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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE A CONFERENCE CALL ON MAY 13, 2020

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

I hope this finds everyone doing well, both physically and mentally. Hopefully we are coming to an end of the total isolation. We have not had a meeting since March and there is a little Detachment housekeeping that we should do before the end of June.

First, we need to have our installation and there is no doubt that we will have to do it over a conference call in order to get it done by June 30th.

Secondly, we must get an official nomination in the minutes for Department Marine of the Year and National Marine of the year. Of course we will have to pick a person to send in for each before we can nominate that person so I would like all of you to think of some Marine in our Detachment that would qualify for each of those awards. My thoughts on this is to send in Bob Sundling, PC for Department Marine of the Year, and NE Division Vice Commandant Jim Powell, PC for National Marine of the year. This is just my opinion, but everyone has a say so if you have a candidate you will have to be on the conference call, we will be having in May to nominate someone.

Third is the to deal with the parade float and the Doylestown Memorial Day Parade, which has been cancelled. We still do not have a decision on the ceremonies at the cemetery which may or may not be held. I would like to see if we can get it the float moved into the parking structure in Doylestown A.S.A.P..

The fourth and final issue that I can think of is the Fundraiser(s) and lack thereof. The fundraiser at the Liquor store has been cancelled and selling tickets for the Department is going to be difficult. The Central Bucks Scholarship is an issue we will have to address considering we currently have no income.

Based on all of these issues, I will be scheduling a conference call on Wednesday May 13th where we can perform our installation and take care of the other items I have mentioned above. We will start at 1900 and follow an abbreviated agenda which I will send out ahead of time with the call-in number and password. It is important that we have as many people as we can on this call if anyone thinks they will have issues let me know and if needed we can have a test run so you can see how it works. Stay safe and I'll talk to you all soon .

Semper Fi,

Joe Kier, Commandant



MCL Schedule

**CENTRAL BUCKS
TELECONFERENCE CALL
MAY 13, 2020**

**POTENTIAL DOYLESTOWN
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CEREMONIES
MAY 25, 2020**

**DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
ANNUAL CONVENTION
HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA
OCTOBER 15 –17, 2020**

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Thank you, Lord. Our lives are in your mighty hands. Quiet our minds and hearts. Slow our breathing and help us to relax in your presence. We maintain our resolve to lift those very close to us in prayer this day who are battling not only this Covid-19, but also divorce, relational challenges, depression, anxiety, medical conditions, financial challenges and a host of other concerns. Thank you Lord for strength to stand in the gap for one another. We are nothing on our own, but as a unified body, we live fully in you. Draw near to us oh God and make our spirits one.

May we live out 1Peter 1:14-16 "As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: " Be holy, because I am holy." May we all come to know you more and receive your peace. Guide us and protect us. Thank you for never giving up on us, Lord. We give you all praise and glory.

Amen.

Semper fi and may God Bless America and our Corps.

Dana R Lortie

Chaplain



Marines Conducting Security Help Save Patients Bound for USNS Comfort

On April 7, 2020 a local NYC hospital had to undergo an emergency evacuation and needed to send patients in 10 ambulances to the Comfort. The Medical staff onboard USNS Comfort were at that time treating trauma, emergency and urgent care patients without regard to the COVID-19 status. Until this call, the USNS Comfort's normal busy night would be one ambulance every 30 minutes, and never so many arriving at once.

A detail of Camp Lejeune, NC Marines, led by Austin Loppe were manning a Pier 90 security checkpoint and had to quickly screen each ambulance and manage traffic on the pier so that the medical staff could bring the patients aboard and start treatment. Lotte stated, "Us being Infantry Marines, we're all trained in Combat LifeSaver/Tactical Combat Casualty Care." Loppe credits this training to the quick training and decisive actions that resulted in saving at least 2 lives of ambulance patients who were running dangerously low on oxygen and needed to be moved even more quickly to the ship for immediate medical care. As the security team worked to prioritize entry for the patients in most dire need, they realized other patients were also running low on oxygen so as Navy medical staff provided oxygen tanks, the Marines ran up and down the pier delivering life-saving equipment and giving each patient a better chance of survival.

Marine Captain Peter Hofinga, company commander of the Marines providing security for the Comfort expressed his pride in how quickly his marines adapted to the new challenge. "It's kind of hard to put into words. Its immensely humbling to observe the Marines and actions that small-unit leaders are making, rapid decisions on their own without any sort of tasking or supervision, he said.

Marines Deploy from Okinawa to Guam in Response to COVID-19 Crisis

Approximately 120 Marines and Sailors assigned to the 3rd Transportation Battalion and including the 3rd Marine Logistics Group, deployed from Okinawa to execute the Maritime Prepositioning Force offload in Guam. Within 72 hours of receiving the request for support, and over a seven-day period upon arrival in Guam, the Marines and Sailors offloaded and staged 152 EMF-150 containers. These containers provide expanded medical capabilities in support of the DoD's COVID-19 response and will enable forces to be postured to support Guam and the region if requested.

Lt. Col Jarrad Caola, commanding officer of 3rd TSB stated "Maritime Prepositioning Operations plan a critical part in the Navy and Marine Corps' ability to rapidly deploy and bring capabilities to bear on emerging problems. Within a few hours of notification, the Marines and Sailors assigned to 3rd TSB were ready to deploy."

Camp Pendleton Marines Mitigate COVID-19 Spread While Looking Ahead to 2020 Fire Season

While Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton leadership maintain their primary focus on COVID-19 mitigation, the Camp Pendleton Fire Department must keep their eye on the threat of wildfires the come each summer as hot weather and dry summer months return. The annual preparations are coordinated with local communities to perform prescribed burns and cut about 200 acres of firebreaks to protect the 125,000-acre base. With 114,000 of these acres being dedicated to training, these preparations will allow the base to continue to operate safely and accomplish their mission.

Marine Corps 2020 Marathon Proceeds

“We will execute the Marathon as scheduled” said U.S Marine Corps Colonel William Bentley, commander, Marine Corps Base Quantico. Some races leading up to the Marathon have been canceled due to COVID-19 concerns. Although participants will be allowed to defer until 2021 without further costs, some creative solutions have been devised to allow those who want to participate to do so.

Runners were given until May 7th to switch to a “virtual marathon” format, allowing them to participate by running a route of their choosing and submitting run times. Col. Bentley wants the runners to know that the community remains strong, supportive and united and states **“Stay Motivated, stay safe, keep moving. Semper Fi.”**

Marines Adapting to Social Distancing Mandate

The daily lives of U.S. Marines have drastically changed since the outbreak of COVID-19. Marines stationed at Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, Okinawa, Japan, have implemented teleworking as a way to practice social distancing and combat the spread of the virus.

NWCA Launches Scholastic Wrestling Webinar Series presented by the US Marine Corps

The National Wrestling Coaches Association announced the launch of an on-line new coaching initiative presented by the United States Marine Corps. The hope is that these webinars will help connect coaches and give them an opportunity for continuous coaching development. In addition to live sessions, the webinars will be available through archives for on-demand viewing.

Marine Corps Cancels Physical Fitness Test Requirement over COVID-19

Commandant General David Berger announced in a tweet the cancellation of PFT requirements:

“Marines, the PFT requirement for this semi-annual period is cancelled in accordance with COVID-19 prevention guidelines. Our fitness to fight remains a priority, and I expect each of us to continue to maintain our fighting conditions. Find details in forthcoming MARADMIN.”

All Marines are required to conduct a PFT at least once a year, which mainly consists of a three-mile run, pullups, and crunches. Although this is probably a welcome change to help ensure the health and safety of Marines. However, the Corps continues its uncompromising attitude toward Marines getting haircuts!

COVID-19 Impacts Basic Training at Parris Island

According to anonymous defense officials, between 25-50 positive COVID-19 cases, some of which include recruits in training, have been confirmed at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, SC. As of March 30, the Recruit Depot suspended the shipping of new recruits to Parris Island. When shipping resumes, new recruits will be held in a 14-day staging period before they begin processing ahead of training that will include multiple medical screenings each day. Additionally, physical distancing measures are being implemented in dining facilities and squad bays. During training, physical distancing will be handled at the discretion of the drill instructors.

This Month In USMC History

1800's

- May 13, 1846 US Congress declares war on Mexico.
- May 15, 1862 Corporal John Mackie becomes the first Marine to receive the Medal of Honor
- May 1, 1898 In the first battle of the Spanish-American War, Spanish fleet was destroyed in Manilla Bay. Marines then occupied Cavite Naval station.

Early 20th Century and WWI Era

- May 31, 1900 Marines reach Chinese capital to defend Legation Quarter from Boxer rebellion.
- May 20, 1906 Major John A Lejeune embarked his battalion for duty in Panama.
- May 22, 1912 First Lieutenant Alfred Cunningham becomes the first Marine aviator.
- May 15, 1916 Marine battalion began occupation of Dominican Republic.
- May 14, 1917 First Marine detachment transferred to the newly opened post at Quantico, VA.

Mid-Century and WWII Era

- May 6, 1937 Marines at NAS Lakehurst helped rescue Hindenburg survivors.
- May 2, 1946 Marines helped quell a prison riot at Alcatraz Island, CA.
- May 23, 1948 First Marine amphibious helicopter exercise at New River, NC.

Cold War Era

- May 12, 1980 Embassy Marines in San Salvador used tear gas to rescue U.S ambassador from mob.
- May 30, 1997 Marines help evacuate 2,500 from Kinshasa, Zaire as part of assistance due to Bangladesh natural disaster victims.

Information developed through google research, Marine Corps League Outer Banks Detachment (web page), and USHistory.com.



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

MAY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13 Central Bucks Meeting Conference Call	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
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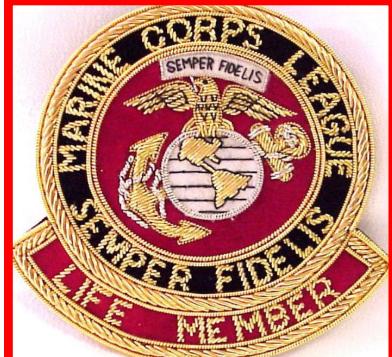
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