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Commandant Jan Denney

National Convention in Overland Park 13 – 19 August. I look forward to seeing a good representation of Kansas Detachments.

Please refer to the Adjutant Paymaster's article for information on 2017 dues renewal. National is not sending renewal notices to members so it is the responsibility of the Detachments to contact members and to remind them of MCL dues.

Several Detachments will be electing and installing officers for 2017 in the next few months. I am available to serve as the Installing Officer, upon request. Contact me by email (jadenney@cox.net) or telephone (785.826.5087). The Report of Installation (ROI) must be sent to the Department Adjutant / Paymaster immediately following the installation.

As you read this issue of the Scuttlebutt, you will see that the Department and all the Detachments are active. If you are not active in your Detachment, now is the time to get involved.

Semper Fidelis,
Jan Denney 785-826-5087

Greetings,

In this edition, you will find the Rules & Regulations for nominating Department of Kansas members for the Department Marine of Year. Read and follow the rules carefully. Nominations must be post-marked no later than 1 April 2017 to be considered. We look forward to receiving applications for several worthy members. The Marine of the Year is awarded at the Department Conference in June.

Also in this issue, you will find information on the Midwest Division Spring Conference to be held in Beatrice, Ne. on 21-23 April 2017; the Department of Kansas Conference in Wichita on 3 June and the



Sr. Vice Commandant Joe Hughes



Jr. Vice Commandant Tom Huxtable

I hope everyone had a chance to attend a 241st Marine Corps Birthday celebration, as well as a peaceful Veterans Day remembrance, and special holiday season with your family.

No Report
Semper Fi,
Tom Huxtable

I'm sure each Detachment will cover their individual activities over this past quarter so I'll move on to an update of our 2017 National Convention activity. Currently we are 7 months away from the convention, Gregory Hunt, MCL National Convention Chairman made a site visit to Kansas City the first week of October. The main purpose of his visit was to walk through each of the hotel properties and the Convention Center. Day two we sat down and assigned meeting rooms to each event on the seven-day agenda. As of December 31st, we have 340 rooms reserved of the 440 we contracted for.



Adj / Paymaster Harvey Harris

Invitations have been sent out to Senator Roberts, Congressman Kevin Yoder and Overland Park Mayor Gerlach to address the opening morning.

Greetings Marines & FMF Corpsmen,
I hope you had a very good 2016 and hope 2017 will be much better.

Be on the lookout for our first 2017 MCL National Convention article in the next Semper Fi magazine. This article is meant to introduce our visitors to the area. The next Semper Fi magazine article in the Spring edition will contain specific information concerning the events.

The Department of Kansas, Marine Corps League, is holding its own with membership issues. Currently the Department of Kansas indicates a total of 66 delinquent members. Marine Corps League National continues to have a reduction in members in good standing (paid up members). National currently stands at approximately 11,000 delinquent members. Maybe we can turn that around for 2017. Per the National Roster, the current member and delinquent member information for the Department of Kansas is as follows: 12-30-2015 through 12-30-2016 paid and delinquent members.

Take the time to visit and make reservations on the website: www.2017mclnationalconvention.com/

Semper Fi,
Joe Hughes

	2015	2016
Mount Suribachi #105	29 / 0	25 / 6
SEK #612	38 / 1	41 / 6
General Lewis W. Walt #682	87 / 7	90 / 7
Tri-Rivers #730	45 / 3	38 / 5
Edwin A Schumacher #740	9 / 7	12 / 4
Air Capitol #773	69 / 24	75 / 14
General Larry Oppenheimer #1025	102 / 24	114 / 15

Department of Kansas 391/57 383/66
This is one reason detachment's need to maintain an accurate roster, sometimes National rosters will be incorrect.

A reminder to Detachment Paymasters, all non-life memberships will expire August 31, 2017.

- **Current Members Renewing January 1 to August 31.** National dues will be \$10.00. Department of Kansas dues will be \$2.00. Your Detachment can determine Detachment dues collected during this time period
- **New members** joining in January to February 28, 2017 will pay National \$20 plus \$5 initiation fee. Department of Kansas dues will be \$5.00. Detachment dues will remain the same.
- **New Members** joining March to July 31, 2017 will pay National \$10.00 plus \$5 initiation fee. Department of Kansas dues will be \$2.00. Your Detachment can determine Detachment dues collected during this time period.
- **New Members** joining in August will pay National \$20.00 plus \$5.00 initiation fee. Department of Kansas will be \$5.00. Detachment dues will be set by the Detachment.
- All Non-Life Members' cards will expire 31 August 2018.

Happy New Year to all
Semper Fidelis,
Harvey L. Harris, NVC
Department Adjutant / Paymaster
PO Box 67582
Topeka, KS 66667-0582



Judge Advocate Bryson Allen

First let me say how proud I am of all the Detachment Judge Advocates and the Membership in general. We just went through one of the most contentious elections in the History of the nation and I did not receive a single complaint or comment about politicking or League Uniforms being worn at political functions. Not only that but the number of political emails I received were minimal. Just to

reinforce the standing of the League you are encouraged to support and vote for the candidate of your choice as long as you do not wear a League uniform when you do it. This is an IRS rule and we are safe for another election, Well Done.

Some things to think about for the future, if you are unhappy with any of the National By-Laws or Administrative Procedures there is a set of guide lines that must be followed to submit a proposed change to National in time for the Convention. Any member who is interested should consult the National By-Laws and/or give me a call and I will work with you. The same goes for Department By-Laws but require a different set of rules. In either case I will be happy answer questions by email or phone in order to assist.

I hope to see you all at the Midwest Division Spring conference as well as the Department Conference in June.

NOTE: My email address has changed. Please send all correspondence to OldDD59.69@gmail.com

Stay safe and always Semper Fi.

Semper Fidelis,
Bryson L. Allen



Chaplain Robert Patterson

On January 20, 2017, our country installs a new president after the most contentious, divisive and hate-filled political campaign in the history of our Republic. It does not matter what side of the "aisle" you were on during the campaign. It was a very difficult time for all Americans.

There were many demonstrations of hate and disorder. False accusations flew back-and-forth on social media and the nightly news. Debates, that were meant to inform, only created more polarization. Both Democrats and Republicans drove the voting public to the extreme ends of the issues. And then, after November 8th, Election Day,

anger and hatred boiled over with demonstrations, damage to property, injury to peace keepers and all sorts of accusations.

With the vote of the Electoral College, the end of the election has come. It is now our responsibility, and that of our fellow Americans, to unify under our new president, work toward improving our country and what many see as a broken political system.

We who served our country in uniform are the ones to set the example for the country. We took an oath to defend and preserve the Constitution of the United States of America. All of us served at a time when we may not have approved of, or agreed with, our Commander-In-Chief, but we did our duty. We “sucked it up” and did what needed to be done. It’s that time again, Marines! Be a positive example of citizenship. Let us try to restore honor to ourselves and our countrymen in this new era and put political and social upheaval to rest.

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will restore peace to our land. May we, your people, unite for the common good of mankind. May we be individuals of change among those we work with, socialize with and pray with. May Your Grace and Mercy shower the abundant gifts of faith, hope and love upon this distressed world. And, may we always give You thanks for the many blessings of our lives. For you are the truth, the way and the life. Amen

Detachments: Report all membership deaths utilizing the Notice of Death forms. Complete the form; keep 1 copy and mail the balance to:

**Department Chaplain Robert Patterson
14323 Marty Street,
Overland Park, Ks. 66223-2290.**

The Department Chaplain will forward the forms to National. Following this procedure ensures that the Department, National and Semper Fi magazine are correctly informed of your member’s death.

Semper Fidelis,
Robert Patterson
Department Chaplain



2016-2017 Department of Kansas Elected Officers

Pictured Left to Right: Sgt At Arms Doc Holsey; Judge Advocate Bryson Allen; Sr Vice Joe Hughes; Commandant Jan Denney; Jr Vice Tom Huxtable and Adjutant Paymaster Harvey Harris.



Department of Kansas Detachments

Mount Suribachi Detachment #105

Meets 2nd Tuesday at 1900 hours

VFW 620 A St

Smith Center, KS 66967

Phone 785.695.2357



Marines, and Associate members of the Mt. Suribachi Detachment Marine Corps League Smith Center Ks celebrated the Marine Corps 241st Birthday at the Vineyard room at Pooches. Family and friends had another great meal put on by Darla and her Team at Pooches.



Tradition is that the youngest and most mature Marines in attendance at the Marine Corps Birthday cut the cake together with a Marine Corps Sword. Maj, and Vice Commandant West Topel in the grey sweater and Past State Department Commandant and Chaplain Mt Suribachi Detachment Roy Wangerin in the Red Blazer



Mount Suribachi members in attendance at the Detachment Christmas Party.

Semper Fi,
Larry Thompson, Commandant

Tri Rivers Detachment #730

Meets 3rd Tuesday at 1900 hours
VFW 1108 W. Crawford
Salina, KS 67401
Phone 785.826.5087

The Tri Rivers Detachment celebrated the 241st Birthday at the Salina Courtyard by Marriott. Forty-Three (43) members and guests enjoyed the meal and celebration. Iwo Jima veteran Jim Baughan was honored as the oldest Marine present.

The Color Guard presented the Detachment at the Veteran's Day Ceremonies at the War Memorial in Sunset Park. Retired Master GySgt. Jack Gallagher was honored for serving as the Ceremonies Sgt. at Arms for 44 of the past 46 years.

Detachment members along with volunteers from Marshall Motor Co. and Kansas Wesleyan University purchased toys, delivered them to Salvation Army, sorted and displayed the toys in preparation for the 15 December distribution to qualified residents of the city of Salina.

The Detachment Christmas Party was held on 20 December 2016 at the Courtyard by Marriott – Salina.

Semper Fidelis,
Jan Denney, Adjutant / Paymaster

B. Gen. William A. Kurtis / SEK Detachment #612

Meets 3rd Sunday at 1830 hours
VFW Post 1186 113 E Myrtle
Independence, KS 67301
Phone 620.331.1874

We enjoyed our MC Birthday party on November 5th with one of our charter members being the oldest Marine present at age 95. It was also James V. Scott's final birthday party as he passed away on November 9th. Scotty was our Chaplain for many years and was always so positive and a good influence for our younger members. He will be sorely missed. At his burial were twelve of our leaguers which is a great tribute to a beloved Marine. Semper Fi James.

We will resume our league meetings on Sunday, January 15th at 1830 and are looking forward to a good year.

Semper Fidelis,
Dan Dollison, Adjutant/Paymaster

Gen. Lewis W. Walt Detachment #682

Meets 4th Thursday at 1900 hours
VFW Post 1650
Topeka, KS 66604
Phone 785.273.2149

Our Marine Corps league have been very busy these last few months. We have voted to continue the gun shows for at least through next year. There will be 5 shows in 2017 beginning in January.

We will resume our pistol shooting in the spring. The range was shut down for some new construction and will give us much better access. We will hopefully have the Marine Roses Program again this year if National gets on the ball!

We lost one of our Charter members when Charles Wright passed away on 27 December. Chuck was 97 years old and was at least 3 Birthday celebrations and had lots of cake.

We have a completed line of officers ready and willing to serve and we so look forward to the coming months. We are continuing to get new and active members.

Semper Fidelis,
Paul McGuire
Commandant

Gen. Larry Oppenheimer Detachment #1025

Meets 4th Wednesday at 1900 hours
VFW Post 7397
9550 Pflumm Road
Lenexa, KS 66215
(913) 492-1199

Fourth quarter 2016 is in the books, and what a busy, rewarding, and a little scary quarter it turned out to be. Our monthly breakfast meetings have been very well attended and continue to give us a chance to bond and discuss ways we can continue to be involved in the community.

October 1st and 2nd, Commandant John Byrnes, myself, and Joe Hughes along with Donna Hughes, who represented the Auxiliary league, attended the Marine Corps League Division Conference in Jefferson City, MO. Commandant Byrnes presented a \$1,000 check to Division for the MCL Scholarship Foundation. We were given up-dates on changes and the well-being of the MCL. We left feeling positive about the directions being taken. Also in Oct many members of our detachment worked the Nascar weekend race as one of our fund-raising events. Also, October found detachment #1025 kicking off the 2016 Toys for Tots drive. This is one of the busiest, yet most rewarding, times of the year.



November 2nd, we celebrated the 241st Marine Corps Birthday. Our guests included... Harvey Harris - MWDV Commandant Jan A Denney – Dept. of Kansas Commandant Colonel Thomas M. Fahy USMC - Commanding Officer Combat Logistics Regiment 4 Colonel Stephen B. Lewallen Jr., USMC - Director Marine Corps Element, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Colonel Lewallen was our guest speaker and he gave us an inspiring and extremely interesting address.



The Detachment recognized Steve Thomas as Detachment #1025's Marine of the Year for 2016. Steve's hard work and dedication to the league and his fellow Marines is the standard he lives by.

November 6th, we held the Rawhide Toys for Tots ride. It ended at the VFW where we celebrated another successful ride with some famous Detachment #1025's smoked pulled pork.



Joe Hughes, Phil Patterson, and Colonel Glasco handing out 50th Anniversary Vietnam War pins at Veterans Day celebration.

November's busy schedule continued as several members worked a booth at the Sprint Center Veterans day celebration, where they handed out 50th Vietnam anniversary pins. Also on the 10th several members of our detachment performed color guard ceremonies at three different locations, Children's Mercy Hospital, Stanley Elementary school, and Avila College.

November also brought us a scare as Joe Hughes went into the hospital for open heart surgery. Fortunately, everything turned out fine and Joe is back on his feet and still leading the charge towards next year's National Convention here in Kansas City.

December was the close out of the 2016 Toys for Tots drive with a flurry of activity, under the direction of Bill Clinton. Our detachment worked a Toys for Tots event at Arrowhead Stadium prior to the KC Chiefs and Oakland Raider game. (I am happy to say resulted in a Chiefs victory.) On three week-ends in December, toys were collected at two Toys R US stores. During the months of Oct., Nov., and Dec., our detachment worked extremely hard collecting toys for the children. Final numbers are in and Bill Clinton reports we collected 39,212 toys. Bill said it was by far the most successful campaign ever.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2017 National Convention here in Overland Park, Kansas. Joe Hughes has some exciting and enjoyable events planned for everyone. To all my

Marine Brothers and Sisters, I hope 2017 is your best and most enjoyable year ever.

Semper Fi,
Ken Fain
Senior Vice Commandant

Air Capital Detachment #773

Meets 3rd Tuesday
Social Time 1830
Meeting 1900 hours
American Legion 101 E 31st St South
Wichita, KS 67216-1002
Phone 316.259.4172



Active duty Marines and their families joined MCL families and Santa for Christmas festivities.



Alan Daniel was "knighted" the Detachment Marine of the year by Jimmy Woods.



Don Bennett, auxiliary league member, was awarded a Distinguished Service Award. Auxiliary Members have proven themselves as an integral part of the Marine Corps League. Don's father was a Marine Raider who helped raise the first flag on Iwo Jima.

Edwin A Schumacher Detachment #740

Meets 1st Tuesday at 1930 hours
 American Legion
 1305 Canterbury Drive
 Hays, KS. 67601
 Phone 785.628.3067

The Edwin A. Schumacher Detachment collected and guarded toys at Walgreen's in Hays the weekend following Thanksgiving Day. Together, we collected over \$1,000 worth of cash and toys as Christmas gifts for the underprivileged children in and around Hays. This was the third year our detachment helped with the Toys for Tots program.

Our detachment gained two new members. Welcome aboard to Kurt Sell and Chris Dreher. Both Marines live in Hays.

All hands were on deck for our detachment's Christmas Party on December 22. We helped the American Legion bar staff clean out nearly all the dusty bottles of libations in order to restock the supply for the new year! A great time was had by all.

Semper Fi,
 Asher C. White, Chaplain



Santa Claus



Department of Kansas Marine of the Year Nomination and Award Instructions

This award shall be presented to a REGULAR MEMBER of the Department of Kansas, Marine Corps League who has rendered service(s) and/or performed a deed(s) above and beyond the duties and obligations required of a member of the Marine Corps League, or a meritorious deed(s) so identified as being within the scope of these rules shall be of such substance that the weight will or shall have brought acclaim, and prestige to the member's Detachment and must be substantially at the Department or higher level; or has enhanced and/or furthered the concepts of the duties of being a citizen of the United States of America; or a deed(s) of courage or valor without regard for his/her own safety. Letters of nomination must originate only at the DETACHMENT LEVEL. No individual nor any subsidiary unit of the Marine Corps League



Hard to tell who had the most fun, Santa or the kids!

Semper Fi,
 Rick Pustka, Commandant

shall submit a letter of nomination. All letters of nomination shall include a letter signed by the Detachment Commandant and Adjutant, stating that the nominee for the Department of Kansas Marine of the Year was approved at a regular meeting of the Detachment by a majority vote. (In the event a nominee is the Commandant; the letter shall be signed by the Sr. Vice Commandant and the Adjutant. In the event a nominee is the Detachment Adjutant the letter shall be signed by the Detachment Commandant and the Sr. Vice Commandant. **Each nomination submitted shall be placed in a sealed envelope and addressed to: "Chairman, Dept. of Kansas MOY Committee". THIS ENVELOPE SHALL THEN BE PLACED IN ANOTHER ENVELOPE and mailed or delivered in person to the Department Commandant no later than 1 April of the year for which the nomination is made.** It shall be the duty of the Department Commandant to deliver the unopened envelopes to the Chairman of the Department Marine of the Year Committee in sufficient time for an awardee to be selected and proper recognition devices to be purchased and engraved prior to the Department Convention. The Chairman of the Marine of the Year Committee shall be elected by the MOY Committee members which shall consist of all previous recipients of the Department Marine of the Year Award. The Marine of the Year Committee shall be the sole judge of all recipients. The Committee shall consist of the previous Marines of the Year and the Department Commandant, who will be a non-voting member of the MOY committee.

Mail Nominations to:

Commandant – Department of Kansas
PO Box 2175
Salina, KS 67402-2175

Must be post marked on or before 1 April 2017

Marine of Year Committee

Jan Denney MOY 2013 - Department Commandant
Alvie Furbeck MOY 2014
Harvey Harris MOY 2015
Joe Hughes MOY 2016



THE MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS



PDD Eldon "Doc" Holsey

Worthy Pack Leader

Kansas Pack

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs

WOOF! WOOF! ALL YOU DAWGS!

I hope all of you Dawgs out there had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year gathering, wherever you may have been! However, it is time to get back on track for the upcoming Growls and gatherings all of you may attend.

First of all, remember to do the quarterly "Growls" and remember the fines will aid with the donation to National Kennel that will be presented at the National conference in Kansas City in August. All of those bones will be going to Children's Mercy Hospital, which is located by the hotels where our big conference will be held and some of those individuals, kids – parents – staff, will be at the presentation during the Supreme Growl.

Also, all of you Devil Dogs who want to upgrade to Pedigree Devil Dog at the National Conference need to have your applications to Pack Dog Robber PDD Harvey Harris by the end of June so they may be submitted to National in July. You may also want to make copies of your application because there have been times that these applications have been misplaced, lost, put in the wrong file, etc., and when you get to the desk to register; you get the "Dumb Look" of Well, I am sorry. Show them your copy and they will backtrack and get you registered.

Now, for some other information:

Remember that the Department of Kansas meeting is in Wichita this year on June 3rd. We will be meeting at the "Airport Best Western Hotel" located at 6815 W. Kellogg Drive, 67209. We have rooms reserved for those that have to drive some distance to make this meeting. The cost of these rooms will

be \$72.99. This will include a complimentary breakfast. So, if you may not want to get up before the chickens call ahead to the hotel and reserve one of the rooms. Make sure to tell the person in reservations you are attending the Marine Corps League meetings to get this room rate (we have eleven rooms available, however, I talked to the hotel and if we need more they will make them available). The phone number is: (888)942-5666 or locally (316) 942-5666. For all the others that may want to have breakfast at the hotel with the early arrivals, there will be a cost of \$10.00/person (all you can eat). Lunch will also be held at the motel; a sandwich luncheon for \$10.00/person or on your own whichever you prefer. Our Devil Dog Growl will start 30 minutes after the luncheon. (Make sure to bring lots of "Bones" to this meeting!) I might also say; if there are any Pups that wish to be elevated to Devil Dog you can make this advancement at our Department Pack Growl. Then you can take off the Black Collar and put on the Red Collar. (Of course there will be a small initiation for this privilege.) Plus if there are any new members that wish to become a Pup, we can also oblige this degree, too.

So, until our meeting in June, let the fines be numerous, for the good cause, and I wish all of you Dawgs a Very Happy New Year!

WOOF-WOOF!
PDD Eldon "Doc" Holsey

Greetings all Devil Dogs, The Kansas Pack is alive a well, the KS Pack is waiting for the 2017 National Convention in Overland Park. At present, there are 16 Devil Dogs in the KS Pack that qualify for advancement to PDD. Let's have all eligible Devil Dogs advance to PDD while the National Convention is close by.

The KS Pack currently has 5 PUP's or Devil Dogs that are overdue, and a total of 58 Devil Dogs in the house. Winter will be over soon and we can get back out side and play.

Semper Woofing,

PDD Harvey L. Harris
Pack Dog Robber

Kansas Pack Officers 2016-17

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docfmf70@gmail.com
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Jr. Vice: PDD Harvey Harris
Smart Dog: PDD Tom Huxtable
Dog Trainer: Vacant
Mad Dog: DD Alvie Furbeck
Police Dog: DD Joe Hughes
Watch Dog: DD John Byrnes
Barking Dog: PDD Jan Denney



TAPS

Burton D. Barkus 11/1/2016
Gen. Larry Oppenheimer Detachment 1025

James V. Scott 11/9/2016
BGen Kurtis / SEK Detachment 612

Charles W. "Chuck" Wright 12/27/2016
Gen. Lewis Walt Detachment 682

TAPS information is from Death Notices received by the Department Chaplain as submitted from each Detachment.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Midwest Division Spring Conference
April 21-23, 2017
Hosted by Homestead Leathernecks Detachment
1430
Holiday Inn Express

4005 N 6th Street
Beatrice, Nebraska

Room Rate will be \$93.00 + tax with complimentary breakfast
For the early birds Thursday Night there will be a Managers Reception from 1600 to 1900.
Hotel phone - 402-228-7000 be sure to ask for Marine Corps League Rate

Cost:

Banquet and Hospitality \$50.00
Hospitality only \$20.00
Banquet only \$30.00
League Registration Fee \$5.00
(Auxiliary or Guest don't pay League Registration Fee)

Click here for [Midwest Spring Conference Registration](#)

Make Checks payable to Homestead Leathernecks Detachment
Mail to:
Homestead Leathernecks
PO Box 355
Beatrice, Nebraska 68310

Additional Conference information can be found at www.homesteadleathernecks.com



**Department of Kansas
State Conference
3 June 2017**

Best Western Airport Inn and Conference Center
6815 W. Kellogg Drive Wichita, KS 67209
(316) 942-5600

There is no registration fee for Conference.

0800 – 0900 Registration and Breakfast:

Breakfast: \$10.00 / person, payable at the door

0900 – 1200 Business Meeting

1200 – 1300 Lunch:

Lunch: Sandwich/Salad Bar \$12.00/person, payable at the door

1300 Business Meeting Continues (if needed)

Devil Dog Growl Follows Business meeting

Note: Call the hotel direct (316) 942-5600, if overnight room is wanted. Ask for Marine Corps

League rate \$74.99 Free breakfast included with room.



2017 National Convention

August 13 – 19, 2017

Overland Park, Kansas

Convention Website

<http://www.2017mclnationalconvention.com>



Scuttlebutt and Booster Club

To join the Booster Club and Support the Scuttlebutt, remit \$5.00 per year. Make your check payable to Department of Kansas, MCL and mail to: Dept. of Kansas Paymaster PO Box 67582 Topeka, KS 66667-0582

If you know a member who is not receiving the email addition and would like to be added to the email address list, have them email a request to jadenney@cox.net

USMC History

18 January 1951: Marines of the 1st Marine Division began mopping-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang area, South Korea, following the Division's return from its epic battle with Communist Chinese troops at the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir.

20 January 1968: The second battle for Khe Sanh began when Marines from the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines attacked a North Vietnamese battalion between Hill 881 South and Hill 881 North. More than 100 of the enemy were killed.

21 January 1918: The 1st Aeronautical Company arrived at Ponta Delgada, Azores, for anti-submarine duty. That unit was one of the first completely equipped American aviation units to serve overseas in World War I.

22 January 1969: Operation Dewey Canyon, perhaps the most successful high-mobility regimental-size action of the Vietnam War, began in the A Shau/Da Krong Valleys when the 9th Marines, commanded by Colonel Robert H. Barrow, and supporting artillery were lifted from Quang Tri. By 18 March the enemy's base area had been cleared out, 1617 enemy dead had been

counted, and more than 500 tons of weapons and ammunition unearthed.

WEBSITES

Department of Kansas Website

<http://www.mcleaguekansas.com/home.html>

Midwest Division Website

<http://www.midwestdivisionmarinecorpsleague.org/>

MCL National Website

<http://www.mclnational.org/>

Send photos to jadenney@cox.net.

Next Scuttlebutt Deadline is 10 April 2017

ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE!