



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

**MAY
2022**



2022-2023 OFFICERS INSTALLATION

Tuesday, April 12th, the Carry-On Detachment invited North District Vice Commandant William Brown to be the Installing Officer of the 2022-2023 Officers. Friends and family enjoyed a nice meal catered by the Parkside Café of Pine Level. Left to right in the above police lineup: Chaplain John Mott, Judge Advocate Alvin DeBats, Senior Vice Commandant Chris Hannifin, Commandant William Dunn, Junior Vice Commandant Jimmie George Jr., Sgt-at-Arms Richard Arthur, Adjutant / Paymaster and Junior Past Commandant Robert Long.



Chaplain John Mott and Commandant William Dunn were both presented with the MCL Distinguished Service Award from Junior Past Commandant Robert Long.



The normal procedure is for the outgoing Commandant to hand the colors to the incoming Commandant who then hands it to the Sgt-at-Arms to place back in its rightful place. Wanting to honor our two active Charter members, we asked Alfred Peavy and Tim Daniel, both Past Commandants, to be included in this portion of the Installation.

EAGLE SCOUT



Cooper Bingham Thomas the son of Donald and Mandy Thomas, was presented with the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award during his Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony today by Detachment Commandant Bob Long and Past Detachment Commandant Devell Durham Jr at Camp Tuscarora outdoor Chapel.

When a young person becomes a BSA Scout there is within them something that we call the spirit of Scouting. Cooper received that spirit at the age of four tagging along with his older brother Carter on various scouting adventures. He officially joined Cub Scout Pack 33, Den 7 as a Tiger in 2012, earning his arrow of light, and crossed over to Boy Scout Troop 33 in March 2017. After crossover, the entire Den 7 was assigned to the highway patrol and Cooper was elected to his first leadership position as patrol leader. In addition to serving as patrol leader, Cooper has served in additional leadership positions such as Librarian, Bugler, Order of the Arrow Representative, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader with Troop 57.

Throughout his Boy Scout career, he has earned 32 merit badges, well over the Eagle Scout required amount of 21. Those who know him would not be surprised that the first merit badge he earned was aviation! During his time with T57 Cooper completed National Youth Leadership Training and his

brotherhood ordeal for the Order of the Arrow (Honor Society of Scouting). In July of 2021, Cooper attended Philmont Scout Ranch In New Mexico, where he and his crew hiked more than 75 miles and scaled the infamous summit named Baldy Mountain at 12,441 feet. In June 2022, he plans to attend his second high adventure camp at Northern Tier in Minnesota where he will canoe and camp the Boundary Waters. Besides the High Adventure camps, Cooper participated in summer camps, hikes, fundraising, and countless campouts- with his favorite being The Yorktown Aircraft Carrier. Since cub scouts, Cooper has served on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day at Johnston County ceremonies and by placing flags on veteran's graves at local churches. These events became the inspiration for his Eagle Project...The Veteran's History Project. In his project, Cooper interviewed twenty Veterans regarding their time in the military. He recruited fellow scouts and classmates to help film these interviews. During his eagle "workday", each video (30-minute minimum) was watched and logged by a scout. Then, these videos were submitted to the Library of Congress so the memories from WWII to the present can be shared with future generations.

Cooper is currently a sophomore at Cleveland High School where he is a member of the Student Government Association and soon-to-be a member of the National Honor Society. As a two-year member of Cleveland High School's swim team, Cooper is the 50 Free Conference Champion and was awarded Most Valuable Player for the 2021/2022 swim season. He is also Johnston County's only competitive springboard diver finishing in the top ten at state championships for the past two years. After high school, Cooper plans to attend the Air Force Academy to fulfill his lifelong dream of flying.

FROM THE COMMANDANT'S DESK



Who'da thunk it? I was getting ready to hand Sgt-at-Arms off and be one of the bodies in back. And yet, here we are. I would like to thank everybody in the Carry-On Detachment in having faith in me and I look forward to working with all of you to better our Marine Corps League.

This article may seem like I'm all over the place with how much information I'm covering, but by the end of this, I hope you will understand what I think our Detachment's first focus should be at this time. And that focus is our CURRENT MEMBERSHIP. I feel that too often we don't know who we're missing from meeting to meeting. Why are they missing? Has anybody tried to find out? I realize this is one of our Chaplain's duties, but he's not omniscient. If information isn't passed, it's hard for the Chaplain to do that job.

This past year has been busy and frustrating at the same time. I'm willing to bet that our new Jr. Past Commandant Bob Long and Tim Daniel will agree, we really miss Ken Parker. When Ken passed and we were given the task of finding someone to fill his shoes...almost impossible. Not just filling the Adjutant and Paymaster positions, but everything that he had his hands on.

As for the Adj/Paymaster position, we were lost. Recovery is still ongoing, but we're learning. Not everything is due to the Detachment. There are issues with Department and National that frustrate every Detachment in the League, but we will deal with each and every one as it comes. I could rattle off a list of issues, but I want to focus on one portion of the Adj/Paymaster position, and it deals with each individual Marine in the Carry-On Detachment. Our Rosters.

The Paid Life Member (PLM) roster is sent down from National to the Detachment. It lists every Marine in the Detachment with their home address, membership numbers, Life membership numbers, League membership start date, and if the Marine is in "good standing" which means they are up to date with their membership dues. For the PLMs from 2020 and 2021, our membership has been between 48 and 53 and we had only two members who were unpaid. They will soon be falling from our roster. National MCL bylaws state that after two years, 'not in good standing' will be removed. (This will soon change to 380 days.) For the PLM that came out in January of this year, we had 19. After some corrections at the Department and National levels, the April 2022 PLM shows 14 members 'not in good standing'.

The second roster that we, as a Detachment, keep, is the Contact Information. Names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Each of the Detachment Officers and the Chaplain have a copy of this roster. Initially, this information is taken from the Membership Applications. Of course, life happens and information changes.

We started comparing the two rosters, PLM and Contact, in an effort to contact the individuals that are 'not in good standing'. Hit and miss. Some calls have been answered, some have not. Some calls have been productive and, again, some have not.

One Marine responded to my email of sending the monthly newsletter and flat out told me to lose his contact information and remove him from our roster. That was not productive.

Just recently I spoke with a Marine that hasn't been to a meeting since I've been a MCL member, but I feel that it was a successful call. He will return to 'good standing', but what I got out of that conversation was mainly the camaraderie of one Marine sharing his story with another Marine.

I went to visit another Marine at his home because we don't have a phone number or email on our roster. I found out that he had fallen and was in the hospital. I finally spoke with his son who told me that when his father was released from the hospital, said Marine will be moving to New Jersey to live with and be cared for by his son.

I called and then visited another Marine who is homebound due to an ailment he can't pronounce, and he's connected to an oxygen tank all the time. I think we spent an hour just talking. I came to learn that he had been a rigger for a company that installed machines in the building that I work in today.

Before I close this, I feel that I must also state that information is a two-lane highway. The only way the Detachment knows to act on anything is if we are informed of an issue. I know people like to keep their personal lives somewhat private, but...

Here is my final point. Yes, the Chaplain, the Commandant and the rest of the Detachment Officers have a responsibility to keep up with the membership. But shouldn't we all be a Chaplain when it comes to our fellow Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Chaplains and Associate members? We shouldn't have any of our membership feel that they are being left out or not cared about. No member of the Carry-On Detachment should be 'out of sight, out of mind'. If we lose a member, friend, Marine of the Carry-On, due to inactivity on our part, then we have failed that individual.

There is a line in the Marine Corps League mission statement that says, "to strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families". How do we do that? By talking to each other and taking care of other's needs.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
COMMANDANT WILLIAM DUNN
SEMPER FIDELIS



OUR FUTURE

Tuesday, May 10th, 1900 hrs.: The Carry-On Detachment 1236 Business Meeting.

Friday, May 13th-Saturday, May 14th: DoNC Convention Hosted by the RDU #1482 Detachment at the Hilton Garden Inn, 3912 Arrow Drive, Raleigh, NC. 27612

Saturday, June 4th: 12th MCL Mud Run. Pinnacle, NC. For information and registration, check out www.usmcmudrunnc.com.

Friday, June 24th-Sunday, June 26th: Mid East Division Conference hosted by the LCpl. Alan D. Lam #1209 Detachment at the Doubletree by Hilton Raleigh-Durham Airport Hotel. 4810 Page Creek Lane, Durham, NC. 27703

OUR PAST

1 May 1947: A new command, Fleet Marine Force, Western Pacific (FMFWesPac) was activated at Tsingtao, China, under Brigadier General Omar T. Pfeiffer. Its principal mission was to provide security for United States naval training activities. The command consisted of the Headquarters and Service Battalion; 3d Battalion, 4th Marines; 2d Battalion, 1st Marines; 12th Service Battalion; and Air Wing Service Squadrons, VMF-21 -, and VMR-153.

9 May 1963: CORSICA—Sub unit Two of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 landed French amphibious forces and U. S. Marines behind "enemy" lines in southern Corsica in a series of midnight to morning combat landings. The 'enemy' forces consisted of French Foreign Legionnaires and French paratroopers.

14 May 1958: MEDITERRANEAN—At the time of the scheduled relief of the 1st Battalion, 8th Marines as Landing Force Mediterranean by the 2d Battalion, 2d Marines, the political situation in Lebanon had so deteriorated that it was decided to retain both battalions in the area.

21 May 1997 - The Roebling "Alligator" amphibian tractor on display at the Marine Corps Air-Ground Museum, Quantico, Virginia, was recognized by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers as an Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark. A bronze plaque was unveiled at the museum signifying the importance of the Roebling Alligator in the Marine Corps evolution as the world's premier amphibious fighting force. The vehicle was restored by the museum staff in 1985 and placed on exhibit. It is the oldest surviving amphibian vehicle in the United States.

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.



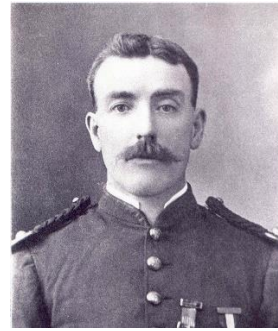
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The Wall That Heals (the travelling Vietnam Memorial) was on display at Lake Benson Park in Garner, NC the weekend of March 31st through April 3rd. Members of the Carry-On Detachment were honored with doing Fire Watch the night of the 31st. Left to Right: Chris Hannifin, Ben Pai, Bill Dunn, Devell Durham, Alfred Peavy, Fred Panasci, James Lee, Bob Long and Debbie Long. Not pictured, but participated, are Tim Daniel and Alvin Debats.



CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR

MAY 11TH, 1898 SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR



Campbell

West

Kuchneister

Scott

Franklin

On board the U.S.S. Marblehead during the cutting of the cable leading from Cienfuegos, Cuba, 11 May 1898. Facing the heavy fire of the enemy, (the following Marines) set an example of extraordinary bravery and coolness throughout this action.

Daniel J Campbell, Pvt. Born: Dec. 26th, 1874 Canada Died: April 28th, 1955 Mattapan, MA

*Edward Sullivan, Cpl. Born: May 16th, 1870 Cork, Ireland Died: March 11th, 1955 Grafton, MA

Walter Scott West, Pvt. Born: March 13th, 1872 Bradford, NH Died: Sep. 14th, 1943.

Hermann Wilhelm Kuchneister, Pvt. Born: Oct. 16th, 1877 Hamburg, Germany Died Feb. 1st, 1923 Salt Lake City, UT

*James Meredith, Pvt. Born: April 11th, 1872 Omaha, NE Died: Jan 18th, 1915

On board the U.S.S. Nashville during the operation of cutting the cable leading from Cienfuegos, Cuba, 11 May 1898. Facing the heavy fire of the enemy, (the following Marines) displayed extraordinary bravery and coolness throughout this action.

*Pomeroy Parker, PVT Born: March 17th, 1874 Gates County, NC Died: Dec. 30th, 1946 Savannah, GA

Joseph Francis Scott, Pvt. Born: June 4th, 1866 Boston, MA Died: Feb. 28th, 1941 Cambridge, MA

*Michael Kearney, Pvt. Born: Oct. 4th, 1874 Newmarket, Ireland Died: Oct. 31st, 1937 Brooklyn, NY

*Oscar Wadsworth Field, Pvt. Born: Oct. 6th, 1873 Jersey City, NJ Died: Jan 5th, 1912 Dayton, OH

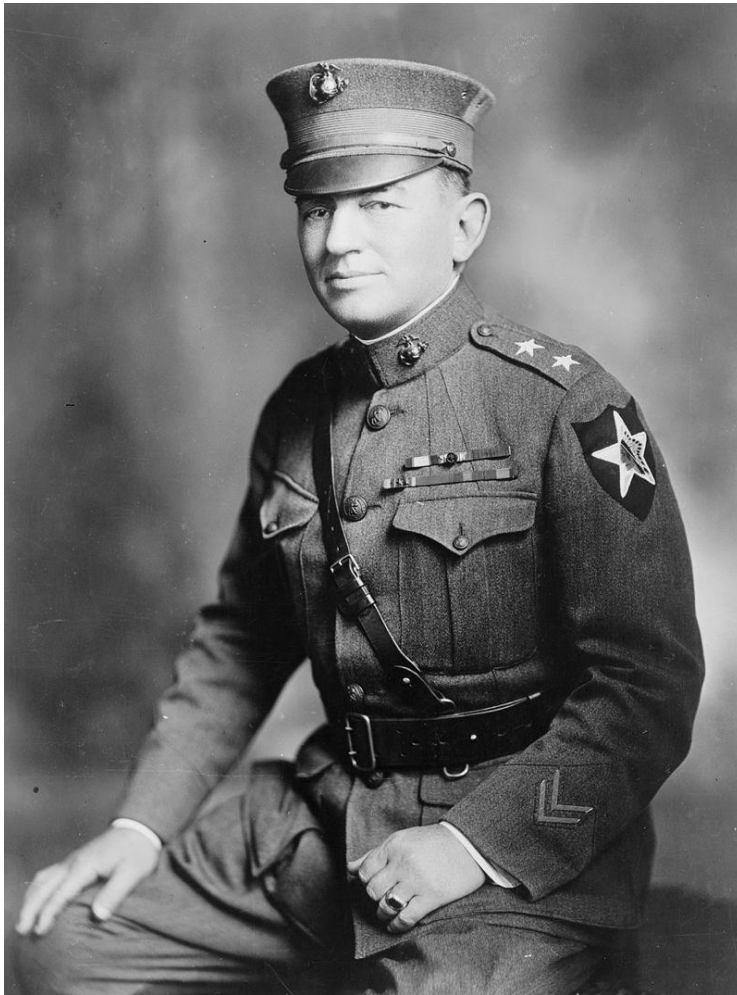
Joseph John Franklin, Pvt. Born: June 18th, 1870 Buffalo, NY Died: April 28th, 1940 Philadelphia, PA

*Frank Hill, Pvt Born: Aug 13th, 1864 Hartford, CT. Died: Unknown

*Philip Gaughan, Sgt Born: Mar 17th, 1865 Belmullet, Ireland Died: Dec 31st, 1913 Philadelphia, PA

*No picture provided

DID YOU KNOW?



General John A. Lejeune, (the founder of the Marine Corps League) in 1926, while he was the Commandant of the Marine Corps, signed a contract with Metro Goldwyn Meyer (MGM) Studios to make two movies based on the Marine Corps. "The Fighting Marine", starring Marine Corps veteran and professional boxer Gene Tunney, Marjorie Day, and Walter Miller. Released September 12th, 1926. "Tell It to the Marines", starring Lon Cheney, William Haines, and Eleanor Boardman. Released January 29th, 1927.

IT'S LUH JERN, MARINE!

MURPHY'S LAWS OF COMBAT OPERATIONS

1 1 1. YOUR BIVOUAC FOR THE NIGHT IS THE SPOT WHERE YOU GOT TIRED OF MARCHING THAT DAY.

1 1 2. IF ONLY ONE SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND FOR A FIELD PROBLEM, THEN IT IS USUALLY A STUPID SOLUTION.

1 1 3. ALL OR ANY OF THE ABOVE COMBINED.

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Tues. June 14, 2022 6:30pm
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Tribute to our Veterans and
First Responders

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