders, etc. The first thing our guys are told is "don't get captured." They know that if captured they will be tortured and beheaded on the internet. They openly offer bounties for anyone who brings in a live American serviceman. This motivates the criminal element who otherwise don't give a sh-t about the war. A lot of the beheading victims were actually kidnapped by common criminals and sold to them. As such, for our guys, every fight is to the death. Surrender is not an option. The Afghani's are a mixed bag. Some fight well; others aren't worth a damn. Most do okay with American support.

Finding leaders is hard, but they are getting better. Many Afghanis were galvanized and the caliber of recruits in the Army and the police forces went right up, along with their motivation. It also led to an exponential increase in good intel because the Afghani's are sick of the insurgent attacks against civilians.

Morale: According to Jordan, morale among our guys is very high. They not only believe that

they are winning, but that they are winning decisively. They are stunned and dismayed by what they see in the American press, whom they almost universally view as against them. The embedded reporters are despised and distrusted. They are inflicting casualties at a rate of 20-1 and then see sh-t like "Are we losing in Iraq" on TV and the print media. For the most part, they are satisfied with their equipment, food, and leadership. Bottom line though,

and they all say this, is that there are not enough guys there to drive the final stake through the heart of the insurgency, primarily because there aren't enough troops in-theater to shut down the borders with Afghanistan and Pakistan. The Iranians and the Syrians just can't stand the thought of Afghanistan being an American ally (with, of course, permanent U. S. bases there).

Anyway, that's it, hope you found it interesting.

(Submitted by Bob Sundling)

GOODIES FOR THE TROOPS

Peggy Sundling, who continues to send "Goodies to the Troops," has provided a sampling of items which are needed for the shipments. She cautions, "NO CHOCOLATE!" Items include Moist Wipes--with or without aloe (some people are allergic); Beef Jerky/Slim Jims--very popular; Hard Candy--no lollipops; Lotions and Moisturizers; Lip Balm; Chewing Gum; Crackers/Snacks/Granola Bars--in individual packages for easy toting; Fruit Snacks/Raisins--in individual packages; Writing Tablets/Envelopes/Pens; Crossword Puzzles; Magazines--military, automotive, hunting, etc. (used, are fine); Drink Mixes--individual envelopes.

Thanks, Marines, for your continued support!



REMEMBER: Cell Phone Numbers Go Public this month.

REMINDER ... all cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls.

YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS

To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone: 888-382-1222.

It is the National DO NOT CALL list. It will only take a minute of your time. It blocks your number for five years (the website below has no time limit). You must call from the cell phone number you want to have blocked. You cannot call from a different phone number.

HELP OTHER BY PASSING THIS ON.

It takes about 20 seconds.

<http://www.donotcall.gov/default.aspx>

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