

# NEWSLETTER



## Williamson County Detachment 1022

**Next Officer's call:**

**Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month**

**Time: 1800-2000**

**Place: Simmer Down Cafe 4701-1 Williams Dr, Georgetown, TX  
78633**

**Next Detachment 1022 Business Meeting:**

**Date: Last Wednesday of the month**

**Time: 1900-2000**

**Place: VFW 1000 N College St, Georgetown, TX**

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See if you can answer  
the questions about our  
Marine Corps within this  
newsletter



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# COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

## Marine's, FMF Corpsmen and Associate's

### Our Marine Corps Birthday Ball

After considerable discussion amongst the Officer's and Marine Corps Birthday Ball Committee it has been determined, based on current COVID 19 virus situation, concern about safety, health and welfare of members and family that we regrettably have made the decision to cancel the 2020 Williamson County MCL Detachment 1022 Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Members unanimously voted to cancel our Marine Corps Birthday Ball in 26 Aug meeting.

The decision was not taken lightly, but with uncertainties concerning what the immediate future holds regarding the virus, current reduced attendee numbers and a number of other factors it was felt in the best interest to make the decision.

### 2021 National Convention

Monday, August 09, 2021 8:00 AM - Friday, August 13, 2021 10:00 PM EST

Wyndham Springfield City Centre

700 E Adams St

Springfield, IL 62701

When making reservations, please identify as "Marine Corps League Convention" to receive special group rate.

For reservations: (217) 789-1530 0 is front desk, 1 is reservations

\$115 per night plus tax, rates include 1 complimentary parking pass per occupied guest room

Rate includes two complimentary breakfasts per room per night.

### **Tony Poletti Vice Commandant District 4**

Attended our 26 Aug members meeting and conducted a cross check of the names on the ROI to the PLM and Quarterly Roster. Also provided a link for rehearsal Zoom training on 29 Aug. at 1100. More information on this subject under **Good for the League pages**.



# OFFICER'S REPORT'S

Q1. When did the Marine Corps adopt the Eagle Globe and Anchor?

**Senior Vice Commandant - TC Moyer**

- ❖ **Aug Activity Report submitted to Patrick Murry via email on 3 Sept 2020**
- ❖ **First 4 MCL Lesson Plans and Dept. Orientations have been completed on scheduled**
- ❖ **Dept. Leadership Zoom training will be 12 Sept. at 0900 for Officers. I request all our officers log into this training.**

**Junior Vice Commandant - James Rodriguez**

- ❖ **Nov. 1 st Manning foundation heroes run at Camp Mabry – 1K fun run**
- ❖ **We can set up a tent at the event – volunteers needed**
- ❖ **Stony Point HS – Enlisted instructor – Senior Chief went to Vista Ridge --- now has MGYSGT Castillo**

**Judge Advocate - Charles Haight**

- ❖ **Working on updating Det.1022 Bylaws against Nationals 2019 Bylaws as well as Dept. 2019 Bylaws. .**

**Junior Past Commandant - Bill Hoch**

- ❖ **No input currently**

Q2. Where did the Eagle Globe and Anchor come from?

# **OFFICER'S REPORT'S**

## ***Adjutant - Chris Buecker***

- ❖ ***Detachment members should know each other's mission and roles within the Detachment***
- ❖ ***Waco convention likely postponed to July 2021***

## ***Paymaster - Gus Kawell***

- ❖ ***Provided Det. 1022 with a copy of the updated Members Roster***
- ❖ ***Provide Det. 1022 with an overview and copy of our financial report***

## ***Sergeant at Arms - Bill Hoch***

- ❖ ***No input currently***

## ***Chaplain - Charles Levy***

- ❖ ***Gil Newfield's service – tentative for 20 October***

## ***Web Sergeant - Bobby Vasquez***

- ❖ ***"Always Faithful Exhibit" is now located in Round Rock Library and will keep the exhibit until December....***

Q3. What is the USMC motto?

Q4. What is the Marine Band nickname?

# REPORT'S OF INTEREST

## **Q5. What does the Globe and Laurel mean?**

***Newsletter Editor – TC Moyer***

- ❖ ***Need your interesting stories for the newsletter***
- ❖ ***You can send me your Bio and I'll put it in our newsletter and website***
- ❖ ***Pictures for the newsletter***

## **Q6. Why do Marines say Hoorah?**

***Public Relations/Information Officer TC Moyer & Gus Kawell***

- ❖ ***Setting up meeting with Georgetown Chamber of Commerce to let them know Who we are, What we do, and How we support our community.***
- ❖ ***News releases about Detachment activities, meetings, and events.***
- ❖ ***Contact newspapers and other media can draw attention to our Detachment and create positive visibility in our communities.***
- ❖ ***This is important for attracting members, and for attracting funds and donations for Detachment programs.***
- ❖ ***Rob Hipp "Hello Georgetown", Weekly Newsletter, Facebook, Sidebar Ads, Internet Radio and Podcast***

## **Q7. What does a 96 mean in the Marines?**

# COMMITTEE'S REPORT'S

## **Always Faithful Exhibit – Bobby Vasquez**

- ❖ *Our friends at the Jarrell Community Library are continuing to safely hold our exhibit for us as they have been shut down since March. We are currently working with the Round Rock and Hutto libraries to adjust our tour schedules given their changes in operations. We have a handful of new dog tags and photos to add to the exhibit. And I'd like to take a moment to give a shout-out to Chief Warrant Officer Carter with the Hendrickson HS JROTC unit as he pressed the dog tags for us while their school was shut down. So, if you haven't purchased yours yet, you still have time! Please check out our website for more details.*

## **Scholarships – Gus Kawell**

- ❖ *No input currently*

**Q8. What does RCT stand for in the Marines?**

**Q9. Who created the EGA?**

# GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

## Welcome Aboard Marines!

*Meet our new members*

*David De La Rosa and Marcial Guajard*



**Our Commandant AL McClymonds performs the new members swearing in ceremony on 26 Aug 2020.**



# GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

## Officer's Training using MCL Lesson Plans and Department Orientations.



### Williamson County Det.1022 MCL Officer's Training

2020 Officer's Detachment 1022	LP1 3-9 Aug	LP2 10-16 Aug	LP3 17-23 Aug	LP4 24-30 Aug	LP5 31 Aug- 6 Sep	LP6 7-13 Sep	LP7 14-20 Sep	LP8 21-27 Sep	LP9 28 Sep- 4 Oct	Commandant Orientation 3-9 Aug	SVC Orientation 10-16 Aug	JVC Orientation 17-23 Aug	Sgt at Arms 24-30 Aug	J A Orientation 31 Aug- 6 Sep	Adj/Paymaster Orientation 7-13 Sep	Chaplain Orientation 14-20 Sep	Committee Chairs 21-27 Sep	Meetings	Organizational Health	Recruiting League Members
Al McClymonds	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X								
TC Moyer	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X							
James Rodriguez	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X								
Gus Kawell	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X								
Chris Buecker	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X								
Chuck Haight	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X								
Charley Levy	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X								
Bill Hoch																				
Bobby Vasquez	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X								
Keith Longacre	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X								

**Raffle tickets on sale now.**  
**Contact : Gus Kawell, Jesse Galvan and Dale Olson**


Marine Corps League Williamson County Detachment #1022

## GUN & KNIFE RAFFLE

Drawing will be held on December 8, 2020 at 12:00 PM. (do not have to be present to win)


VFW Post 8587, 1000 N College St, Georgetown, TX 78626

MCL357



\$10.00

MCL Wilco Det #1022



GUN & KNIFE RAFFLE

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ *I'm requesting all Detachment 1022 Marine's, FMF Corpsmen and Associate's help me update our Master Roster....*
- ❖ *Below is a link to review our Master Roster:*
- ❖ **[Master Roster](#)**
- ❖ *Ensure the following is correct on the current roster.*
  - *Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial*
  - *Address, City, State, Zip*
  - *E-mail address*
  - *Phone number (s)*
  - *Call sign or Nick Name*
  - *Wife's Name*

*If the information is not correct*

*You can text me the correct information at 720-333-5465*

*Or email me the correct information at [usmc.topcat@gmail.com](mailto:usmc.topcat@gmail.com)*

**Q10. What is the most decorated unit in the Marine Corps?**



**New Dept mailing address:  
Department of Texas Marine Corps League  
7017 N 10th St. Ste N-2 337  
McAllen, TX 78504- 3288**

# THIS DAY IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY

## AUGUST

**1 August 1944:** After nine days of fighting in a battle termed "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II," Maj Gen Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secured. The combination of surprise, heavy preassault bombardment, and effective logistical support was responsible for Tinian's recapture with a much lower casualty rate (344 killed and 1550 wounded) than had been experienced in previous landings.

**3 August 1950:** Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, the famed "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II, launched from the USS SICILY and executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon. After the F4Us delivered their incendiary bombs and rockets on their targets, the Marines concluded their greeting to the Communist troops with a series of strafing runs.

**7 August 1990:** President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area as part of Operation Desert Shield which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.

**9 August 1942:** With the Guadalcanal airstrip secure after heavy fighting with the Japanese, the 1st Engineer Battalion commenced work on the runway using captured equipment. Three days later, on 12 August, the first plane landed on Henderson Field, a Navy PB4Y which evacuated two wounded Marines. Nearly 3,000 wounded Marines would be evacuated from Henderson Field during the battle.

# THIS DAY IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY

## AUGUST

**17 August 1942:** Just prior to dawn, the 2d Marine Raider Battalion under LtCol Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island from the submarines NAUTILUS and ARGONAUT. The next day the Marines left the island after destroying a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killing about 100 Japanese soldiers.

**21 August 1968:** PFC James Anderson, Jr., was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by Secretary of the Navy, Paul R. Ignatius, for heroism in Vietnam while serving as a rifleman with Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines in February 1967. This was the first Medal of Honor presented to an African-American Marine. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Sr., received the award during ceremonies at Marine Barracks, 8th and I.

**23 August 1984:** The last Marines to serve peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived home. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) arrived off the coast of Lebanon on 9 April to relieve Marines of the 22d MAU who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on 31 July, marking the last presence of U.S. combat troops in Beirut since Marines entered almost two years earlier.

**24 August 1814:** Captain Samuel Miller's 100-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the battle of Bladensburg for the defense of the national capital. After helping to fight back three British charges, Captain Miller was wounded, and the enemy began to work around both flanks of the American force. Almost encircled, the force of sailors and Marines was forced to retire to avoid capture. The Marines lost 8 killed and 14 wounded.

# THIS DAY IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY



\*Image info: Marines wading ashore on Tinian. (U.S. Government photo/released).

## This Week in Marine Corps History: Tinian Declared Secure

On August 1, 1944, Major General Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secure. This declaration came after nine days of fighting Japanese forces that were occupying the island.

The combination of surprise, heavy preassault bombardment, and effective logistical support resulted in significantly fewer casualties (344 killed and 1550 wounded) than were experienced in previous landings during the Corps' Pacific Campaign. As a result, the assault on Tinian was coined "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II."



\*Image info: Four U.S. Marine Corps Vought F4U-1 fighters armed with bombs in late 1943 or early 1944. (U.S. Government photo/released).

## Black Sheep Squadron Begins Marine Aviation Involvement in Korean War

On August 3, 1950, eight Corsair fighter planes launched from the USS Sicily and carried out the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War. The raid targeted enemy installations with incendiary bombs, rockets, and strafing runs near Inchon, Korea. The Corsairs were with VMF-214, more famously known as the "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II.

# THIS DAY IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY



\*Image info: Four Marine Corps CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters, foreground, and six AH-1 Sea Cobra helicopters sit on the flight line at Landing Zone 32 Site Alpha during Operation Desert Shield, January 1991. (U.S. Government photo/released).

## U.S. Troops and Aircraft Sent to Saudi Arabia

On August 7, 1990, President George H.W. Bush ordered U.S. military troops and aircraft to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. The following week, the Marine Corps announced that it had committed 45,000 Marines to the Persian Gulf area as a part of Operation Desert Shield, which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.



\*Image info: Aerial view of Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, April 11, 1943. (U.S. Navy photo/released).

## Henderson Field Secured

On August 9, 1942, the 1st Engineer Battalion began work on an airstrip taken from Japanese forces on the island of Guadalcanal.

The work was done with captured Japanese equipment and three days later, on August 12, the first American airplane, a Navy PBY, landed on what by then was known as "Henderson Field" to evacuate two wounded Marines.

Over the next few months, as U.S. Marines fought to take control of the island, Henderson Field would be the staging area for the evacuation of almost 3,000 wounded Marines.

# THIS DAY IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY

August - 2020



Marine Raiders in Operation at Makin Island, 1943.  
(U.S. government photo)

**Marine Raiders Strike Makin Island**  
On August 17, 1942, the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion under Lieutenant Colonel Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island.

The Raiders, who were launched from the submarines Nautilus and Argonaut, destroyed a seaplane base, two radio stations, and a supply warehouse, in addition to killing approximately 100 Japanese soldiers before leaving the island the following day.



PFC James Anderson Jr.  
(USMC photo/released).

**PFC James Anderson Jr. Awarded Medal of Honor**

On August 21, 1968, Secretary of the Navy Paul R. Ignatius posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor to Private First Class James Anderson Jr. for heroism in Vietnam, the first time an African-American Marine received this medal (and one of only five African-American Marines to ever be awarded this medal).

The award was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Sr., at Marine Barracks 8th & I, in Washington D.C. This event was also notable in that it indicated the Marine Corps was evolving and that some of the long-standing prejudices within the Corps (namely those against minority Marines) were being eroded.

# THIS DAY IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY



The Marine barracks building in Beirut, Lebanon. (USMC photo Courtesy of II MEF/released).

## Marines Return Home from Lebanon

On August 23, 1984, the last Marines to serve on peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived back in America. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) arrived off the coast of Lebanon on 9 April to relieve Marines of the 22nd MAU, who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on 31 July, marking the end of U.S. combat troops in Beirut for the first time since Marines had entered the city almost two years earlier.



"The Final Stand at Bladensburg," by Colonel Charles Waterhouse, USMCR (Ret), depicts Marines, as part of Commodore Joshua Barney's naval battalion, manning 12-pound guns at the Battle of Bladensburg, Md., 24 Aug. 1814.

## Battle of Bladensburg

On August 24, 1814, Captain Samuel Miller led a detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, in the Battle of Bladensburg in defense of the nation's capital.

After fighting back three British charges, Captain Miller was wounded as British forces began to flank the Marines, forcing the Marines to retire to avoid capture. Eight Marines were killed and 14 were wounded.



# GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

## THOMAS "TOPCAT" MOYER



**ENLISTMENT:**  
August 1965 – June 1969

**UNITS:**  
HMM 263 1966 - 1967  
HMM 163 1967 - 1968

**AIRCRAFT:**  
UH-34D Gunner/Crew Chief

**RANK:**  
Sgt



Thomas Moyer was born in East Chicago, IN and enlisted in the Marine Corp in 1965. After basic training in Parris Island, ITR training at Camp Geiger and E&E training at Camp Pendleton Mr. Moyer was sent to Futenma, Okinawa to join up with HMM 263 which soon departed Okinawa for Marble Mountain, Vietnam. His time was spent as a combat air crew chief with HMM 263 and HMM 163; Mr. Moyer participated in multiple combat operations including the Tet Offensive. He was shot down twice and earned 19 Air medals during his two tours in Vietnam. Mr. Moyer's squadron HMM-263 flew 3726 med-evac missions with 6103 med-evacs and 5 dogs. His last duty station was NAS Atlanta, GA at Dobbins Air Force Base.

Mr. Moyer continued to work in the aircraft industry after his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps in 1969. He began his civilian career by returning to Da Nang, Vietnam in 1970 with Lear Sigler Field Team Services where he remained until 1974 working on Huey's. In 1976 he joined Bell Helicopter Inc. where he worked for two years teaching helicopter maintenance on Huey's in Iran. Stateside again Mr. Moyer worked for McDonnell Douglas and Northrop Grumman as a project manager for 33 years on various projects including the F-18, JSTARS, TSSM, and B-2 projects. He retired from Northrop Grumman in 2011.

Mr. Moyer is currently a member of the *USMC Combat Helicopter Association* known as "*POPASMOKE*" and is the Past Squadron Coordinator for HMM/VMM 263. Mr. Moyer is the Past Commandant of Windsor Marines Detachment 904 Denver, Colorado. He received Detachment "Marine of the Year" award. He lives in Georgetown, Texas and is a woodworker. He is married to Joy and they have a daughter Vanessa, a son Spencer, two granddaughters Casey and Abby and a grandson Ethan.

### OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Tet Offensive, multiple Vietnam operations: Beaver Cage-- Beau Charger--First Official U.S. troops into the DMZ, --Bear Bite--Colgate--Hastings--Prairie--Colorado--Pawnee--Independence -- Calhoun--Peco

### AWARDS:

Marine Corps Combat Aircrew Wings  
Air Medal x 19  
Combat Action Ribbon  
Marine Corp Presidential Unit Citation with (2) Bronze Stars  
Marine Corp Good Conduct Medal  
National Defense Service Medal  
Vietnam Service Medal  
Republic of Vietnam (RVN) Gallantry Cross Medal w/Palm  
Vietnam Campaign Medal  
Republic of Vietnam (RVN) Civil Actions Medal w/Palm  
Vietnam TET Offensive Commemorative Medal  
Marine Corp Pistol and Rifle Marksman Badges

# **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

**Q1. The basic design of the Marine Corps emblem was officially adopted in 1868.**

**Q2. The origins of the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor insignia worn by Marines can be traced to those ornaments worn by early Continental Marines as well as to the British Royal Marines. In 1776, Marines wore a device depicting a fouled anchor. Changes were made to that device in 1798, 1821, and 1824. An eagle was added in 1834.**

**Q3. Latin for “always faithful,” Semper Fidelis symbolizes the lifelong commitment held by every Marine for the Corps and America, a promise reciprocated by the Corps to all Marines.**

**Q4. The Marine Band has been uniquely known as "The President's Own" since 1801 due to the historic connection to the President of the United States..**

**Q5. Globe and Laurel is the official journal of the Royal Marines, published six times a year and essential reading for members of the Corps past and present who want to keep up with what is happening in the RM today. Globe and Laurel has been in production since 1892.**

**Q6. Oorah is a battle cry common in the United States Marine Corps since the mid-20th century. It is comparable to hooah in the US Army and hooyah in the US Navy and US Coast Guard. It is most commonly used to respond to a verbal greeting or as an expression of enthusiasm.**

**Q7. In the Marine Corps a three-day weekend is called a “72” and a four-day weekend is called a “96”**

**Q8. A regimental combat team (RCT) is a provisional major infantry unit of the United States Marine Corps to the present day and of the United States Army during World War II and the Korean War..**

**Q9. 1936 -- The Marine Corps further developed the 1925-version of the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor on March 16, 1936, when a new “STANDARD U.S. MARINE CORPS EMBLEM” was approved by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Major General John H.**

**Q10 2/5 is the most highly decorated battalion in the Marine Corps and their motto, "Retreat, Hell!", comes from the French trenches of World War I, when a Marine officer named Lloyd W. Williams was advised by a French officer to retreat and replied, "Retreat? Hell, we just got here!".**

# PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS

## **Confirmed Mission: Angel Zavala, 98, WWII US Army veteran, Taylor, TX, 31 AUG 2020**



The Patriot Guard Riders have been invited to participate in the funeral and interment services for Mr. Angel Zavala. Mr. Zavala served honorably in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. On D-Day, June 6, 1944, his 8th Air Force and the 2nd Bomb Division, under the command of General James Doolittle, joined forces in bombing the Beaches of Normandy prior to the landing of General Omar Bradley's troops on Utah and Omaha beaches. He proudly served his final tour of duty in the Island of Guam and was honorably discharged on December 3, 1945.



## **Completed Mission: Groundbreaking Ceremony, Home for Army SGT Kristopher Biggs, Georgetown, TX, 27 AUG 2020**

### **Mission summary: Ride Captain Warren [Longacre](#)**

The Austin PGR Participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for a new home in Georgetown TX For Army Sergeant Christopher Biggs.

There was a procession led by Police, Fire Department and the PGR. We had six motorcycles and two cages with nine standing the flag line. A large crowd gathered For Sergeant Biggs who was wounded during his second tour In Iraq. Biggs was humbled and showed great appreciation for his future home.

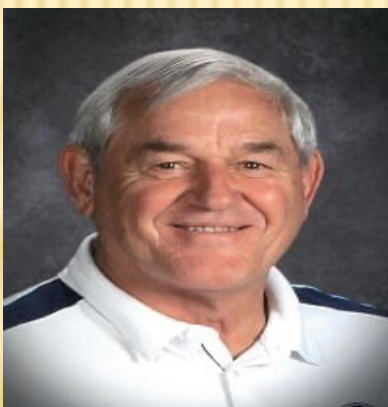
# PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS



**Completed mission: Capt Grant Bogue, 91, USAF (Ret), Korea veteran, Kyle, TX, 28 AUG 2020**

**Mission summary: Ride Captain Russ Miller.**

Nine Patriots attended the honors for captain Bogue; none chose to ride down to SA due to personal reasons. The funeral director did inform me that LEO had been obtained. About ten American Legion Riders showed up for a service ceremony and escort to FT. Sam Houston.



**Completed Mission: Richard Sivertsen, 73, US Army veteran, Georgetown, TX, 15 AUG 2020**

**Mission Summary: Ride Captain Russ Miller.**

Thanks to the nine Patriots who stood for Coach Sivertsen in the 105 degree heat. Mission was a little disorganized due to a change in venue, but it was worked out in time for an impressive flag line.