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Commander Harold "Skip" Knecht

Hello to all from your commander. We will be having elections on Tuesday May 11th during our meeting. Those that are running or have volunteered for offices are Rich Spangler, 1st V.P., Rich VonDuhn, 2nd V.P. Paul Armbruster, Financial Secretary and myself. Come to the meeting and meet these men and show them your support for the coming year. On May 15th we will be having Post Clean Up at 9:00A.M./0900 hours, with hot dogs and beverage to follow. We will be placing flags on the graves of our fallen comrades at Sunset Memorial Cemetery on May 29th at 9:00A.M. until ?, again hot dogs and beverage to follow. On Monday, May 31st the Memorial Day Parade will step off from Brookgate at 10:00 A.M. Let us truly make ourselves a "*Post with Pride*" by having a good showing for the parade. Thanks for your continued support of Post 610 and myself as your commander.

Skip Knecht 216-676-5007



1st Vice Rich Spangler Sr.

Welcome to our new members Daniel Augustine, Robert Almasie, Anthony Zakrzewski, Richard Adams, Nickolas Antonio, Ronald Wichert, Robert Metro and Paul Troknya. We are 17 away from making membership quota. Remember elections are coming in May. See you at the meeting. Thank you for all your help this year. Have a great summer.

New Special Events Section

For only \$5 you can advertise your "Special Event" in *The Family Pen* for the month of the event, be it an Anniversary, Wedding, Birthday, Graduation, Births or what ever else your "Special Event" is. Your "Special Event" advertisement will be credit card size. See Rich VonDuhn for details. 440-201-6100

Post Elections May 11th

Don't forget the ELECTIONS are this month at the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 11th. Don't let your vote go to waste. Come out and vote for your favorite candidate.




2nd Vice Ralph Tharpe

Happy Birthday to all members with birthdays in May. Mark you calendars Elvis will be in the house on Saturday, May 22. See me for tickets, \$5 in advance (cutoff off date is May 14) and \$10 on the night of the event at the door. Raffle tickets for the 42 inch plasma TV are on sale now and their going fast. \$5 per ticket with a maximum of 250 to be sold. Proceeds for the 50th Birthday Celebration. Tickets for the Reverse Raffle on June 12th are on sale now. Donation \$10.

.It has been a difficult year for me personally and after a long discussion with my wife I will not be seeking reelection as your 2nd Vice. I want to thank the officers and members of Post 610 for helping me through this difficult time. Again thank you all for letting me serve you. Be safe over the Memorial Day Weekend.



Elections on Tuesday, May 12th.



CAMP LEJEUNE

HISTORIC DRINKING WATER

Call Center
(877) 261-9782
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm EST
Online Registration
www.marines.mil/clsurvey

In the early 1980's two unregulated solvents, trichloroethylene (TCE) and perchloroethylene (PCE), were found in two drinking water systems that served portions of Camp Lejeune. Estimates indicate the water may have been impacted from 1957 to 1987. Camp Lejeune water meets or exceeds all environmental standards today. The Marine Corps is a good steward of the environment and remains committed to the independent research initiatives associated with this issue.

This brochure provides the most current information on this important issue and how to register to receive updated information and study results. We would like for you to share this information with former Marines and other past Camp Lejeune residents and encourage them to register.

SOME MALES HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER FROM CONTAMINATED DRINKING WATER AND OTHER FORMS OF CANCER.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
2 NAVY ANNEX
WASHINGTON, DC 20380-1775

IN REPLY REFER TO:
5090
LFL
APRIL 20, 2009


Dear Registrant:

Thank you for taking part in the Camp Lejeune Water registry. As you may be aware, the purpose of the registry is to help us notify individuals who may have lived or worked aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina between 1957 and 1987 of potential exposure to contaminated drinking water. We want to ensure those who may have been exposed are provided with the most up to date information.

At this time, the Department of the Navy is funding health studies to determine when the drinking water was first impacted, who may have consumed it, and whether or not there may be an association between exposure to the water and certain health conditions.

For complete details regarding the registry, on-going studies, and other information, please visit our website www.marines.mil and click on the Camp Lejeune Water Study icon. You may also call our toll-free information line, (877) 261-9782, to speak to a representative who can assist you with questions and concerns.

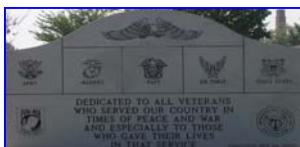
Please encourage other former residents and employees of the base between 1957 and 1987 to register as we want to ensure the widest dissemination of information to our Marine Corps family.

Sincerely,

E. G. PAYNE
Major General
United States Marine Corps
Assistant Deputy Commandant
Installations and Logistics
(Facilities)

Bingo at Brecksville VAMC

Many thanks to the Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary members who have been donating their time at our Brecksville VAMC Bingo Parties. On April 12th, 72 veterans played bingo and enjoyed refreshments afterwards (18 of which were wheelchair bound). We can never have too many volunteers. We host bingo on the 2nd Monday of each month. You can be back in time for the drawings. We carpool so you don't have to drive. For more information please contact me **Ken Long, Rehab Chairman, (216-267-4711)**

Brook Park/American Legion Post 610 Veteran's Memorial



To purchase a brick for the Veterans Memorial contact Mike VonDuhn at 216-433-1195 or see him at the meetings. Small Bricks are \$25 and large bricks are \$50.

Come visit us on the Web at Post610.org



May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Don't forget Post elections at the regular monthly meeting</i> <i>7:30pm, Tuesday, May 11th</i></p>						1
2	3	4 EBoard meeting 7:30pm	5 A.L.R. Meeting 7:30pm	6	7 FOOD 6:30p—9p By the Aux.	8
9	10 S. A. L. Meeting 7 pm Bingo @ Brksville	11 Regular Monthly meeting 7:30pm Post Elections	12 Ladies Aux. Meeting 7:30pm	13	14 FOOD 6:30p—9p By the ALR	15 Post Clean Up, 9am
16	17	18 Birthday Celebra- tion meeting 7:30pm	19	20	21 FOOD 6:30p—9p By the SAL	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 FOOD 6:30p—9p By the Aux.	29 9 am Sunset Mem. Cemetery
30	31 Parade Off at 10am Brookgate	<p><i>Proud to support the 112th Eng BN (OHNG) and the 3rd BN 25th Marines</i></p>				

Food Night
EVERY MONDAY NIGHT & THE LAST TUESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

-Canteen Hours
 Mon 4pm-1am
 Tues 12pm-11pm
 Wed-Fri 12pm-1am
 Sat 11am-1am
 Sun 11am-10pm
 (216) 362-9610

Volunteers needed for bingo at Brecksville VAMC for the second Monday of each month, carpooling available and you will be back in time for the drawings

Ladies Aux elections on Wednesday, May 12th at the regular monthly meeting

American Legion Post 610
 Brook Park, Ohio
Reverse Raffle
 Saturday, June 12, 2010
 Time: 6:00 P.M. till ????

This Raffle will pay the **Top 5 Places** (if split) with a total **Grand Prize of \$1,000.00**

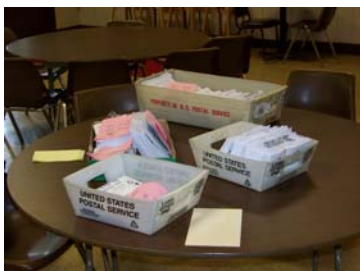
Donation \$10.00 Winner need not be present
 Proceeds to benefit the 610 Building Fund

Nº: 100

On May 15th and 29th, hot dogs and beverage will follow each event.

Get you tickets now for the Reverse Raffle on June 12th

The Family Pen folding staff



Come join us for folding your newspaper. For time and date contact Rich VonDuhn at 440-201-6100 or at rvonduhn@yahoo.com. Volunteers always needed. Coffee and donuts served during and after the folding.



POST CHAPLAIN
JIM DORAN

Chaplain's Corner



TAPS

Alan E. Herrington
Gary J. Urban
Michael Muza

Sick

Joe Kamenca at River-view Pointe; Elton Saunders at B'vl VA; Hal Janke at B'view Nursing; Frank Riegelmayor at Neff Road; Len Eggert, Bob Charvat, Dave Carter, John Lohser, Mike Grealis: all home.

Post 610 offers American Legion Services when requested by a family member. Contact Chaplain Jim Doran (216) 267-1465, the Post (216) 362-9610, or any available Officer. Also, please let us know of any comrades in distress. If you leave a message on my home phone recorder, please make sure you get a timely call back from me. If you do not hear back from me, please contact one of the other Legion Officers.

MEMORIAL DAY

We will be decorating our portion of Sunset Memorial Cemetery this year on Saturday, May 29th and you can meet us there in the parking area by the information center any time after 9:00 am. We really can use all the help we can get. We get help from scouts also but can always use more help from within. Picnic-style refreshments at the Pavilion afterwards. How about it?

After the parade on Monday, refreshments at the Post and again, we can use all the help we can get then also. We invite EVERYBODY back to the Post. Don't just sit and watch [or complain!]. Let me know if you're willing to lend a hand - even a little.

TAPS

There's an old story that has even been printed in Veterans Organization magazines about Taps originating during the Civil War when Union Captain Ellicombe discovered his KIA Confederate son at Harrison's Landing, Virginia in July, 1862, and gave him a military burial. The only identifiable basis of that story is an old TV episode of *Ripley's Believe It Or Not*, according to Jari Villanueva [a former curator of Arlington Cemetery's "Taps" Bugle Exhibition]. Mr. Villanueva also could not locate any record of a Captain Ellicombe in the Union Army.

In 1898, *Century Magazine* carried an article stating the origin of Taps to be unknown. An aging former bugler, Oliver Norton, wrote the magazine disputing that. He claimed that in July of 1862 while encamped at Harrison's Landing, General Daniel Butterfield had him replace the harsh bugle call for light's out with the softer and more soothing "Scott Tattoo", slightly altered by Butterfield himself. [*Century's* editors contacted Butterfield and he confirmed Norton's story.] Almost immediately the bugle call spread throughout Union regiments and by 1863 well into Confederate units as well. It became the official bugle call of the U.S. Army [*Infantry Drill Regulations*] in 1891.

KILROY WAS HERE

It would be hard to comprehend anyone who ever served in our armed forces - or ever saw a WW II war movie - that hasn't seen those words scrawled on a wall with those watchful eyes and nose and fingers hanging over the fence. Now where did this character come from? In 1946 the American Transit Association tried to find out through a nationwide contest with the prize of a trolley car going to the one and only, original "Kilroy" - whoever he might be. 40 men filed claims with various stories attached. After thorough investigations, James Kilroy of Halifax, Massachusetts, was declared to be the one and only, true "Kilroy".

He had been a shipyard worker during the war whose job was checking and verifying the number of rivets other workers had pieceworked previously at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. Other checkers would come through either before or after him and count the same sections of rivets. That meant double or triple pay for the riveters whose employee number was marked in small white chalk numerals in the various sections. Using extra large letters and the comic eyes peering over the fence, the riveters and other checkers were informed that this section of rivets had been tallied: "Kilroy", indeed, "was here!" As a result, "Kilroy's" trademark was seen by thousands of servicemen on their way overseas in the exposed holds of troopships.

The American serviceman's G.I. sense of humor took over and "Kilroy" went anywhere and everywhere. As the war ground on so did "Kilroy" logos - worldwide! Assault troops storming beaches found the chalked logo on enemy defensive structures. Navy frogmen had left them the night before on recon missions. It became a challenge to place the logo somewhere, anywhere, first. At the 1945 Potsdam Conference, Joseph Stalin emerged from an improvised outhouse and asked his aide [in Russian], "Who is Kilroy?" It is said to be scrawled in the dust on the moon, on top of Mt. Everest and on the Statue of Liberty's torch and crown. In researching this article I came across some other places it is rumored to be scrawled also ... XXX! [Ah, the American sense of humor!]

The tradition carries on to this day ... "Kilroy" has been to Bosnia, Kosovo, Egypt, Iraq and Afghanistan. It appears that he will continue his travels, unimpeded by international borders, passports or languages, into perpetuity. 'Merica! ... by God!, 'Merica!

BY POPULAR DEMAND ... OK, I'LL TELL Y'ALL ONE MORE ... BUT JUST ONE [AT LEAST FOR NOW]

Seamus Horan pops into Kevin Brannagh's Pub on the Square in Kilmellen one fine day with his three-legged pig and orders two draughts. "I'm not used to serving farm animals, Master Horan, and it's a bit surprised I am this day that you would suggest such an impropriety.", Kevin sharply notes. Seamus replies, "I'm not in disagreement with you as a rule, Squire Brannagh, but this pig is special. He woke us up and saved us from a terrible house fire just two eves past." The barkeep is moved and puts two pints up, "What happened to his hind leg? Was it the fire took it from him?", he inquires. After a few swallows and a well-timed belch, Seamus answers, "Here now, laddie, even the saints will tell you that when you've a pig this good, you don't eat him all at once."

SAY, "GOOD NIGHT", ALICE!

With the weather warming up and school almost out the wee ones will be out and about — and that means occasionally in the streets. "Hey, It's 25 MPH in our neighborhood!" signs will start popping up like May flowers ... please heed them - for the sake of our so very precious little Hoo-Hahs. God bless & keep our troops deployed. GBYA & a tip o' the Irish cap to ye, ♣ Jim Doran