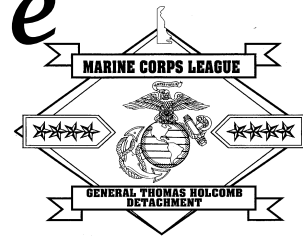




Holcomb Gazette

General Thomas Holcomb Detachment Marine Corps League



Commandant Ray Snyder

March 2010

Most of the “news” for this month is based on what has been in the Gazette for the past few months. The Fall Mid-East conference was held in February and information from there has not come out yet. Will publish when available.

The Department quarterly meeting from January has been postponed three times due to road and weather conditions. The next open date at the Army Reserve building in Dover is April. Watch for an announcement as to date and time.

Our Detachment will clean the highway in April. As we get closer a date will be picked according to the weather and other scheduled events. Maybe this time we can find a Saturday that is dry.

We surely could use some new (younger) members; keep your eyes and ears open.

Blue Rocks season is coming in April and the home schedule is out. Please try to work at least a game or two. Make your picks and get them to John Murphy.

Again, let's get better acquainted by telling our life story and our Marine story at membership meetings.

Spring is only three weeks down the road; hopefully that road is not snow covered! Hang in and be careful. We have already had members fall due to slippery conditions.

Harry Temple, Ralph Hairsine and Warner Jester are all doing better after either surgical procedures or falls. Jim Ulrich is in rehab at Forewood Manor after his back operation which itself was the aftermath of a fall. You may visit if you can make time in your schedule and Jim would certainly welcome you. He now has his “World War 2 Veteran” hat which he wears all day, made compliments of Jason Gleber and the folks at Unique Image. Jim also has a Marine knit watch cap which he uses at night. Any one of these people could use a phone call to let them know they are thought about.

Meeting Monday, 8 March at Cranston Heights Fire Co. hall, Prices Corner.

Semper Fi,

Ray Snyder

Does the Detachment have your current email address? Providing your email address allows you to receive *The Holcomb Gazette* electronically (and saves the Detachment money!). You will also be able to receive any special notices for Detachment members. We do not share your email address with anyone else, so you will not receive any spam.
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EMAIL TRACKERS

By now, I suspect everyone is familiar with "www.snopes.com" and/or www.truthorfiction.com plus www.factcheck.com for determining whether information received via email is just that and I would strongly suggest you use it BEFORE you forward some of your so called facts: true/false or fact/fiction. All three are excellent sites.

Advice from Snopes.com Very important!

1) Any time you see an E-Mail that says--- *forward this on to ' 10 ' of your friends, sign this petition, or you'll get bad luck, good luck, you'll see something funny on your screen after you send it, or whatever*,---- it almost always has an E-Mail tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and E-Mails of those folks you forward to.

The host sender is getting a copy each time it gets forwarded and then is able to get lists of 'active ' E-Mail addresses to use in SPAM E-Mails, or *sell to other spammers*. Even when you get emails that demand you send the email on if you're to ashamed of God/Jesusthat's E-mail tracking and they're playing on our conscience. These people don't care how they get your email addresses - just as long as they get them. Also, emails that talk about a missing child or a child with an incurable disease "how would you feel if that was your child"....E-mail Tracking !!!! Ignore them and don't participate!!!

2) Almost all E-Mails that ask you to add your name and forward on to others are similar to that mass letter years ago that asked people to send business cards to the little kid in Florida who wanted to break the Guinness Book of Records for the most cards. All it was, and all any of this type of E-Mail is, is a way to get names and "cookie tracking" information for telemarketers and spammers - - to validate active E-Mail accounts for their own profitable purposes.

Do yourself a favor and STOP adding your name(s) to those types of listings regardless of how inviting they might sound, or make you feel guilty if you don't. It's all about getting email addresses - nothing more!!

You may think you are supporting a great cause, but you are NOT! Instead, you will be getting tons of junk mail and very possibly a virus attached! Plus, we are helping the spammers get rich! Let's not make it easy for them!

E-Mail petitions are NOT acceptable to Contress or any other organization - i.e. Social Security, etc. To be acceptable, petitions must have a signed signature and full address of the person signing the petition, so this is a waste of time and you're just helping the Email trackers.

One last thing --- if something comes to you with various names/addresses from other people who have previously had been sent the message -- PLEASE DELETE all those names and address BEFORE you send it forward to the next person.

VAVS LUNCH

The VAVS lunch for the hospitalized Veterans in the VA Community Living Center, formerly the VA Nursing Home has been set for Friday, 5 March 2010.

Consequently, the General Thomas HOLCOMB Detachment monthly lunch has been moved from Friday, 5 March 2010 to:

11:30 AM, FRIDAY, 12 MARCH 2010.

Since the first Friday in April is Good Friday, The General Thomas HOLCOMB Detachment monthly lunch will take place starting at:

11:30 AM, FRIDAY, 9 APRIL 2010.

Both of these gatherings will take place at our usual spot:

**The HUNTERS DEN
3517 Old Capitol Trail,
Marshallton
Wilmington, Delaware 19808.**

These Detachment Lunches are open to any member of our General Thomas HOLCOMB Detachment, its family and friends.

As usual we pay for our own food and beverage with a 20% tip, as we enjoy each others company. See you there.

Marine Corps League Departmental Meeting Postponed

To all Marines,

As of 2000 hours this date, Department Commandant Bob Galvin after discussing the situation with some other officers, has postponed the meeting that was supposed to have taken place this Saturday, 27 February 2010.

The Dover Army Reserve Center does NOT have any available dates in March. Therefore, the next possible meeting date will be in April.

This second postponement is due, like the previous postponement, to weather conditions that are certainly beyond our control. All involved feel it is not worth having someone injured just so we can hold a quarterly meeting.

Watch for a future notice as to when the meeting will be held.

Ray Snyder
Commandant
General T. Holcomb Detachment

Osprey Used in Marine Force Recon Raid

February 19, 2010|Christian Lowe

I just got back from a briefing at the Pentagon with Col. Kevin Vest, who is the commander of Marine aviation over in Afghanistan and Lt. Gen. George Trautman, the deputy commandant for aviation. We posted a story this morning on Military.com about a [commando raid early this AM](#) conducted by Marine Force Reconnaissance troops and Afghan commandos near Marjah. I have a few more details to reveal from my conversation with Gen. Trautman and Col. Vest on that mission.



First of all, this marks one of the first operational uses of the MV-22 Osprey during the Marjah campaign. Vest said he'd held the Ospreys back as a QRF in case the Taliban tried to make trouble in far off spots of the AO while 4,000 Marines were committed to Marjah. The only other high profile time the Osprey had been used during the operation -- which is in day four -- was to extract civilians bodies killed in an errant HIMARS strike from the town during a daylight mission. That's the one where an Osprey came under fire from RPGs and small arms.

For the raid this morning, which took place at 0200 Afghan time, a group of 120 Force Recon and Afghan National Army troops were inserted by three MV-22s in two waves into an "enemy controlled area" to serve as a blocking force for 3/6. The ACE for that raid included Harriers, Hueys and Cobras and a variety of UAVs and C2 platforms to count bad guy heads and keep them down.

The ACE in Afghanistan has a compliment of 10 Ospreys, but will soon receive two more from the squadron attached to the 24th MEU which helped out in Haiti. Those MV-22s will fly from the Red Sea when the MEU moves out of the Suez all the way to Afghanistan making one refueling stop, Trautman said.

Also, Kit Up has learned that three of the Ospreys in theater have the BEA Systems Remote Guardian underbelly gun system, with two more yet to be installed. Trautman said the Corps had received \$30 million to buy more. Vest added that the gun hasn't yet been fired in anger.

■ Christian

March 2010

- 5 Friday** 1200 hours, Lunch at the VA Community Living Center (Nursing Home)
- 8 Monday** 1900 hours, Holcomb Detachment general membership meeting. Cranston Heights Firehouse, Kirkwood Hwy.
- 12 Friday** 1130 hours. Member Get-together Luncheon, Hunter's Den Restaurant.
- 26 Friday** 1200 hours, Lunch at the VA Community Living Center (Nursing Home)

April 2010

- 9 Friday** 1130 hours. Member Get-together Luncheon, Hunter's Den Restaurant.

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