

CARRY-ON DETACHMENT #1236 JOHNSTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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1236 of the Marine
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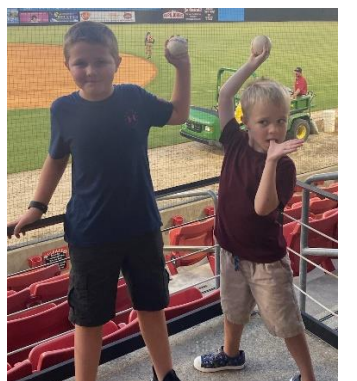


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3. BENDROME	0-2	SS
4. DE LEON	1-2	3B
5. BRAIG	3-3	LF
6. ROMERO	0-3	2B
7. ACEVEDO	0-3	RF
8. MARTINEZ	1-3	1B
9. GRILLON	0-2	C

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What Business Meeting? We had a good turnout for the Mud Cats game with 13 members and six family. You must admit, getting our name on the Jumbo Tron is pretty good advertising. Our Adj/Paymaster Bob Long was named the Hero of the Game, so he was also on the big screen. We need to do this more often.

OUR FUTURE

Monday, Aug 1st, 11 am: USMC Silent Drill Team and "Commandant's Own" Drum and Bugle Corps Cary High School, Cary, NC.

Tuesday, Aug 9th, 7 pm: Carry-On Business Meeting.

Sunday, Aug 14th – Saturday, Aug 20th: 2022 MCL National Convention, Daytona, Florida

OUR PAST

1 August 2007: Wounded Warrior Battalion-West officially uncased its colors during a ceremony at Camp Pendleton. The battalion, one of two under the new Wounded Warrior Regiment based at MCB Quantico, was established to provide oversight and care for recovering Marines west of the Mississippi River.

13 August 1960: General David M. Shoup, CMC, announced that plans to reactivate all six landing teams deactivated in Fiscal Year 1959 were progressing on schedule. Five would be reestablished by the end of June 1960.

15 August 1985 – Four Marines and a Navy corpsman were honored during the Marine Corps League's fifth annual force-in-readiness exposition. The awards are presented yearly to deserving enlisted Marines and a Navy hospital corpsman/dental technician who distinguished themselves by contributing to combat readiness in the Fleet Marine Force. The 1985 Marine winners were: Gunnery Sergeant Valaile Fuiava, Jr., received the Gunnery Sergeant Carlos N. Hathcock II Award for marksmanship training; Sergeant Joseph J. Busweiler received the Sergeant Major Wilbur Bestwick Award to a Marine in the ground combat element of an FMF unit; Gunnery Sergeant Melvin E. Farr received the Sergeant Harry D. Meyers Award to a Marine in the combat service support element of an FMF unit; and Staff Sergeant Raymond F. Hilfiger received the Sergeant Major Frederick B. Douglass Award to a Marine in an aviation element of an FMF unit.

19-20 August 1952: HMR-161 Operation Ripple introduces tactical innovation of transporting 4.5-inch rocket battery weapons and personnel to new firing position.

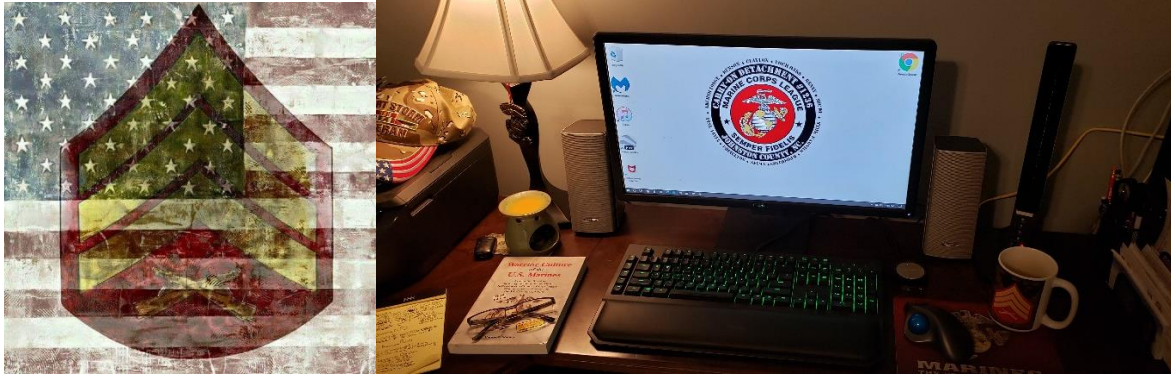
25 August 1947: Major Marion CaF1, USMC, a test pilot at the Patuxent Naval Air Test Center, set a world 3—kilometer speed record of 650.6 mph in a jet Douglas D-558 Skystreak at Muroc Lake, Calif.

OUR FALLEN



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

FROM THE COMMANDANT'S DESK



This past Thursday (July 28th) I had the pleasure in meeting Commandant Antonio Hardy and the Marines of the John V. Berg Detachment #257 located in Kinston, NC. This Detachment is one of the charter members of the MCL Department of North Carolina. There is a story that goes with this meeting.

A few years ago, I took part in a funeral ceremony for a Navy veteran in Kinston. Marines from the Suzi Sannes Detachment (1262) and the Gold Leaf Detachment (1276) and myself made up the detail that performed the three-volley tribute then carried the casket from the hearse to the final resting place. Active-duty Marines were also present to assist and present the family with the folded flag. I knew that there was a MCL Detachment in Kinston and questioned on why they weren't present for this funeral. I was told that they weren't a very active Detachment. I pretty much let it be at that but filed it in the back of my brain housing group.

Then last year Bob Long and I took part in the Gold Leaf Detachment's golf tournament in which I had purchased a bunch of raffle tickets and ended up winning free rounds of golf at four different courses. One of them is the Falling Creek Golf Club in Kinston.

Now, I am trying to promote the fellowship of the Detachments within the DoNC by playing a round of golf prior to the M.O.D.D. Pack Growl that takes place the day before each DoNC business meeting. The Spring Business, The Summer Convention, then the Fall Business. At this year's summer convention weekend, I got to play a round at the Hillandale Club in Durham with the DoNC Commandant Ric Ledford and North DVC Jim Mitchell. There is plenty of opportunity to talk MCL during 18 holes of golf. One part of discussion led to Kinston's JVB Detachment. Apparently, they were in trouble of losing their charter. I didn't know why, and I didn't need to know.

Remember that file from my brain housing group? A few weeks ago, I called Commandant Antonio Hardy to see if he or a couple of his Marines would like to join myself and another Carry-On Marine in a round of golf. I asked if he would mind if I showed up to the Detachment's next business meeting and he proceeded to tell me that the Detachment is still meeting, but not officially because they did, in fact, lose their charter, but I'm still welcome to visit. Cool. I'll be there.

I called Bob Long and asked if he'd like to tag along. Of course, he said yes. Can't pass up a chance to meet other Marines of the League. In the meantime, I've been talking with Keith Shearin, a member of the Gold Leaf Detachment and the Pound Keeper of the Jesse O. Price Pound #210. He became interested due to the Kinston Detachment not having any Dogs in the M.O.D.D. He asked to go with us to invite any Marines of the John V. Berg Detachment to join the M.O.D.D.

In the words of famous pitch man, Billy Mays: "But wait there's more!" The day before going to Kinston, Keith tells me that DoNC Jr. Vice Commandant Reggie Sawyer is also going to be in attendance along with NorthEast DVC Leotha Forte. The JVB Detachment doesn't know it, but Reggie and Leotha are returning the Detachment's Charter. Fantastic news!



So here we are. Five strangers from different detachments show up in Kinston in our casual dress uniforms to a “not a business meeting”. I’m pretty sure the JVB Marines were all thinking, “what the?”.

I’m not going to go over every detail of the meeting, but what started out as myself asking to play golf, turned out being a surprise return of the Detachment’s charter. I can honestly say, that the JVB was excited, thankful, and emotional. These are some very dedicated and proud Marines. Every member asked questions of the visitors and was just soaking in all the information. I believe that the John V. Berg Detachment #257 is going to become very active very soon.



Why did I tell you this long story? Commandant Hardy mentioned during the meeting that Our Good Lord works in mysterious ways. One phone call can make a lot of change. That isn’t only true between Detachments, but also for individuals. The Carry-On Detachment can learn something from this. We still have a lot of our membership that “isn’t very active”. For whatever reason our Detachment of over 50 members only has fifteen to twenty members that show up to a business meeting and less than ten that attend the extracurricular things that the Detachment is involved with. Eagle Scouts, Toys For Tots, etc., etc. We thought that doing something fun instead of a business meeting would draw some interest and yet only thirteen of our members came to the Mud Cats game.

Who is going to make that one phone call that can make a change? I know that a few of our Marines are making those phone calls. I know it’s not an overnight thing, but hopefully that change will come. Carry-On has a lot of work to do. Amongst our own and in the community. We just need our Marines to help.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
COMMANDANT WILLIAM DUNN**

SEMPER FIDELIS!

DID YOU KNOW?

A couple weeks ago a co-worker of mine asked me if I knew who L.Q. Jones was? He passed away on July 9th and was in a bunch of old western movies and tv shows. So, I looked him up. I immediately recognized him, but I never really new what his name was. He was born Justus Ellis McQueen Jr, August 19th, 1927 in Beaumont, Texas. After serving in the United States Navy from 1945 to 1946, Jones attended Lamar Junior College and Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas, and then studied law, business and journalism at the University of Texas at Austin from 1950 to 1951. He then tried his hand at stand-up comedy, briefly played professional baseball and football, and even tried ranching in Nicaragua. Then an old college roommate of his who was already acting convinced him to try acting also.

As I'm scrolling through the Wikipedia page to find film and tv credits, I see that he was in some very big tv shows of the time. In the 1950s and '60s it was Perry Mason, Laramie, Tales of Wells Fargo, The Rifleman. In the 1970s and '80s it was shows like Gunsmoke, Ironside, Kung Fu, Charlie's Angles, The Dukes of Hazzard, and the A-Team.

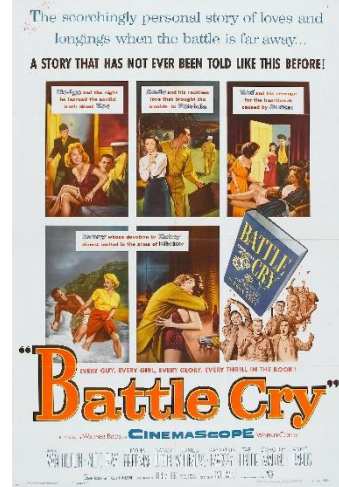
He was seen with some of the biggest names in film history, also. In "Stay Away Joe" (1968) and "Love Me Tender" (1956), it was Elvis Presley. In 1973 it was James Coburn and Kris Kristofferson in "Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid". 1968 brought him to act with Clint Eastwood in "Hang 'Em High". In 1995, it was DeNiro and Pesci in "Casino". Sixty-six movies in total. But his very first film is what I found the most interesting. It was a movie about the United States Marine Corps. And wouldn't you know it? I bought the Blu-Ray disc of the film on Amazon.



"Battle Cry" was released in 1955 and is based on the 1953 novel by veteran Marine Leon Uris. It was filmed in cooperation with the Marine Corps and aboard MCB Camp Pendleton.

Here is the description of the film taken from the back cover of the disc:

"...starring a who's who of '50s movie stars, Battle Cry is an epic ode to WWII marine heroism and Homefront sacrifice. A saga following recruits from boot camp to a New Zealand base of operations to the war they knew would someday come their way: the bloody invasion of Saipan. Enlist now alongside the fighting men and stalwart women of Battle Cry for boisterous tenderness and gung-ho excitement."



From IMDB: "In World War II, a group of raw recruits join the U.S. Marines. They come from all walks of life and go through boot camp together. After basic training, they are sent to Camp Elliott and the 2nd Battalion of the 6th Marines commanded by Major Sam Huxley. His job is now to make them into an effective fighting unit. They leave family and girlfriends behind but soon meet new people, fall in love, and fall out of love. In November 1942, they shipped out arriving first in New Zealand for advanced training and from there on to Guadalcanal. Tarawa is their next mission, but Huxley must pull strings to get his battalion into front line action. He gets his wish with the invasion of Saipan."

Now, I've watched this film over the past weekend, and I have to say, it's good. Not great, but good. It seems to focus on the love interests of several of the Marines more than it does the action. Fictitious story, yes. Based on some truth, maybe. It's Hollywood.

Now, back to Justus Ellis McQueen Jr. What was his character's name in Battle Cry? A kid from Arkansas named L.Q. Jones. Justus liked the name so much, that he made it his stage name for the rest of his career. One that spanned over 60 years.

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