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Con Shuck

Branson 2014 Schedule of Events

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1830 Banquet

SUNDAY OCT 05, 2014

SADDLE UP! HAPPY TRAILS!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Transporters, our 24th annual reunion is just a few days away. I called Jack Flannery today and everything is set except for a good head count. This is always a problem in any reunion. But I am sure that Jack will make everything OK.

It occurred to me that after almost two years as President, I have yet to introduce myself to the majority of MCATA members. So, here is what happened to me.

I joined the regular Marines in 1960. Mickey and I were married after boot camp. Most of my time with the regular Marines was with VMGR squadrons which included six tours with VMGR-152. After I retired from the Marines in 1981, I went to work with the

Air Force at Kelly AFB IN San Antonio, a maintenance facility for C-130, B-52 and C-5 aircraft. I told the managers there that I had spent most of my adult life working on C-130 transports – they said fine! Report to the B-52 flight line.

I was OK with it. I was soon certified to perform high power engine run ups on B-52 bombers and later the C-5 transports. Never got near the C-130 flight line

After Kelly AFB closed, I moved to nearby Randolph AFB. There I ran the T-1 trainer flight line. I retired from civil service in 2003 and went home to enjoy our two sons, grand-children, and great grand-children.

I have been involved with

several local organizations:

The Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, American Legion and Knights of Columbus. I have been involved with wounded Marine activities at BAMC since the beginning of the Iraq war.

After a while I found myself “flipping” houses and I have been doing that until now. Mickey and I are working on the last house. The house should be listed in late October. After that, we plan to put some miles on our Airstream travel trailer.

It's been a “trip” for Mickey and me.

H. C. Reyes

Subject—Letter written by then Brigadier General Victor H. Krulak

The number of wounded Marines at BAMC is now thirty Marines undergoing outpatient care and no Marines in the hospital. The number of wounded Marines has dropped considerably since the early days of this current Middle East conflict. It may be that this conflict is winding down a little.

There are rumors of a downsizing of our Armed Forces. It may be time now to revisit a letter which was written so many years ago by then Brigadier General Victor H. Krulak.

H. C. Reyes,

WHO NEEDS A MARINE CORPS?

A Marine looks at an old question

"Dear Brute,
Why does the U. S. Need A Marine corps?
When convenient, would you jot down some answers
To the above question?

(This brief note was written by then General Randolph McC. Pate in 1957, while he was commandant of the Marine Corps, To then Brigadier General Victor H Krulak, now Lieutenant General USMC (Ret).

4 November 1957

General R. McC. Pate, USMC
Commandant of the Marine Corps
Headquarters , U. S. Marine Corps Washington 25, D, C.

Dear General:

Why does the United States need a Marine Corps?

In 1946, when serving as one of a group of officers engaged in studying ways and means to prevent our summary destruction, this question came in for much discussion. As one means of exploring the matter, we hit on the idea of taking the enemy's viewpoint.

So, we spent a little time seeking answers to the converse

question---"Why does the United States not need a Marine Corps?" From those reflections came a few conclusions which apply to your question.

The United States does not need a Marine Corps mainly because she has a fine modern Army and a vigorous Air Force. Her Army fights on the ground – on any kind of ground and does it well too. Marines are designed to fight on the ground and in the air just like the Army and Air Force, and have no corner on skill in either place.

The Marines claim to have a mystical competence in landing operations, but they really don't. There are thousands and thousands of soldiers who have been carefully trained and thoroughly drilled in amphibious matters too, and they can do anything Marines can do. And Marine aviators have no corner on tactical air operations in support of the infantry either. Our Air Force has done a lot of it, and can do it again.

The Marines boast about how tough and how well trained they are, but Army training is just as tough; Air Force training just as thorough as the best the Marines can offer.

The United States is a sentimental country, and has a right to spend a certain amount of its money on pure sentiment. But it cannot afford a luxury as big as the Marine Corps. That is what much of the billion dollars a

year that the Marine Corps costs actually buys us, a sentimental luxury—because their actual combat job can be done equally well by someone else---by the Army or the Air Force or both, if just given the chance.

Now I know that all of these things are unpleasant to read, and we don't like to even think that they are said. But they are said. More serious still, they are not entirely false! There is a little tiny element of truth in each and every one--- just enough to be frustrating---just enough to make our case a hard one to argue on technical facts alone. It makes little difference that the functions discharged by the Marines are more important in this day of missile-diplomacy than ever before; that they would have to be done by someone under any circumstances, or that if there weren't a Marine Corps we would find our country having to improvise one in time of need. These truths are still very hard things to argue in technical terms, and the fact is, if I had to stick to pure and unqualified military technicalities, I would find it most difficult to prove, beyond question, that the United States does truly need a Marine Corps."

But we are not talking about technicalities or any cold comparison of weapons or organizations, functions or pure mechanical capabilities. When you talk of the Marine Corps and the

United States, you are not operating in the realm of technicality--You are operating in the realm of reality.

Technically it probably can be demonstrated that we don't need woman suffrage---that our elective processes would produce the same results whether woman voted or not, and that it is just a needles expense. But woman do vote, not because of any technical reasoning---but because of something deeper, stronger and far more compelling---because the American people want it that way! If they didn't, it would not be that way. It is just that simple.

And that is the case with the Marine Corps. We exist today--- we flourish today---not because of what we know we are, or what we know we can do, but because of what the grassroots of our country believes we can do.

These thousands --- millions--- of people don't understand much about "the comprehensive exercise of sea power" or "the security needs of a maritime nation" and they don't even absorb the full implication of the "balanced fleet." But that isn't too important, because what they do understand and believe about the Marine Corps is more powerful by far than these technical things.

Essentially, as a result of the unfailing conduct of our Corps over the years, they believe three things about the Marines. First, they believe that when trouble comes to our country, there will be Marines---somewhere---who, through hard work have made and kept themselves ready to do something useful about it, and do it at once. They picture these Marines as men---individual components of a lean, serious, professional outfit. I am sure that

the grassroots reaction to our recent evidences of readiness vis-à-vis Suez and the Middle East were instinctively accepted by the American people as a matter of course. "How else would Marines act?"

Second, they believe that when Marines go to war, they invariably turn in a performance that is dramatically and decisively successful---not most of the time, but always. Their faith and conviction in this regard are almost mystical. The mere association of the word "Marines" with a crisis is an automatic course of encouragement and confidence everywhere. I remember a cartoon, widely distributed when the 1st Brigade landed in Korea. It showed John Q Public reading the headline, 5000 Marines arrive in Korea. John Q Public says. "I feel better already."

The third thing they believe about Marines is that our Corps is downright good for the manhood of our country; that the Marines are masters of a form of unfailing alchemy which converts un-oriented youths into proud, self-reliant stable citizens, citizens into whose hands the nation's affairs may safely be entrusted. One of the most respected military men of the current era expressed this quite well.

I believe that the greatest service that we in the armed forces can possibly render the American people whom we serve, is so to train the young men who come under our authority as to ensure that they will win our country's battles and still return to their families whole and proud. This, somehow, the Marines have been able to do in a degree which exceeds the best efforts of all the rest of us.

What this officer is saying

is that throughout our country the word Marine is synonymous with manhood, character, pride and resolution---characteristics which every father and mother want to associate with their son.

The people believe these three things. They believe them deeply and honestly--- to the extent that they want the Marines around---in either peace or war. They want them so much that they are ready to pay for them---and to fight for them too, if need be.

Now we have heard it said that it isn't really the people who do all of this---that they really don't much care---but that it is actually the congress; or more properly a group of avid Marine---bitten, Marine influenced, Marine---guided congressmen who maneuver to keep the Marines on the top of the heap in the face of counter-manuevering on all sides.

Nothing could be further from the fact. Oh, there is no doubt that the congressmen are a powerful sounding board, but they are by no means just puppets dancing to Marine---controlled strings. They are doing exactly what they believe the people want them to do; no more no less. I have picked out three, from the hundreds of available examples of pure candor on the part of congressmen, where they confess the truth as to their reactions where the Marines are concerned.

I will put my faith in the Marine Corps any day; that is the way my constituents feel.

The Marine Corps, by virtue of it's record, cannot be extinguished either by congress or by the Secretary of Defense or even by the President, because the people just would not permit it. The Marine Corps has earned a place in the hearts of the

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2014 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

MARINE CORPS AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION 24TH ANNUAL REUNION

BRANSON MISSOURI/ 01-05 OCT. 2014

RAMADA CONVENTION CENTER- GROUP MCATA

70 ROOMS AVAIL. (\$55 PER NIGHT + TAX) **RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN 9/16/2014**

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Via: _____

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Request Information on : ☐ **RV Parking** ☐ **Local Attractions**

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1300	Early Registration in Ready Room BLDG # 600. Registration is Required of all attendees.		
	Member	QTY:	\$25.00
	Spouses and/or Guests @ \$25 per person	QTY:	\$
1300	Hospitality Room Opens BLDG# 600		
1700	Early Bird Dinner "Get Together" @ Rowdy Beaver (onsite)	QTY:	

THURSDAY 02 OCTOBER

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Open	Check out Branson		

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0900	Board of Directors Meeting		
1000	General Membership Meeting		
1100	Hospitality Room Open after Meeting		
1200	Ladies Luncheon- BLDG. #700 \$20.00 per person	QTY:	\$

SATURDAY 04 OCTOBER

0800	Hospitality Room Open		
OPEN	Shopping at Branson Landing & Dick's 5 and Dime at Old Downtown Branson. Can arrange Shuttle once we have estimate on number of people interested.	QTY:	
1700-1800	Social (Cash Bar) BLDG.#900		
1800	Colors		
1830	BANQUET Choice of Chicken or Beef # Beef _____ @ \$30.00 # Chicken _____ @ \$26.00	QTY:	

SUNDAY 05 OCTOBER

0800	Hospitality Room Opens		
	Check Out		
	Membership Dues (Must Be Current)		\$
	Donation to General Fund		\$
	Sponsorship Fund Donation		\$
	TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$

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American people, and our constituents will simply not let us get away without dotting the I's and crossing the T's as far as the Marine Corps is concerned.

I believe the burden of all this can be summarized simply by saying that, while the functions which we discharge must always be done by someone, and while an organization such as ours is the correct one to do it, still, in terms of cold mechanical logic, the United States does not need a Marine Corps. However, for good reasons which completely transcends cold logic, the United States wants a Marine Corps. Those reasons are strong; they are honest, they are deep rooted and they are above question or criticism. So long as they exist--so long as the people are convinced that we can really do the things I have mentioned---we are going to have a Marine Corp. I feel that is a certainty. And, likewise, should the people ever lose that conviction---as a result of our failure to meet their high---almost spiritual---standards, the Marine Corps will then quickly disappear.

Is there a chance that such a thing might happen? I think

there is. I think that we ourselves can shake those convictions and the accompanying faith which really sustains us. By a lack of attention we can lose the inspirational personal relationship among our officers and our rank and file---a relationship quite different than that found in other services and one which heretofore has distinguished our Corps. In certain respects I fear we have, and I am sure that it is not going unnoticed. Also, by carelessness or by inordinate attention to less important things, we can lose those characteristics of lean professional simplicity and unfailing preparedness which, in the years past, have deservedly made the Marines one of America's treasures. In this respect, too I feel we have lost some of our wealth of good will.

How serious it is, I don't profess to estimate to you, but it certainly worries me. It does, General, because, as I said before, if the United States wanted to try, she could get along without a Marine Corps.

Sincerely,

August 8, 2104

Dear Charlie & Dale,

I hope you are bot in the best of health. I am about the same and I feel blessed that I can still arise every morning at my age. I had to change internet carriers from Comcast to Direct TV. Comcast said that I needed a new modem and they gave me a date when they would come out and change it. They never showed and this went on for three weeks. My daughter is going to college on the internet and after three weeks I went with Direct TV. Comcast said that I never answered my phone. I had Comcast phone too and since the internet was down, they should have known I did not have a phone.

Now that I have a new phone number: 662-890-3720 and a new email address: vjbarber071@gmail.com, please pass this on so that I will continue to get emails and remain on the mailing list. Even though I cannont make the reunions, I enjoy reading the news. My address remains: 5943 Savannah Crossing, Southaven, MS 38672.

Semper Fi:

Mrs. Jo Barber

EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

Mrs. Jo Barber has a new e-mail address and phone number

Vjbarber071@gmail.com

Phone: 662-890-3720

Her address remains the same

5943 Savannah crossing, Southaven, MS 38672

Ned Little says "hi" to all. Ned was an R5D crew chief and served from 1957 to 1978. His phone number is 610-955-6633

Ed Hunt was in rehab in July. Hope he is well on his way to recovery.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Please print clearly the following information. Turn in completed application, with all applicable signatures, and return to the address indicated. If this form is incomplete, inaccurate, or not signed, it will not be considered.
2. Please complete one application for each scholarship.
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College: _____

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