



**CARRY-ON DETACHMENT  
#1236  
JOHNSTON COUNTY,  
NORTH CAROLINA**

**MAR  
2023**

**OUR FUTURE**

Tuesday, Mar 14<sup>th</sup> , 7 pm: Carry-On Business Meeting. 2023-2024 Election of Officers  
Friday-Saturday, Mar 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> , DoNC Spring Membership Meeting Havelock, NC

**OUR PAST**

**8 March 1965** - The 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB), commanded by Brigadier General Frederick J. Karch, landed at Da Nang, Vietnam. The brigade consisted of two Marine battalions, one arriving by air and the other over the beach. The following day, the MEB assumed control of Marine Task Unit 79.3.5 at Da Nang, which became Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) 16.

Significance: This was the first deployment of a battalion-sized U.S. combat unit to Vietnam. Although the mission of the 9th MEB was limited to the defense of the airbase at Da Nang, it was indicative that the U.S. advisory phase in the Vietnam War was to be transformed into more direct U.S. participation.

**12 March** – President Bush signed an executive order establishing a Southwest Asia Service Medal for members of the U.S. Armed Forces who participated in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The medal, designed by the Institute of Heraldry, depicts a desert and sea landscape on the front side with tanks, armored personnel carriers, helicopters, ships, and fixed-wing aircraft. It is suspended from a sand-colored ribbon incorporating the colors of the United States and Kuwaiti flags: red, white, blue, green, and black.

**17 March 1918** – 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, relieves a French unit and occupies Center of Resistance Montgirmont. Later, other Marine and Army units move into frontline positions and, as the French withdraw troops to meet a German drive at Amiens, the 2d Division is left holding a front that had been held by more than two divisions.

**20 March 1944** - 4th Marines (Reinforced) landed on and secured Emirau, St. Matthias Islands, completing isolation of Japanese stronghold at Rabaul, New Britain.

**26 March 2002** – The 225 Marines of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251, the “Thunderbolts”, returned to MCAS Beaufort, South Carolina, to cheering friends and family. The squadron was the first Marine aviation element to launch airstrikes in Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom. They deployed in late September 2001 and spent 135 days flying 700 combat sorties off the USS *Theodore Roosevelt* in the Arabian Sea with only eight days off.

## OUR FALLEN



Tom Barrie. John Bullock. George Gillespie. Robert Moore. Willard Pleasants. Gordon Young. Mark Wayne Williams. Linwood Johnson. George Hartley. Patrick Goodrow. Ken Parker. Carl Naus.



**8 crayon flavors Marines would actually enjoy eating.**  
**Sarah Sicard**

**Military Times**

There are a few simple truths in life: The Earth is round. The Sun is hot. Humans need oxygen to breathe. And Marines love to eat crayons.

No one is quite sure where or how that last fact came to be, but as far back as contemporary lore goes, nary a devil dog can say they haven't heard at least one joke about their beloved Corps being full of colorful wax-snack eaters.

And while several enterprising boots have made novelty crayons that indeed are safe for consumption, these chocolate or cake-based treats don't take into account what flavors would really appeal to a die-hard Marine.

These are some of the best.

### **Spam and Eggs**

There's nothing quite like a breakfast of canned pig meat laced with sodium nitrite. And if you've got eggs on hand to go with it, you've got a happy Marine.

### **Room-temperature Pabst Blue Ribbon**

Ask any Marine, nothing says "Oohrah America" quite like a room-temperature PBR. Nary a night of barracks mayhem was fueled without a little warm beer.

### **The Color Red**

A Marine's favorite color is also the best flavor: Red. 'Nuff said.

### **Mud**

Marines undoubtedly know how to get down and dirty better, perhaps, than any other branch. There is no chance that anyone who sports the Eagle, Globe and Anchor didn't develop a little fondness for the taste of mud.

### **Skoal Original Fine Cut Wintergreen**

Despite the obvious health issues presented by tobacco, dip is perhaps as synonymous with ground combat as muddy brogans. That fresh and spicy wintergreen is by far the preferred flavor. A crayon of this variety will take you right back to boot camp, for better or worse.

### **Dry Socks and Ibuprofen**

A change of socks and some pain meds are just what the doc ordered. After a wet ruck march, there is nothing better than the feeling of fresh knits on dry piggies and the muscle-relaxing qualities of ibuprofen as you hit the hay.

### **Blood of the Enemy**

This is not to say that Marines are vampires, but, as far as crayon flavors go, the blood of the enemy is pretty sweet. We think Marine Generals. Chesty Puller, Jim Mattis and Smedley Butler would agree.

### **Chili-Mac**

Chili-Mac is everybody's favorite MRE. But it holds a special place among Marines because, let's face it, they're basically all still 11 years old, and macaroni with meat sauce is as elementary as it gets.

# MEDAL OF HONOR



## ALFRED MAC WILSON

### DETAILS

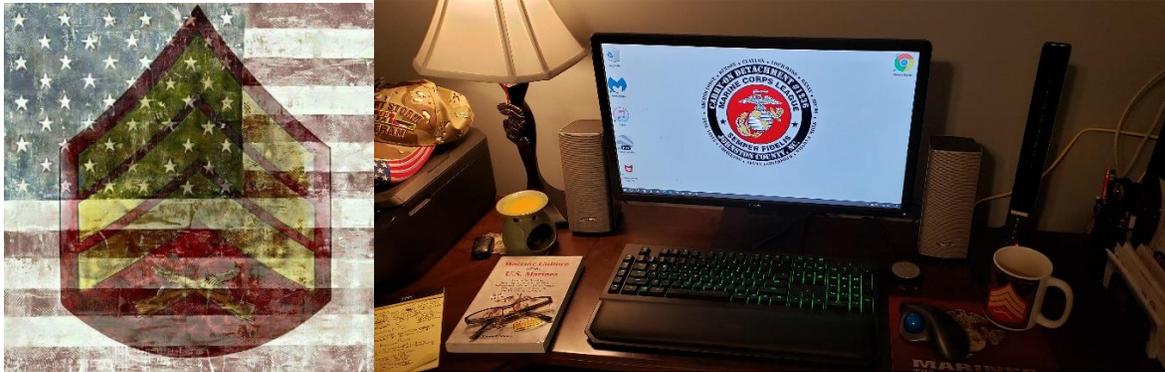
- **RANK:** PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
- **CONFLICT/ERA:** VIETNAM WAR
- **UNIT/COMMAND:**  
1ST PLATOON, COMPANY M, 3D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES,  
3D MARINE DIVISION
- **MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH:** U.S. MARINE CORPS
- **MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE:** MARCH 3, 1969
- **MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE:** FIRE SUPPORT BASE  
CUNNINGHAM, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, REPUBLIC OF  
VIETNAM

### CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a rifleman with Company M in action against hostile forces. While returning from a reconnaissance-in-force mission in the vicinity of Fire Support Base Cunningham, the 1st Platoon of Company M came under intense automatic-weapons fire and a grenade attack from a well-concealed enemy force. As the center of the column was pinned down, the leading squad moved to outflank the enemy. Pfc. Wilson, acting as squad leader of the rear squad, skillfully maneuvered his men to form a base of fire and act as a blocking force. In the ensuing firefight, both his machine gunner and assistant machine gunner were seriously wounded and unable to operate their weapons. Realizing the urgent need to bring the weapon into operation again, Pfc. Wilson, followed by another marine and with complete disregard for his safety, fearlessly dashed across the fire-swept terrain to recover the weapon. As they reached the machine gun, an enemy soldier stepped from behind a tree and threw a grenade toward the two marines. Observing the grenade fall between himself and the other marine, Pfc. Wilson, fully realizing the inevitable result of his action, shouted to his companion and unhesitatingly threw himself on the grenade, absorbing the full force of the explosion with his own body. His heroic actions inspired his platoon members to maximum effort as they aggressively attacked and defeated the enemy. Pfc. Wilson's indomitable courage, inspiring valor, and selfless devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

- **ACCREDITED TO:** ABILENE, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS
- **AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY:** YES
- **PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS:** APRIL 20, 1970  
THE WHITE HOUSE, PRESENTED BY VICE PRES. SPIRO T. AGNEW TO HIS FAMILY
- **BORN:** JANUARY 13, 1948, OLNEY, RICHLAND COUNTY, IL, UNITED STATES
- **BURIED:** SUNSET MEMORIAL CEMETERY (MH) (PRAYER SEC.54-4), ODESSA, TX, UNITED STATES

## FROM THE COMMANDANT'S DESK



Spring is almost here! Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> is the official start, but we've already had some beautiful days to get out of the house. Of course, since we are in North Carolina, there will probably be one more chance of snow and 30-degree day right after a day of sunshine and 70's.

At our February business meeting, one discussion was donating towards a worthy Johnston County Charity. If you were present, or you've read the minutes that was distributed by our Adj/Paymaster, Bob Long, you will know that Associate Debbie Long and Past Commandant Devell Durham have been tasked with finding us some options for giving. We will revisit this conversation at our March meeting, but I would like to let you know of the three options they have found so you can do some of your own research and be knowledgeable prior to the meeting.

The first is House of Hope of North Carolina, located in Clayton, and is a Christian therapeutic school, home and counseling center for hurting and vulnerable girls, ages 12-17 and their families. The website is [www.houseofhopeofnc.com](http://www.houseofhopeofnc.com).

The second is Harbor of Johnston County, located in Smithfield. Harbor is a nonprofit agency for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and families in transition. They provide safe, compassionate, and advocacy services, resources, and programs. The website is [www.harborshelter.org](http://www.harborshelter.org).

The third is Fuzzy Faces Refuge. Also located in Clayton, FFR provides a sanctuary where humans and endangered heritage breed farm animals can interact safely, by using therapeutic experiences that build confidence and enable positive progress. The website is [www.fuzzyfacesrefuge.org](http://www.fuzzyfacesrefuge.org).

All are very worthy organizations. I already have a favorite, but I will keep it to myself until we can all discuss in person.

A second topic, which could be attached to the prior subject, is our next fundraiser. Would the membership be interested in another rifle raffle, raffling something else, or do something entirely different. Maybe a breakfast?

Last, but not least, it's time for our members to nominate and elect who will be the Officers for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. I'm hoping that we will have a big turnout for this upcoming business meeting so everyone's voice can be heard. (Remember, you don't have a vote if you're not at the meeting.) I would also like to see that the Carry-On Detachment has options for filling the positions. I believe that whoever would like to fill a position should be willing to bring some new, fresh ideas on how to recruit and retain for membership. Nominees need to be willing to put in the work of representing the membership, the Detachment, and the Marine Corps League. At the same time, the membership needs to support the officers that they've elected.

We always look forward each year to what can be better than the last. It's my opinion right now that everything can get better. But it's going to take every member of the Detachment to make it so.

*Respectfully submitted, Commandant William Dunn*



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## Marines!

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