



Newsletter



Indian River Detachment 058
Marine Corps League

Monthly Meeting: Every 4th Thursday of each month

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

Uniform of the Day: Casual with Cover.

Next Meeting: Thursday July 25, 2013 at 1900

June League Meeting:

On July 1, Congressman Bill Posey offered free tour of the Navy Seal Museum to all veterans. The Bronze Star was presented to CWO Jack Proctor for his service in Vietnam.

At the June meeting, Detachment members approved new membership of Steve Navarro and David Philips. They were sworn in and welcomed by members present.

Detachment members also approved membership to 'Main Street Vero Beach'. Detachment will use the events to promote the League and fundraising. The 1st month was gratis and afterward cost would be \$35 per event. After setup for the first event on June 28 it was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Detachment approved the request to offer paid membership to Bruce Watson of Aero Storage who provides a storage unit to the Detachment at no charge.

Information



Fourth of July Parade

Detachment members took part in the 2013 Fourth of July parade on Riverside Dr in Sebastian. Participating League members attending as Color Guards were Commandant, Ron Brooks, John Harris, Heath Harris, and John Michael Matthews.

Basketball Team

Our sponsored IRC basketball team is 'Wolfpack'. All games are played at the IRC Fairgrounds. There are two games left for the season. Saturday, July 20 at 3PM and Thursday, July 25 – 8PM both played at Center Court #2. Commandant encourages all members to show support of the team and please plan on attending some of the games.

Upcoming Events:

Korean War Ceremony

A ceremony in honor of the Korean War Armistice's 60th Anniversary will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2013 at 10am on Memorial Island.

History:

*** The Korean conflict established once and for all that the Marine Corps was more than an amphibious landing force.**

Historians like to argue that the conflict in Korea ended with no victors, a virtual stalemate, no winners and no losers. In the black-and-white world of the 1950s, and even today, Americans had a hard time understanding the Korean War – or even remembering it – because there was no definitive ending, no "Victory-in-Korea" Day parades, no John Wayne-like endings. The truce signed in 1953 effectively declared that neither side could claim victory. Although United Nations Command forces pushed North Koreans back out of South Korea, the UNC left Korea much the way it was before the war began. Perhaps the historians are right.

Yet one group of Americans did emerge from three years of battle with something to show for themselves. The Marine Corps, which was much reduced in size after World War II, came home from Korea standing proud. For Marines and their Corps, the significance of the Korean conflict couldn't have been more meaningful, because it burnished forever the reputation of the Corps. Only after the conflict did the military begin to see the Corps, already 175 years old, as its new best friend.

FYI – During the war, 424,000 Marines served. Of these, more than 4,500 gave their lives for their country. An additional 26,000 received wounds that were not mortal.

Semper Fi

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