



OUR HOUSE

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Principles: The members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps. Those who belong have the respect of a nation, the loyalty of their own, and the pride of being a part of history

JUNE- Marines from West Hudson Detachment attended the State of New Jersey Convention. There, items were discussed about matters pertaining to the State and subsequently, the local detachments. P.C. Cleary, now State Commandant, spoke with members. Lots of information, and then some relaxation in the evening.



HISTORY: 6 June 1918 - Battle of Belleau Wood

#OTD in 1918, the Battle of Belleau Wood began with an initial assault from the 4th Marine Brigade charging across a wheat field toward German strongholds.

The day before Brigadier General James G. Harbord ordered to seize Belleau Wood with four Marine battalions to attack in two phases: first to seize the wood and the second to take the town of Bouresches just southeast of the wood.

The battle would rage on for three weeks and Marines would suffer heavy casualties to German machine guns and artillery fire. Marines sustained over 4,000 casualties completely eclipsing the number of casualties the Corps had sustained in the 143 years before the battle.

This battle would have lasting impacts on the Corps and is marked as a turning point for the Marine Corps. The French government renamed the wood to Bois de la Brigade de Marine in honor of the 4th Brigade that fought there and awarded the 5th and 6th Regiments and the 23d Infantry Regiment the Fourragere for their participation in the battle.

Belleau Wood became a touchstone battle in the annals of the Corps, marking the birth of the modern United States Marines.



Also: OTD. June 6, 1923 the Marine Corps League was established.

The MCL is the only federally-chartered Marine Corps-related veterans organization in the country. Since its earliest days, the MCL has enjoyed the support and encouragement of the active-duty and reserve establishments of the United States Marine Corps. Today, the MCL

boasts a membership of more than 60,000 men and women, officer and enlisted, active duty and reserve, honorably-discharged Marine veterans, qualified Navy FMF Corpsmen, qualified Navy FMF Chaplains and qualified associate members. The MCL is one of the few veterans organizations that experiences increases in its membership each year.

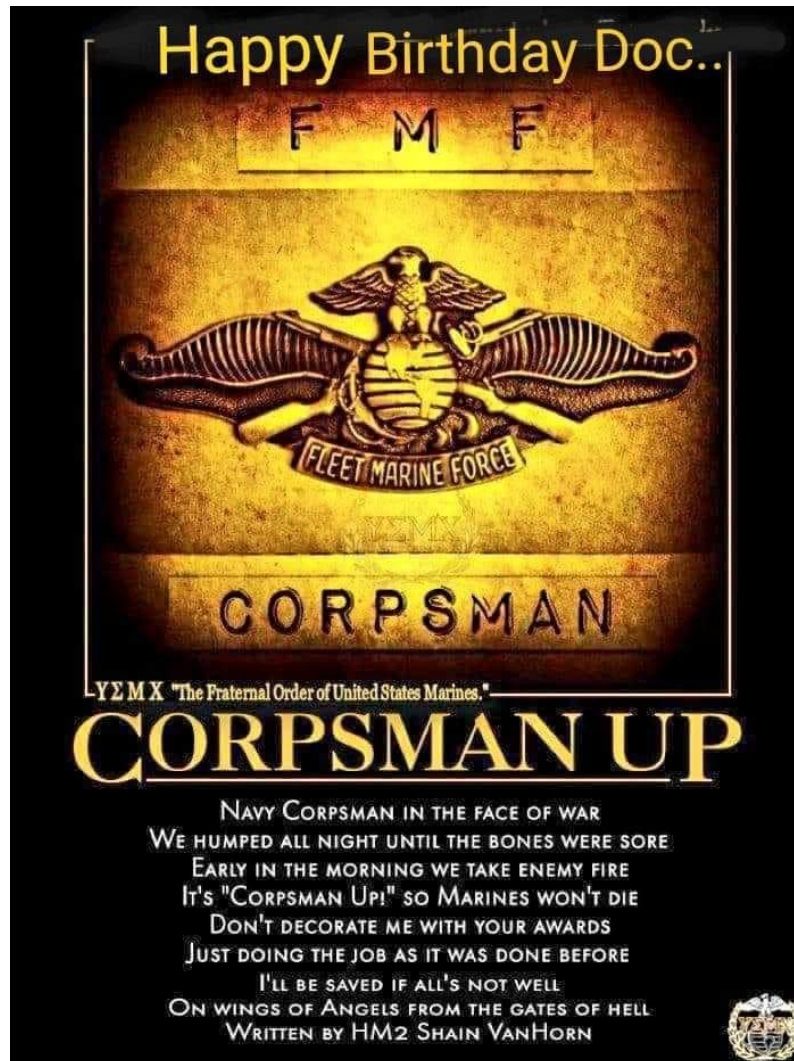
On the 8th, at the general membership meeting, plans being made for upcoming events. During the meeting, a break was taken to introduce and swear in new member **Joshua Killian**. Welcome aboard, and welcome to OUR HOUSE. Semper Fi, Marine.

On the 13th, Jr. V.C. Dale Bennet attended a Court of Honor, for newly promoted Eagle Scout Ryan Hopson, Troop 17. He was given his Good Citizenship award and Coin for his Accomplishment. Congratulations and Well Done!



History: Corpsman Up! Happy 124th Birthday U.S. Navy Hospital Corps or "Doc"!

On June 17, 1898, President William McKinley formally approved the establishment of the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps. Since then, Navy Hospital Corpsmen have continued the tradition of caring for Marines and Sailors in our military hospitals, onboard ships, and on battlefields around the world.



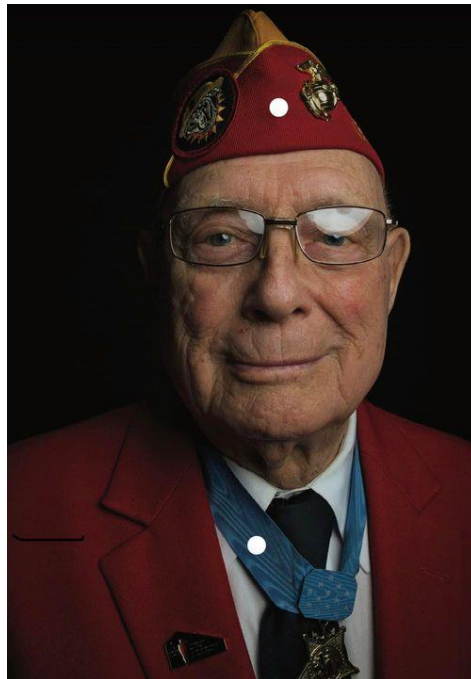
**Happy birthday Devil "Doc"
Tom Jesse!**



On the 21st, P.C. Healy and Rob Milligan hosted another VAVS Bingo, at the Menlo Park Veterans' Home. Once again, we shared some laughs and donated a few bucks making the residents and veterans happy. As always, a pleasure to share their company.

HISTORY: 26 June 1918: BGen James G. Harbord, the Commanding General of the 4th Marine Brigade, notified American Expeditionary Force Headquarters that Belleau Wood was "now U.S. Marine Corps entirely." After 20 days of combat, and at a cost of over 4,000 casualties, the 4th Brigade of Marines had proven its fighting heart. The grateful Commander of the French Sixth Army would soon decree that in all official correspondence, Belleau Wood would henceforth bear the name, "Bois de la Brigade de Marine." This is the place where we got the nickname "Tefelhunden" (Devil Dog) by the Germans as they said Marines fought like they were the Devil's Dogs. Ooh-Rah!

A sad event for all Marines was noted on the 29th, with the passing of Hershel "Woody" Williams, Iwo Jima survivor, and the last WW 11 Medal of Honor recipient. Rest in Peace, Marine, your tour is done! Semper Fidelis!



Well, another month on the books. Still a lot to get done, and things to plan for. On to July...and Independence Day. ***Semper Fi, Marines.***

Birthdays: June:

W. Griffin 6/2/55

M. Pollack 6/3/32

C. Robinson 6/3/26

A. Waldron 6/5/79....Happy B'day Commandant.

J. Kelley 6/6/49

M. Malkowicz 6/7/65
C. Garibedian 6/8/23
W. Porter 6/9/29
F. Scott 6/11/39
W. McFarlane 6/11/33
J. Zaleski 6/12/48
Helen Micklitz 6/14/28
J. Valderrama 6/15/88
P. Buffalo 6/22/45
J. Driscoll 6/29/26
A. Sinatra 6/30/25
J. Hanley 6/30/44

*And a big Happy Birthday to General Chesty Puller: 6/26/1898- 10/11/1971.
Happy Birthday Chesty, wherever you are!*

