



Newsletter



Indian River Detachment 058
Marine Corps League

Monthly Meeting: Every 4th Thursday of each month **Next Meeting: Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 1900**
Location: Victory Center, Indian River Mall, 6200 20th Street, Suite 160
Uniform of the Day: Casual with Cover.

November League Meeting:

Modifications to the Detachment By-Laws were presented to the members at the November meeting and after a motion and a second the Detachment approved the changes unanimously. A 2/3 regular membership approval was required and that requirement was satisfactorily met.

Information:

Detachment members have purchased all of the Department Scholarship Fund raffle tickets resulting in a total of \$150.00 raised for the Fund. This satisfies the Detachment's fund raising goal recommended by the Department of Florida.

The Detachment's sponsored Basketball team with the County Recreation Department began playing their scheduled games January 7, 2013. The team name is Bull Dogs. Members are encouraged to attend the games and support the team.

The December meeting was a dinner with spouses and guests at CJ Cannons. There were a total of ten attendees. The food and service was excellent and everyone had a great evening. Cannons provided a private room to the Detachment at no cost.

The Victory Store at the Mall is successful and making money. They need volunteers to assist so if you can help please visit the store and offer your help.

Sick and Distressed:

Doc Copeland Ken Dansby and Wife
Tim McGarry and Wife

Upcoming Events:

The By-Law changes approved by the Detachment were forwarded to the Department for approval. The Department has directed that the Detachment provide further modifications to its by-laws to bring them concurrent with National by-laws. Those additional changes will be presented to the Detachment for approval once finalized.

The Detachment approved changing the officer election process to a month earlier. Since the Department has

recommended this change and the process would comply with the National By-Laws an officer nominating committee will be established at the January meeting. The committee will present a selection of officers for calendar year 2013-14 at the February meeting and they will be voted on in the March meeting. Installation of the new officers will be in April.

Taps:

The Detachment lost four members in 2012 as follows:

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| Salvatore Giammanco | 22 June 2012 |
| Charles Roberts Jr | 28 June 2012 |
| Ivan G Goodman | 27 September 2012 |
| William R Stevenson | 28 September 2012 |

History:

"Taps" concludes military funerals conducted with honors at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as around the United States. The tune is also sounded at many memorial services in Arlington's Memorial Amphitheater and at grave sites throughout the cemetery.

One origin account is that Captain John C. Tidball started the custom of playing taps at a military funeral. It was in early July 1862 at Harrison's Landing, that a cannoner of Tidball's Battery A, 2nd Artillery, was killed in action. He was, Tidball recalled later, "a most excellent man." Tidball desired to bury him with full military honors, but was unable, for military reasons, to fire three guns over his grave. Tidball later wrote, "The thought suggested itself to me to sound taps instead". The idea was taken up by others, until in a short time it was adopted by the entire army and is now looked upon as the most appropriate and touching part of a military funeral. It became a standard component to U.S. military funerals in 1891.

Semper Fi

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