



## THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE FRANK J. CARROLL DETACHMENT #28 & UNIT, MCL & MCLA

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### WOUNDED MARINE SURPRISES COMRADES AS THEY RETURN HOME FROM WAR

Cpl. Greg Caron, member of 1st Battalion, 25th Marines, traveled from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., to Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., to welcome his fellow Marines upon their return from California. The last time Caron saw the members of his unit was Nov. 11 in Afghanistan, when he lost both his legs after a roadside bomb exploded. The Marines lined up to greet Caron after they got off the plane. "Seeing him just stand made everything complete," said Sgt. Andrew Delrossii. After their arrival, the Marines had a homecoming ceremony on the reserve base in Plainville, Mass. The unit gave Caron a military pennant decorated with the dates and places of their tour of duty and phrases including, "Out of pain and suffering the strongest souls emerge." Caron, who recently began walking with prosthetic legs, will return to Walter Reed with his wife, where he will continue several more months of therapy and treatment.

To read more of this article visit:

[http://articles.courant.com/2012-01-13/news/hc-caron-marine-0113-20120112\\_1\\_greg-caron-marines-jon-caron](http://articles.courant.com/2012-01-13/news/hc-caron-marine-0113-20120112_1_greg-caron-marines-jon-caron)



**Please read this newsletter  
carefully as meeting time and  
location has changed.**



### Women Marines 69th Anniversary Celebration

The Women Marines 69th Anniversary Celebration will be conducted at the Double Tree Hotel, 13696 E. Iliff Place, Aurora, CO (just off of I-225 and Iliff Ave) Feb 18th at 11:30AM.

The cost will be \$40 and proceeds will go to "Wounded Warrior Fund" and for the "Aurora Veterans Home" projects so a good cause. We will have an official cake cutting with the Buckley Field Young Marines. And a drill exhibition by the Adams City High School MCJROTC, and a possible Guest Speaker

You can register by going on line to [www.WMACO1.org](http://www.WMACO1.org) and using the donate tab to pay pal or send a check payable to WMA CO-1 and mail it to Paula Sarlls at 3066 So Granby St, Aurora, CO 80014

Reservations/payments must be made prior to Feb 15th. All are encouraged to attend the Women Marines 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! This should be a great event.

Semper Fidelis, Paula Sarlls  
President WMA CO-1

## VOLUNTEERS STEP UP SO NO MARINE STANDS ALONE



Jennifer Iddins has spent the past five years making sure no Marine stands alone after the graduation ceremonies at Parris Island, the Marine Corps boot camp near Beaufort, S.C. Iddins personally packs bags of goodies for the Marines into what she calls Stand Alone Marines (SAM) bags. Iddins' mission is to hand these treats to Marines who have no family or friends at the graduation. The graduation on Friday, Jan. 13 was very emotional as it was Iddins' last day last day of handling out SAMs, as her husband has been ordered to Naval Station Great Lakes near Chicago. After hearing about her endeavor, nine to a dozen volunteers have stepped up to ensure that no Marine stands alone on graduation day.

To read more of this article visit:  
<http://www.islandpacket.com/2012/01/14/1928054/volunteers-step-up-so-no-marine.html>

### Guess Who??

#### Can you guess who this Marine is??

If you want an old Corps photo featured here then email it to [mystickcreature@msn.com](mailto:mystickcreature@msn.com) or pictures can be collected at the meetings for scanning. Auxiliary members are also eligible to submit photos. Email your guesses to Meg at [mystickcreature@msn.com](mailto:mystickcreature@msn.com). We would like to see more involvement from all of you on the "Guess Who"



**GUESS WHO?**

December/January's Guess who: Paula Sarlls





## • WEB SITES OF INFORMATION & INTERESTS

Marine Corps League – [www.mcleague.com](http://www.mcleague.com)  
Marine Corps League Auxiliary -  
[www.nationalmcla.org](http://www.nationalmcla.org)  
Military Order of Devil Dogs –  
[www.kennelmodd.org](http://www.kennelmodd.org)  
Military Order of Devil Dog Fleas  
[www.nationalmoddfleas.org](http://www.nationalmoddfleas.org)  
Rocky Mountain Division, MCL  
[www.mcleaguecolorado.com](http://www.mcleaguecolorado.com)  
Dept of Colorado, MCL-  
[www.mcldeptofcolorado.org](http://www.mcldeptofcolorado.org)  
Marines Helping Marines -  
[www.marineshelpingmarines.org](http://www.marineshelpingmarines.org)  
Women Marines Association CO-1-  
<http://wmaco1.org/>

## ADJUTANT'S CALL

BY FRED KREBS

Marines and Associate Members

At the January meeting the delegates and alternates to the Department Convention were selected. The delegates are Bob Hunter, Warren Miller, Tom Krueger and Greg Johnson. The Alternates are Bob Cowan, Paula Sarlls, Wayne Coleman and Eric Lopez and attendees are Barry Georgopoulos, Fred Krebs, Meg Krebs and Mitch Harquail.

We also need to know who, from the detachment will be attending the convention as the Detachment will pay the registration fees. If you are interested in attending the Convention please let me know by March 1, 2012. If I am not advised and later you choose to attend the convention, you will be responsible for your own registration fee. In this case the charge will be \$10.00, paid at the convention.

We would like as many members as possible to attend, especially the business meetings on Saturday, May 5, 2012. At this time we hold the "Frank J. Carroll Traveling Trophy" for the most members attending the convention. WE WOULD LIKE TO RETAIN POSSESSION OF THE TROPHY!

Please monitor the Department website ([www.mcleaguecolorado.com](http://www.mcleaguecolorado.com)) for Convention information. The Awards Chairperson has information posted. The format and procedures for awards are listed.

**Please give a Marine welcome to our newest member Patrick Gilliam. Welcome Aboard Patrick!**

## Unit Members who Dues are due or past Due

The following Unit members have not paid their dues for the 2011/2012 period. As dues were due Sept 1, these members are considered delinquent as of December 31st.

Linda Anderson  
Lindsey Anderson Dowdy  
Theresa 'Terry' Cooper  
Catherine Mick

We value your membership and would hate to lose you and hope you will forward your dues (\$25.00) check payable to Frank J Carroll Unit MCLA. Mail to Bea Georgopulos, 740 S Alton Way #6B, Denver, CO 80247-1614.

Think of what you are doing for some veterans you do not even know. You are making their sacrifice more worthwhile. You are supporting our troops and letting them know that they are not forgotten.

But please, stop and think. Just what does the membership in our Marine Corps League Auxiliary mean to others than just yourself. Think of those young Marines whom are serving overseas. The temperatures are so hot in the summer in Iraq. Imagine your oven set at 400 degrees, now try and put your head into the oven opening and turn on a fan and blow sand in your face. This is what the summer is like in Iraq. Or think of walking the roadside to guide the trucks thru, never knowing if your next footstep will be on a mine. Yes, we sit home and do not realize what our young people are going thru. There are the homeless veterans now sleeping in their cars and this number is growing for the female veterans as there are not enough homes to help them.

Our Marine Corps League Auxiliary aides the families of our veterans serving overseas. We send boxes of love along with goodies put together after our meetings around the holiday season.

Hoping to again see you at our meetings or if unable to travel we know you are still doing your part to further our cause.

Semper Fidelis,

*Bea Georgopulos*

Unit Secretary/Treasurer

## Detachment members who are Dues are due or past Due:

To bring your dues up to date contact the Detachment Adj/Paymaster. Check your mailing label from National MCL for renewal date. Renewals are \$36.00 per year.

Life Membership is available; Contact the Detachment Adjutant/Paymaster.



### *Detachment Officers 2011-2012*

*Commandant : Robert Hunter  
Sr Vice Cmdt: Warren Miller  
Jr Vice Cmdt: Steve Hernandez  
Judge Advocate: Barry  
Georgopulos  
Adj/Paymaster: Fred Krebs  
Chaplain: Paula Sarlls  
Sgt At Arms: Warren Miller*



## *Attention on Deck*

### **EMAIL ADDRESSES**

With the cost of postage going up again soon, it is imperative that we reduce costs by sending this newsletter via e-mail whenever possible. If you did **NOT** receive this newsletter via email but via hard copy, it means your email is not on the Detachment and Unit roster, have changed email addresses, or have supplied an incorrect email address, please double check your email address. Please email Meg Krebs with your name and email address to better improve Detachment and Unit communications to you at:

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### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND NEW MEMBERS**

Detachment members that are six (6) months or more past due in their dues will no longer receive the newsletter and will be removed from the roster prior to publication. To bring your dues up to date, contact the Adjutant. Renewal dues are \$36 per year. Check your mailing label from National MCL for renewal date!

All new regular members must be prepared to show proof of Honorable Marine service. New member dues are \$36. Life Membership Dues are available, contact the Detachment Adjutant/Paymaster for information.

### **GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE**

You can help support your Detachment and Unit by purchasing a \$25.00 Gift Card to King Soopers or Safeway from Barry Georgopoulos. Funds raised helps with programs and projects that this Detachment and Unit are involved with. Contact Barry at 303-360-6302 or email him at [bandbmcl@aol.com](mailto:bandbmcl@aol.com) or come to the monthly membership meetings to purchase the Gift Cards, and mingle with fellow members.



### **ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS:**

**Articles are due to me (that is in my hands, not in the mail) by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month.** All articles are to be sent to this email address: [mystickcreature@msn.com](mailto:mystickcreature@msn.com) . Articles should be sent in a WORD Document format all other formats will be rejected. Articles are to be of interest to all League and Auxiliary members

### **Mission Statement**



Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

# Calling all Marines & FMF Corpsmen!

The 2012 shooting schedule for the Marine Corps League at The Colorado Rifle Club is as follows:

March---17-----Sat  
April-----22-----Sun  
May-----19-----Sat  
June-----16-----Sat  
July-----21-----Sat  
Sep-----15-----Sat

All shoots begin at 1000 hrs unless otherwise specified. Shooters will pay \$20.00 dollars per person. This includes rifle and pistol targets, and lunch.

We would like to see as many people as possible come out for this great time of fun and camaraderie. And you get to work on your shooting skills.

If you don't have any rifles or pistols we always have enough to go around. We just ask you to bring your own ammo.

Any questions please call Mike Benowitz at 303-868-8325

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## **ID TAG LOST IN WWII IS RETURNED TO MARINE**



Richard Urie, an 86 year-old Marine Corps veteran who lost one of his military identification tags 66 years ago, had it returned to him on Jan. 15. Urie lost the identification tag, also known as a dog tag, in 1945 while stationed in Saipan in the western Pacific. Saipan resident Mike Villagomez found Urie's lost tag in 1981 in a yam field. With the help of Randy Kruid, a U.S. special investigator deputy marshal in Saipan, Urie was tracked down. Timothy E. Moran, a Boston-based assistant U.S. attorney, delivered the tag to Urie at his retirement community in Peabody, Mass. Urie joined the Marines in 1943 and was a radio operator attached to Headquarters Company of the 2nd Marine Division. To read more visit: [http://articles.boston.com/2012-01-15/north/30622830\\_1\\_dog-tags-saipan-nagasaki](http://articles.boston.com/2012-01-15/north/30622830_1_dog-tags-saipan-nagasaki)

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**Editor's Note:** No articles were received from the Detachment Commandant or Unit President by the deadline date. The Detachment and Unit will meet in conjunction with the Women Marines Association CO-1 at their 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Double Tree Hotel located off of I-225 and Iliff Ave at 11:30 AM. On February 18<sup>th</sup>.

On February 4, 2012 the Windsor Marines Detachment will be hosting a No Limit Texas Hold-em Poker tournament at the Windsor Gardens Auditorium Building, 595 S. Clinton St, Denver, CO 80247. Registration is from 5 PM to 6 PM. The Tournament starts at 6 PM. Contact Bob Hunter at 720-480-5525 or email: [polokpat@aol.com](mailto:polokpat@aol.com) for more information.



# Marine Corps Memorial Association

Department of Colorado Marine Corps League

P. O. Box 1803 Wheat Ridge, CO. 80034-1803

The United States Marine Corps Memorial, located at the intersection of U.S. Highways 6 and 40 in Golden, Colorado, was the realization of a dream long held by SSgt Cyrus "Bo" Bowers, a veteran of World War II and Korea. Wartime military experience left him with the conviction that being a "special breed"; the Marines who have served in the Corp deserved a fitting recognition of their sacrifice and service.

Ground was broken on September 13, 1975. A 100 year time capsule was deposited in the base of the Memorial on December 23, 1976. The capsule contents commemorate the United States Bicentennial, the State of Colorado Centennial and the 201<sup>st</sup> birthday of the United States Marine Corps. The Memorial was completed and officially dedicated to all Marines, living and dead, on August 24, 1977, by then Commandant of the Corps Gen. Louis H. Wilson Jr.

- In 1978 a plaque honoring Navy Corpsmen was placed at the site.
- In the 1980s insignia of the six Marine Divisions and the four Marine Air Wings were mounted.
- A plaque honoring Women Marines was placed at the site in 1991.
- Flags from all 50 states were donated and are flown in a 'V' formation on certain holidays.
- In 1994 the brass collar emblems were added.
- In 1995 a plaque honoring the Naval Amphibious Forces was placed at the site as was a kiosk.
- In 1995 over 28 ceremonies were held at the Memorial with over 6,500 people in attendance. Many tourists and local residents visit the site throughout the year.
- In 2002, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the site was officially annexed into the city of Golden.
- On May 23, 2005 the Memorial was designated as a Landmark by the City of Golden.
- In 2008 the Walk of Honor with commemorative stones for each of the six Marine Divisions was completed.

For more information about this unique Memorial, to offer support and/or join the Memorial Association, please fill out the attached form and send it to the address on the form.

**Marine Corps Memorial Association**  
P.O. Box 1803, Wheat Ridge, CO 80034-1803

**Annual Membership**

Regular -----\$25.00  
 Sustaining-----\$50.00  
 Patron-----\$75.00  
 Benefactor-----\$100.00+

These amounts are effective as of January 1, 2008  
Donations are tax deductible.

Please indicate amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

On behalf of all Marines, it is my pleasure to extend greetings to the Women Marines Association as you gather this year to commemorate the 69th Anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. When Opha Mae Johnson enlisted in the Marine Corps back in 1918, she and our other pioneering Women Marines paved the way for the Corps we know today. As our female warriors continue to play increasingly vital roles in defending freedom throughout the world, we pay special tribute to all Women Marines who have served with utmost courage and devotion.

Over the years, our female warriors have helped forge the illustrious legacy of our Corps. Today, as our Marines work tirelessly to meet the challenges of maintaining a high operational tempo and intense deployment cycle in Afghanistan, we continue to celebrate the remarkable achievements of all female Marines...past, present and future. Since 1918, women have contributed substantially to every conflict in which our Nation has been involved. All Marines take great pride in the important part women have played in shaping the finest fighting force in the world.

As you celebrate this anniversary, know that all Marines are grateful for your distinguished service and unwavering fidelity. Reunions allow us the opportunity to renew friendships, reflect on shared experiences, and rekindle the bonds forged through service under the Eagle, Globe and Anchor. Have a wonderful event! With warmest regards and best wishes, I remain...

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James F. Amos', written over a large, stylized flourish that extends to the right.

JAMES F. AMOS  
General, U.S. Marine Corps