



**CARRY-ON DETACHMENT  
#1236  
JOHNSTON COUNTY,  
NORTH CAROLINA**

**MAY  
2023**

**OUR FUTURE**

Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm: Carry-On Business Meeting.

Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 8 am: Memorial Day Flag Distribution

Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Percy John Fulton Det. 1075 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Mud Run. Jomeokee Park and Campground, 1140 Paces Place, Pinnacle, NC 27403

Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> – Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>: DoNC Convention. Hilton Garden Inn, 1016 Jacksonville Pkwy, Jacksonville, NC 28546

**OUR PAST**

**30 April - 2 May 1968** - Marine BLT 2/4 engaged and defeated elements of two enemy regiments from the 320th NVA Division in the small hamlet of Dai Do in the 3d Marine Division Cua Viet sector near Dong Ha. Both the Marine battalion and the enemy sustained heavy casualties in the intensive three-day battle. Two of the Marine company commanders were awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions during the battle.

Significance: The battle of Dai Do forestall a larger NVA offensive aimed at taking the large Marine headquarters and logistic base at Dong Ha. This was part of the renewed Communist offensive labeled “Mini-Tet” that occurred throughout much of South Vietnam at this time.

**6 May 2008** – Marines of Task Force National Capital Region began returning home to Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, after spending six months deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The specially created task force handled security details while in Iraq but was predominately made up of Marines not normally assigned infantry duties.

**19 May - 5 June 1998**– Approximately 10,600 U.S. and 6,250 Thailand service members participated in Exercise Cobra Gold 98, the largest exercise in the Asian-Pacific region so far in 1998. The exercise was conducted against a real-world backdrop of regional uncertainty. Neighboring India and Pakistan conducted 11 nuclear weapons test blasts and Indonesia’s President Mohammed Suharto was forced to resign from his 33-year reign as president. As Thai and U.S. troops trained together, 2,000 combat-ready Marines with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit were diverted from the exercise toward Indonesia and positioned offshore as a possible evacuation force in case foreign nationals were unable to safely leave the troubled country by commercial transportation.

**23 May 1988** – The V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tilt-rotor aircraft, made its debut during rollout ceremonies at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, Texas, facility. More than 1,000 representatives from the industry, military, and media gathered at Bell's Flight Research Center to hear guest of honor Mr. Jim Wright, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and General Alfred M. Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps, praise the versatile rotorcraft designed from the ground up to meet the needs of all four services on 21st century battlefields. The Osprey is scheduled for delivery to the Corps beginning in late 1991.

**30 May 1918** – 2d Division begins moving up to check the Germans. The 9th Infantry and the 5th Marines, the lead elements, are initially spread across the entire rear of the retiring XXI French Corps. As the 6th Marines and the 23d Infantry arrive they are fed into position and the thinly-held line becomes 11 miles long. The orders are: “No retirement will be thought of on any pretext whatsoever.” By 4 June, most French units have withdrawn through the

lines and the Marines and soldiers are holding the front. Their frontage has been shortened to 9,000 yards by fresh French units, which fell in on their flanks. While the French were retiring through the Marines' lines, Captain Lloyd W. Williams, USMC, who was killed in the subsequent battle, snorted, "Retreat Hell, we just got there!" His famous comment was directed at a French officer who urged the Marines to retreat. When the Germans approached the Marines' lines, Marine rifle fire began killing them at 800 yards. German officers, who did not teach their men to shoot at individual targets, first thought they had encountered a panicky unit. But as their casualties mounted, they became convinced they were facing a unit armed with nothing but machine guns. Their advance stalled and never regained its momentum. Their drive on Paris was stopped.

## OUR FALLEN



Tom Barrie. John Bullock. George Gillespie. Robert Moore. Willard Pleasants. Gordon Young. Mark Wayne Williams. Linwood Johnson. George Hartley. Patrick Goodrow. Ken Parker. Carl Naus.



# MEDAL OF HONOR



## WILLIAM ADELBERT FOSTER

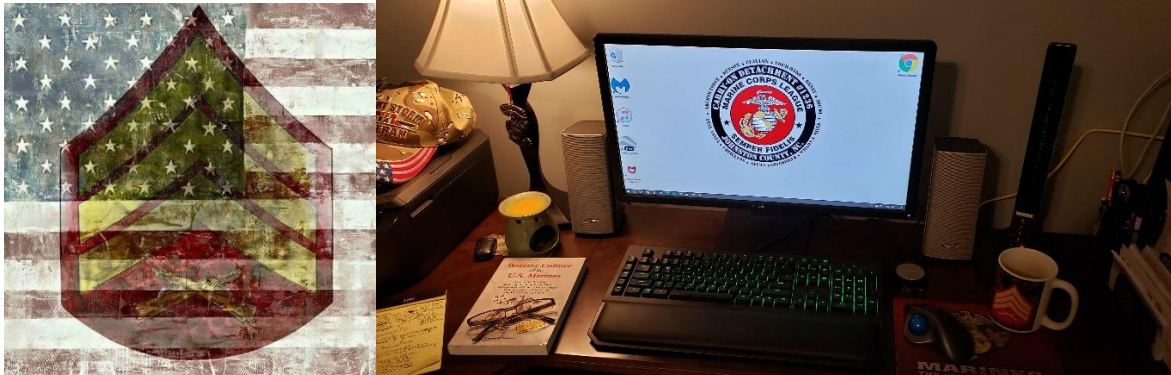
### DETAILS

- **RANK:** PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
- **CONFLICT/ERA:** WORLD WAR II
- **UNIT/COMMAND:**  
COMPANY K, 3D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES,  
1ST MARINE DIVISION
- **MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH:** U.S. MARINE CORPS  
RESERVE
- **MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE:** MAY 2, 1945
- **MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE:** OKINAWA SHIMA,  
RYUKYU ISLANDS

### CITATION

- For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a rifleman with the 3d Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima in the Ryukyu Chain, 2 May 1945. Dug in with another Marine on the point of the perimeter defense after waging a furious assault against a strongly fortified Japanese position, Pfc. Foster and his comrade engaged in a fierce hand-grenade duel with infiltrating enemy soldiers. Suddenly an enemy grenade landed beyond reach of the foxhole. Instantly diving on the deadly missile, Pfc. Foster absorbed the exploding charge in his own body, thereby protecting the other Marine from serious injury. Although mortally wounded, as a result of his heroic action, he quickly rallied, handed his own two remaining grenades to his comrade and said, "Make them count." Stouthearted and indomitable, he had unhesitatingly relinquished his own chance of survival that his fellow Marine might carry on the relentless fight against a fanatic enemy, and his dauntless determination, cool decision, and valiant spirit of self-sacrifice in the face of certain death reflect the highest credit upon Pfc. Foster and upon the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country.
- **ACCREDITED TO:** OHIO
- **AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY:** YES
- **PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS:** AUGUST 19, 1945  
MAYOR'S OFFICE, CLEVELAND, OHIO, PRESENTED BY GEN. ALEXANDER A. VANDERGRIFT TO HIS PARENTS
- **BORN:** FEBRUARY 17, 1915, CLEVELAND, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OH, UNITED STATES
- **DIED:** MAY 2, 1945, OKINAWA SHIMA, RYUKYU ISLANDS
- **BURIED:** CALVARY CEMETERY (MH) (60-53-2), CLEVELAND, OH, UNITED STATES

# FROM THE COMMANDANT'S DESK



Summer is almost here and our Detachment is going to get busy. Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day which means that Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be placing American flags at the graves of veterans of all branches of military service in honor of their service.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> will take us to Pinnacle, NC for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual MCL Mud Run. At last year's Mud Run, Carry-On had a very good showing with 7 members and family running the course with 3 more as cheerleaders. We had more members present than the rest of the DoNC. (With the exception of the hosting Detachment, Percy John Fulton #1075) I'm hoping for an even better turn out for this Mud Run. I've already registered as a team, so if you want to run, please get on [www.usmcmudrunnc.com](http://www.usmcmudrunnc.com) and click register, then look for the Carry-On team. Cost per individual will be \$45 plus \$4.20 processing fee to equal \$49.20. We usually "run" with the DoNC team, so if they are getting t-shirts made this year, I will get with you to find out sizes needed.

June 9<sup>th</sup> will be the NC Pack Grand Growl prior to the June 10<sup>th</sup> DoNC Convention being hosted by the Onslow County Detachment #262 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Jacksonville. Again, I would like as much participation as possible by our Detachment. According to our Detachment membership size, we are allowed 4 delegates, but ALL MCL members are invited to participate. We always learn things at DoNC meetings, but the Convention is always the nomination / election of the new Department Officers.

What else is going on this summer? Soon, we will know which students will be receiving the Ken Parker scholarships. Future Eagle Scout ceremonies. Good Business Awards. Maybe a Mud Cat ball game like we did last July? When exact dates are solidified, the Detachment will spread the word.

How surprising would it be if more than two or three Carry-On members actually participated in these events?

*Respectfully submitted, Commandant William Dunn*



# EAGLE SCOUT

On Saturday, April 29th, an Eagle Scout Ceremony was held for Eagle Scout Ryan Klimp from Boy Scout Troop 33 of Oakland Presbyterian Church of Clayton.

Ryan the son of Scott and Gina Klimp. He officially joined Cub Scouts at age 6 as a member of Pack 64, chartered at Mount Zion United Methodist Church, after 2 years of being an "honorary Scout" in his brother Noah's den. Ryan completed his Webelos and Arrow of Light with Pack 57 in 2016, and crossed over to Troop 33, here at Oakland Presbyterian Church. Ryan attended the 2017 National Scout Jamboree as a Council Scout of Troop 4421 in West Virginia. Ryan has completed National Youth Leadership Training, or "NYLT", and served as a staff member for Woodbadge Class S7-424-21. Ryan also earned his Ordeal in the Order of the Arrow at Nayawin RaR Lodge in the Tuscarora Council. Ryan served as the Troop-33 Senior Patrol Leader during the shutdown of our nation.

During his Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Ryan was presented with an Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Award from Eagle Scout Coordinator Bob Long, Past Commandant Bo Durham and Judge Advocate Richard Arthur on behalf of the Johnston County Marine Corps League Carry-On Detachment 1236.

Ryan is a senior at Cleveland High School. He is an active multi-sport athlete, Vice President of the National Honor Society, and loves lifting weights. After high school, Ryan is planning to study Exercise Science and Biology.



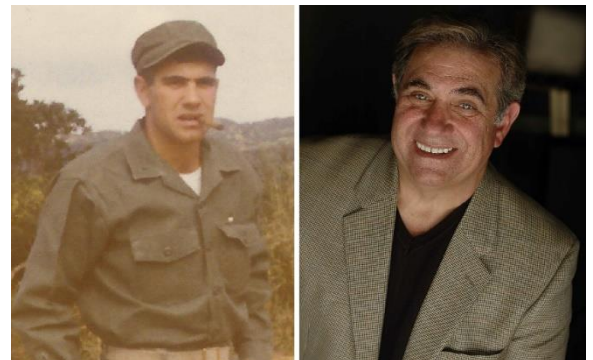
## DID YOU KNOW THEY ARE MARINES?

### DON ADAMS

The man known as Maxwell Smart, and the voice of Inspector Gadget, also served in the Marines during World War II. An actor-comedian recognized for his timing and delivery, served in the [Battle of Guadalcanal](#) and the Pacific Theater of Operations. During his wartime service, he was shot by a sniper and contracted blackwater fever, aka malaria. He recovered in a Navy hospital in New Zealand and then, once recovered, served as a Drill Instructor achieving the rank of corporal before his discharge.



Upon returning to civilian life, Adams eventually broke into television in 1954 after years of struggling. He appeared on many comedy shows during the 1950s and early 1960s. He got his big break on *Get Smart* as the eponymous Maxwell Smart. The show lasted five seasons and Adams then went on to different points in his career. He struggled with type casting and eventually found further work in the *Inspector Gadget* animated series as Gadget himself. He continued acting and voicing projects until 2000.



### DAN LAURIA

Lauria is best known for his role as the patriarch of the Arnold family, Jack, in *The Wonder Years*. He has appeared in a couple more series which are still in recent memory such as *Sullivan and Son*, and *Pitch*. He grew up in New York, attended Southern Connecticut State University, where he began acting, and then served in the Corps as an officer. His service in the Corps was from 1970 to 1973 with him serving at An Loc which is close to the Cambodian border. Lauria left the service as a Captain.

His acting career has spanned over five decades including stage, film, and TV. He was in the film *Independence Day*, appeared on stage as [Vince Lombardi in Lombardi on Broadway](#) and served as the Department of Veteran Affairs celebrity hospital visitor for one year touring hospitals to meet patients. Significant TV credits for him include *Law & Order: SVU*, *Walker*, *Texas Ranger*, *Batman Beyond*, *Smallville*, *JAG*, *Criminal Minds*, *NCIS: Los Angeles* and *Blue Bloods*. He's made a career of playing America's Dad or coach. In the military, Lauria worked on the Kennedy assassination investigation.



June 3rd, 2023

Registration will begin March 1, 2023

Jomeokee Park and Campground  
 1140 Paces Place  
 Pinnacle, NC 27043



WHAT'S WITH ALL THE BARKING?



IT'S ONLY THE NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE OVER THERE.



I HAVE NEITHER THE TIME, NOR THE INCLINATION, TO EXPLAIN MYSELF TO A DOG WHO RISES AND SLEEPS UNDER THE BLANKET OF THE VERY FREEDOM I PROVIDE, AND THEN QUESTIONS THE MANNER IN WHICH I PROVIDE IT.





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## Marines!

Let us help our building host, American Legion Pou-Parrish Post 332, with collecting pop/beer tabs for the Durham/Wake Ronald McDonald House!



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