



# Pass the Word

The Official Newsletter of Detachment 14 - Fresno, Marine Corps League

May 2011

## Your Commandant

“Memorial Day” The day we remember those fallen in defense of this country. Flags appear everywhere. What does all this mean?? It means we have been granted a life in a free land, in which we have freedom to pursue our dreams, goals, and aspirations without the yoke of the government. Least we forget the cost of freedom is always written in blood. Stay steady, and stand proud as you exercise and defend those freedoms that we have paid for by the blood of fellow Marines and all other soldiers.

Our next general Meeting will be May 21, 2011 at 0900 (9:00am). Please visit our website for information and pictures.

Your commandant  
Bob Strickland

Once a Marine

Straight and proudly they stand,  
The bravest ever seen,  
Loving country more than life,  
The United States Marine.

They live the Marine Corps motto:  
Just two words, “Semper Fi,”  
Meaning “Always Faithful,”

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Even if it means to die.

No matter when their service,  
In a time of peace or war,  
“Once a Marine, always a Marine”  
Says they are comrades forevermore.

Protectors of our freedom,  
America’s fighting machine,  
The proud, the few, the respected,  
The United States Marine.

Ron Tranmer

### \* CHAPLAIN’S CORNER \*

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If you have any need the chaplain is available for prayer, comfort etc. You can call, text, or Email. I am also on Facebook.

⊕ **Pray for healing and restored health go out to all MCL Detachment members who are ill with respiratory infections!**

⊕ Please continue your prayers for Louise Ramsey.

⊕ Please keep our courageous warriors who are in harm's way in your daily thoughts and prayers.

**\* THANK YOU'S IN ORDER \***

Mess Personnel - Great Job

**\* HISTORY \***

**May 1st 1958 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Logistics Group activated as 3d Force Service Regiment, 3d MarDiv, FMF.**

**1992 - BrigGen Marvin Hopgood Jr. led 1,500 Marines from Camp Pendleton to help quell the Los Angeles riots.**

**2003 - President Bush, speaking on the deck of the returning USS Abraham Lincoln, which launched thousands of jet sorties into war, declared that “major combat operations in Iraq have been ended.**

**May 2nd 1946 – Marines helped quell a prison riot at Alcatraz Island, CA.**

**1965 – 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Marines participated in the intervention in the Dominican republic.**

**May 4th 1942 – Marines participated in the Battle of the Coral Sea during WWII.**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> 1961 – Marine pilots retrieved America's first astronaut, Navy Cdr Alan Shepard.**

**May 6<sup>th</sup> 1937 – Marines at NAS, Lakehurst, NJ helped rescue survivors of the Hindenburg disaster.**

**1942 – The colors of the 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment were burned to avoid capture on Corregidor.**

**May 7th 1965 – MAG-12 (Forward Echelon) arrives at Chu Lai, Vietnam, to construct a camp, aircraft maintenance facilities and support systems for the SATS Expeditionary Airfield.**

**May 8<sup>th</sup> 1945 – V-E Day**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> 1934 – The first amphibious landing exercise by embryo FMF at Culebra.**

**May 11th 1920 – The 16<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment organized at Philadelphia for duty in Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> 1975 – Marines were alerted for rescue of the Mayaquez crew and assault on**

**Koh Tang Island, Cambodia.**

**May 13<sup>th</sup> 1928** –Marines participated in the Battle of Cua River in Nicaragua.

**May 14<sup>th</sup> 1917** – The first Marine detachment transferred from Annapolis to a new Marine post at Quantico.

**1919** – Marines from USS Arizona landed at Constantinople to secure the American Consulate.

**May 15<sup>th</sup> 1991** – After flooding killed 130,000 in Bangladesh, the 5<sup>th</sup> MEB provided aid in Operation Sea Angel.

**May 16<sup>th</sup> 1927**– Marines participated in the Battle of La Paz Centro in Nicaragua.

**May 17<sup>th</sup> 1962** – The 3d MEB landed in Thailand, easing Communist pressure.

**May 19<sup>th</sup> 1927** – The 11<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment arrived at Esteli, Nicaragua, for garrison duty.

**May 22<sup>th</sup> 1912** – Lt Alfred A. Cunningham became the first Marine officer assigned aviation duty.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1988** – The V-22 Osprey made its official debut at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, Texas facility.

**May 24<sup>th</sup> 1900** – Marines landed at Taku, China, to establish Legation Guard at Peking.

**May 25<sup>th</sup> 1775** – Eight Marines escorted payroll; this was the first recorded action of the Continental Marines.

**May 26<sup>th</sup> 1969** – Operation Pipestone Canyon began with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 26<sup>th</sup> Marines and 3d Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines began sweeps southwest of Da Nang.

**May 27<sup>th</sup> 1942** – The 8<sup>th</sup> Defense Battalion (Reinforced) landed on Wallis Island from Tutuila Island.

**May 28<sup>th</sup> 1945** – The 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment began the final assault against Shuri Castle, Okinawa.

**May 29<sup>th</sup> 1945** – WWII, 0730, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines assault Shuri Ridge, Okinawa, despite heavy mortar fire, take the crest and later Shuri Castle.

**1997** – 22d MEU (SOC) begins evacuation of civilians in Zaire civil war. The MEU pulled out 2,500 people over five days.

**May 30<sup>th</sup> 1949** – 3d Marines, last Marines to leave Shanghai, China, during May, arrive in San Diego, CA.

**May 31<sup>st</sup> 1900** – Marines guarded Peking Diplomatic Quarters during the Boxer Rebellion.

**WELCOME TO DETACHMENT 14 \***

⊕ Aundry Garzon (3d brother of the Garzon family)

**\* NEWSLETTER STATUS \***

**\*ANNOUNCEMENTS \***

**ANNOUNCEMENT – “MEMORIAL DAY”**

**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES WILL BE HELD MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 AT LIBERTY CEMETERY ON BELMONT WEST OF FREEWAY 99. PROGRAM STARTS AT 1000 (10:00 A.M.) WEAR YOUR COLORS.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT - TWO DISPLAY CASES HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED FOR THE FRONT LOBBY OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL BLDG. WE NEED TO FILL IT WITH ITEMS FROM KOREA, VIETNAM, IRAQ OR AFGHAN. IF YOU HAVE ITEMS FROM THESE CONFLICTS, CERTAIN BATTLES, OR CAMPAIGNS PLEASE COLLECT THESE AND GIVE THEM TO DON RAMSEY SO THEY CAN BE PLACE IN THE DISPLAY CASE.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT - FROM BONNIE & GUS KNITTEL  
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FREE FREE FREE  
TRAILS FOR WALKING AND HIKING.  
MEMBERS OF MCL DET -14 ARE GOING TO HAVE A PICNIC ON MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> WITH BONNIE AND GUS KNITTEL.  
WE WILL BE HAVING HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, BEVERAGES, MARSHMALLOWS, ETC., FURNISHED BY THE DETACHMENT.  
A MAP IS AVAILABLE WITH THIS MCL NEWS LETTER.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT - COMING SOON WILL BE THE JUNE FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY. PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR AND PARTICIPATE.  
JUNE 12 @ 1200 (12:00 NOON)  
CLOVIS VETERANS BUILDING**

**ANNOUNCEMENT - ROSEVELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SELMA  
FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY  
JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>  
AT 1300 (1:00 PM)  
BE THERE AND IN UNIFORM FOR THE CHILDREN AND RESPECT OF FLAG**

**STAFF MEETING**

The next Det 14 Staff & Officer meeting is Thurs, 2 June 2011 at 1800 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Bldg.

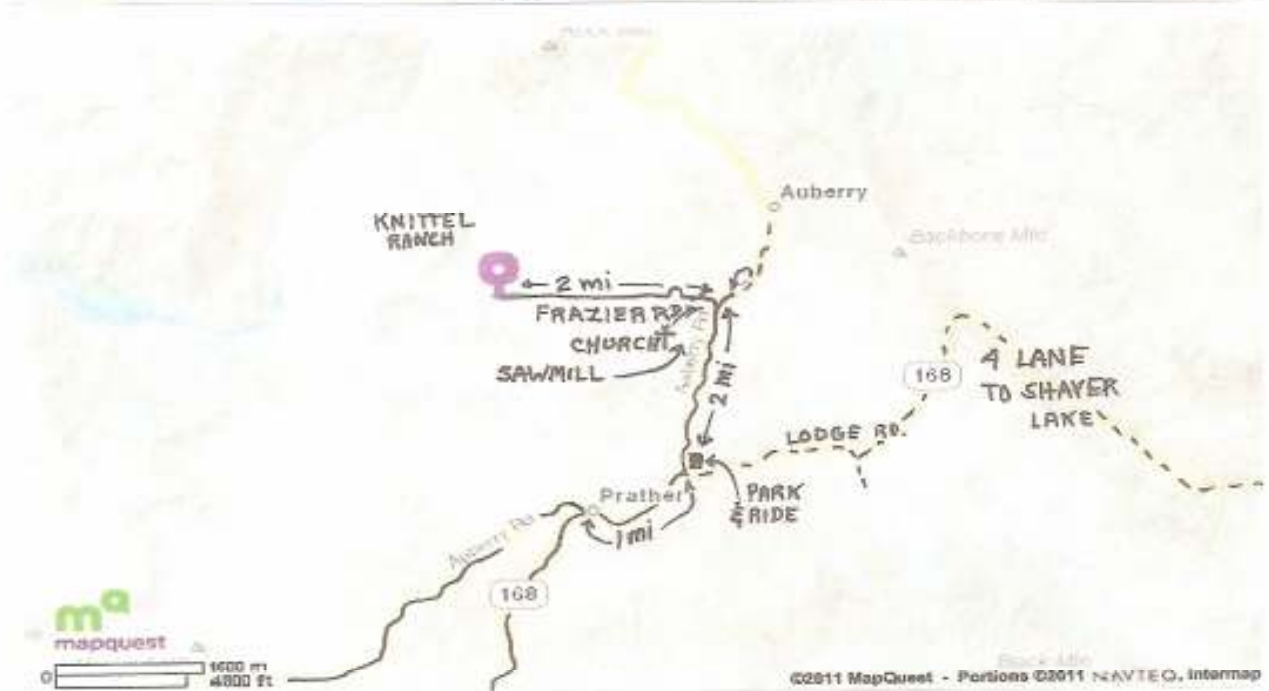
The July Staff & Officer's meeting is Thurs, 7 July 2011 at 1800 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Building.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The next general meeting will be held Saturday, 21 May 2011 at 0900 the Clovis Veterans Memorial Bldg.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3	4	5 1800 staff meeting	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 1000 picnic at Gus's	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 0900 General meeting	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31	Notes:				

More Calendars: [June](#), [July](#), [August](#)



**The Ranch** — “Come Rest in God’s Nature”  
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