



Newsletter



Indian River Detachment 058
Marine Corps League

Monthly Meeting: Every 4th Thursday of each month

Next Meeting: Thursday August 22, 2013 at 1900

Location: Victory Center, Indian River Mall, 6200 20th Street, Suite 160

Uniform of the Day: Casual with Cover.

July League Meeting:

Detachment members welcomed visitor Marine Pete Scholes from Connecticut to the meeting.



Detachment member Frank Cavanaugh, 84, passed away July 20, 2013. He served a tour of duty with the Marine Corps in the United Nations in Israel and the Middle East. He was honorably discharged after being recalled to serve two years in the Korean War. He later joined the Marine Corps League.

Information:

Korean War Ceremony was held Saturday, July 27th. Detachment members that participated were Mike Bodnar, Dwight Harris, John Harris, John Michael Mathews, Paul Netzel, and Ernie Miller was on the Ships Bell.

Red, White, Blue Salute event was held at the Indian River Mall July 27th. A table was set up outside the Victory Center Store where raffle tickets were sold and membership applications available. Members participating were Mike Bodnar, Dwight Harris, John Harris, John Michael Mathews, and Paul Netzel.

Detachment supported the Chesty Puller Marine Corps Heritage Foundation's Semper Fidelis Memorial Park Engraved Brick Program. The brick has been placed in the park.

Upcoming Events

August 30th Downtown Friday Event – the Detachment will be the Featured Organization for the month. **Airboat Raffle tickets** are still available. (\$2 or 3 for \$5) Anyone wishing to purchase tickets or volunteer to help at the booth, please let Commandant know. Arrive for setup at 5-5:30. Dress is black pants, short sleeve blouse, and cover.

Department of Florida all Conference will be held Oct 3-6 in Riverview, Florida, near Tampa.

Vero Beach Air Show will be held October 5 & 6, 2013. Volunteers are still needed. Veterans are in charge of

supervising parking. If you can assist please go to www.veroairshow.com and click on the volunteer tab.

History:

The Marine Rose Program

Most Americans are well aware of the American Legion's "Poppy" program; as the Poppy has been used as a symbol since 1921 to aide that venerable veterans organization in acquiring donations for its many fine programs to assist veterans.

However, few know of the U.S. Marine Corps' own program that uses a symbolic flower as well. In 1778, during the War of Independence, the Marine Corps Rose was dedicated to those Marines who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The French continued this tradition during World War One when the Marines attacked the elite German Army units entrenched at Belleau Wood. This is where the Marines earned the name 'Devil Dogs' given them by the ultimately vanquished German forces they faced. Roses were planted by the grateful French people at the graves of the many fallen U.S. Marines.

The Marine Rose Program was started by Marine Eddie Gallagher, from New York, who designed it to parallel the VFW "Poppy" program to provide dedicated funds for League Detachments to assist veterans and youth and provide other services to the community, including: Health and comfort items for hospitalized veterans, support programs such as bingo or holiday parties for hospitalized or retired veterans in retirement homes; scholastic scholarships; assist youth and provide humanitarian aid.

Semper Fi

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