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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT 1340 VOLUME VII, ISSUE V/VI May / June 2017

FROM THE COMMANDANT

Marines,

We are in the middle of the year already and the year is moving fast. We have our raffle going on strong, we have the Parade here before we know it and our July Annual BBQ will be here.

First off I would like to take a moment of silence for our MCL 1340 Coast Guard Member -Jack Sutherlin-. I along with Larry Westcott, and Dan Cadenas had the honor to attend his services on Saturday afternoon. Let us please take moment of silence in his honor and service to our country.

Our league members are the best in our community and we are here to support each other in doing so. We need to reach out to our members that have not been at our meeting in a while. I do understand that we all have very busy lives but if we can reach out to one another we can connect with each other once again. It was great to see one of our members that we have not seen in quite some time.

Let's continue our Comradery and sense of unity as we did when we were in active duty. We can only get stronger if we reach out to one another to be as one once again.

So now let's roll up our sleeves and blouse our trousers and get in stride with all these activities ahead of us.

Semper Fi Marines.

George Moran



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It is requested that MCL1340 members wear black slacks, black shoes,

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It is also requested that MCL1340 members wear black slacks, black shoes, and MCL red shirt with cover to all memorial services. This is so we can show the proper respect when representing Marine Corps League 1340 and in showing respect to our fallen Marines.



MCL1340 CALENDER

- June 27
MCL1340
meeting @ SM
Veterans Building
- July 22 MCL1340
BBQ Fundraiser
- June 25
MCL1340
meeting @ SM
Veterans Building
- Nov 4 MCL1340
Marine Birthday
Event @ SM
Radisson Hotel
- Dec 1 MCL1340
Toys for Tots
Campaign begins

Honorary Members of MCL1340

The following individuals have been awarded Honorary Membership into Marine Corps League 1340 Chapter due to their continued support, community service and in the upholding of our Marine Corps values and traditions:

Bob Hatch; Danny Macagni; State Senator Sam Blakeslee; Victor Cardial WWII; (posthumously); Donald Wick, WWII (posthumously); Paul Spiese, WWII (posthumously); Michael Clayton; Maggie Espinoza; R. Lee Ermey



MEETING MINUTES AND INFORMATION



In addition to our monthly ScuttleButt Newsletter being published electronically, our meeting minutes will also be posted electronically. MCL1340 now has its own webpage. Visit www.MCL1340.org today. If you wish to receive issues of the *ScuttleButt*, please Email romanrae@comcast.net

The staff will also attempt a three month cycle to our meetings. The cycle would revolve around meetings with a Guest Speaker, Special Event and our traditional Business Meetings. Our hope is this cycle of meetings will improve meeting attendance and member involvement.



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FROM THE SR. VICE-COMMANDANT



April 30, 1967 Hill 881 South

Mike Company 3/3

First of all I want to express our condolences to the Sutherland family for their lost. Jack will be remembered in our prayers. Here we are another month another scuttlebutt. We had a fairly productive meeting last month, with discussion on issues which were of worthy to our league. Along that thought, if you have been AWOL lately I encourage you to attend the meetings so we can hear of any contribution you might have to improve our standing.

We have the Elks Rodeo Parade coming on Saturday 0900, June 3th; I hope you can make an effort to participate. Should you choose to attend, the uniform will be your MCL polo shirt and Garrison (pisscover) cover. It's time to show our unity as a group. After the parade we will need to concentrate on our annual chicken BBQ. Stay tuned for information on that event. I finally want to impress on the membership that you are the representatives of this league and it is you who need to seek out new members who will help make this league successful into the future. So saddle up and move out we have work to do.

Semper Fi

John Contos

Senior Vice Commandant MCL 1340



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FACT SHEET
APRIL 27, 2017

VCP Phone Line Imposter

It has come to VA's attention that a phone line has been set up by an unknown party to potentially "mimic" the VCP phone line. This imposter phone line may be intended to reach Veterans who inadvertently dial the VCP number incorrectly.

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- The phone line does *not* state the caller has reached U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or the VCP phone line.

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If you are unsure if you have reached the correct phone line, hang up and dial 1-**866**-606-8198 again. The phone line will state the caller has reach the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.





FROM THE JR-VICE COMMANDANT

Marines and members,

Summer is almost upon us and the festive days will be here soon. Our unit also has a number of events that will require man power, resources and a lot of leg work. And many of these events are critical to our base.

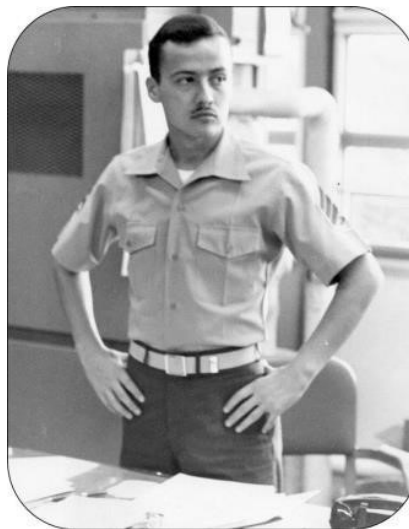
At our last meeting, our Payroll Master read a certificate that was awarded to Marine Corps League 1340 for its continued success in enrolling more members. This is incredible, since other veteran groups have complained about their difficulty in retaining their membership. This is not to say we have the "magic pill," but it does say one thing, people are hearing about us.

I am a strong believer that we need to continue getting our name out there. We do that by meeting every so often in different venues throughout the community so that people know who we are. Like the senior-vice commandant repeatedly says, "You are the ones who help get the word out." Units grow, not only through camaraderie, but by interaction and having a great time as well.

For those of you who are out in the fringes, 1340 is a pretty great group to be with. Help us make it better. Contact us, meet with us, join us, whatever! Your participation is what makes the unit. Grab your beer and the gear and help us make some noise. People believe the Marines are a bunch of over-bearing, over-confident, over-achieving miscreants. And they are right! OOOOOHRAAH! SF!

Dan Cadena Jr.

Junior-Vice Commandant



SANTA MARIA MEMORIAL DAY EVENT



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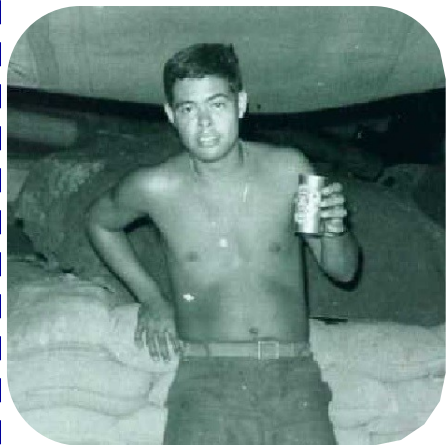
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FROM THE PAYMASTER'S DESK



From your Paymaster:

Our bills are paid and our balance remains steady at approximately \$6300.00

Our fundraiser is off and running and tickets sales are going better than expected. We have approximately 225 tickets distributed and we would expect to have all our tickets sold by June 1st. I would ask all Detachment members to buy at least 2 tickets, if possible, and sell whatever you can. Rich Horner has sold over 50 tickets by himself. He told me the magic word is "Marine." That's all he has to say and that the fundraiser is for Marines, it is that easy.

We had a lively discussion at our Tuesday meeting on the cost of this year's Marine Corps Ball ticket price and the cost that was agreed upon by majority was set at \$50.00. We hope to have more attendees at this year's event and this would certainly offset any costs incurred necessary for putting together such an elegant affair, as we have come to know it. I thank everyone at the meeting, who chose to provide their input. We will no longer use the term "fundraiser" in connection with our annual Birthday Ball Celebration and its traditions.

I would like to Thank Sonny for putting the work in to make the Scuttlebutt what it is and for his rousing raffles at all of our meetings. He works very hard to keep Detachment members informed and entertained.

I will keep it short this month and I look forward to hearing from anyone in reference to our account.

Semper Fidelis,

Armando Moreno

Join me in daily prayer for our Patriots in uniform — Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen — standing in harm's way in defense of Liberty, and for their families



Photo caption: Marine Corps Ball 2015 with Mike Maldonado. He was in Viet-Nam with me in 1967 and now lives in Nipomo.



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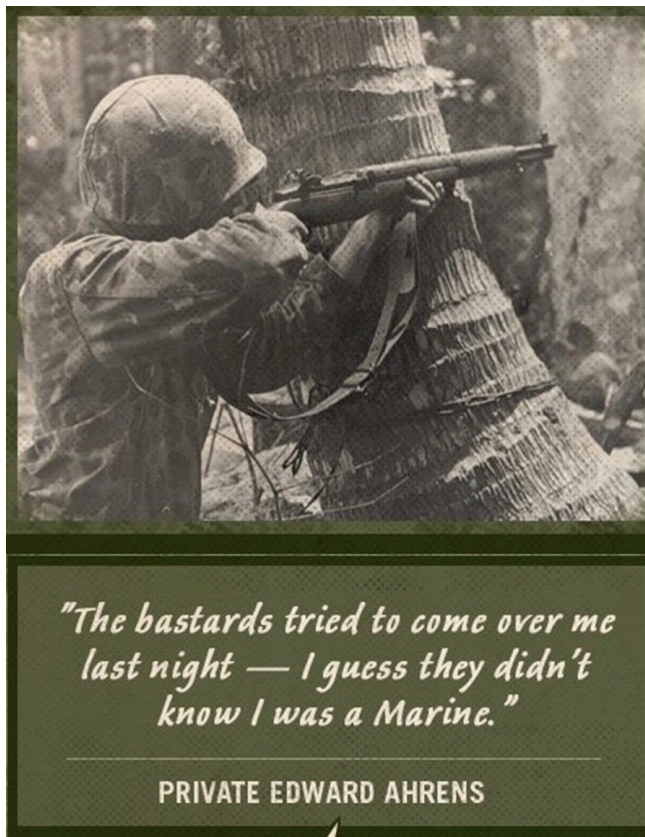
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Medal of Honor recipient, Dakota Meyer has endorsed the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation: www.dakotameyer.com/

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Women Veteran's wanting to know more about their options in healthcare and benefits can obtain information by going to: www.publichealth.va.gov/womenshealth/

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warriorcare.dodlive.mil/2012/03/07/recent-amendment-expands-employment-protection-for-wounded-warriors-disabled-veterans/

Gulf War Vets with undiagnosed illnesses have five more years to qualify for disability compensation: www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2239

The VA telephone hotline to provide emergency support and resources to homeless veterans: 1-877-4AID VET: www.nepva.org/files/VA%20Announces%20New%20Hotline.pdf

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FROM THE JUDGE ADVOCATE

Marines; There have been changes in the National Bylaws. This one goes back to 2015. Reference Article eight, Section 800(a). On the Red Blazer, which is the "Casual Dress" uniform recognized by National Headquarters, there are prescribed lapel pins which can be worn: Past National Commandant, National Marine of the Year, Past Department Commandant, Past Detachment Commandant, Devil Dog of the Year, Chapel of Four Chaplains, MCL Membership Pin, and Retired Marine/Navy Pin. The change to this Article allows the American Flag Pin to be worn as well.

The next change goes back to 2016. Original wording in Article Six, Section 600 – Membership Eligibility – Associate Member reads:Such Member shall not vote on a membership application, an election of officers, or hold an elective office. A Detachment, or a Department may by provisions in the By-Laws and/or Administrative Procedures allow an associate member to vote on its internal affairs provided such vote does not affect a policy of the Marine Corps League. This now readsSuch member shall not vote on any regular or associate membership applications; cannot participate in the nomination process and/or elections of officers, or hold an elective office. Associate members are allowed to vote on all internal affairs of the Detachment except for those items noted above and votes that affect a policy of the Marine Corps League, such as Bylaws or Bylaw changes.

Another change in 2016 concerns the Membership year. Section 610(d) has been deleted in its entirety and replaced with the new sub paragraph 610(d) which reads as follows; (d) The Membership year and the annual dues shall expire on the 31st day of August of each year. New members joining the MCL between August 31st and the last day of February will pay the current National \$20.00 + \$5.00 Initiation fee; new members joining between 1 March and August 30th will pay \$10.00 + \$5.00 Initiation fee. The Annual renewal rate of \$20.00 will be due on the 31st day of August of each year.

Well, now we know which pins can be worn, what our associate members can participate in, and when our renewals are due. That one should make it very easy to renew memberships, and not give our Paymaster any more headaches than he already has.

Enough for now. Semper Fi Marines. Thank you Associate Members for all you do, and looking forward to seeing you at our next General Membership meeting.

Dave Rendek, Judge Advocate.



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Gents,

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In 2011, I awoke in UCLA medical center on the top floor of the ICU. I had tubes and IVs coming out of every cavity of my beaten body. I was in pain. A doctor ran a flashlight across my eye and said "Do you



know where you are?" I looked around in dread and said "the hospital?" but I had no idea, I was 35 miles away from my home, where in my mind, I was just playing ball with my daughter hours earlier. The doctor had explained that I had been in a coma for 4 weeks at some point stopped breathing and my body NOT functioning—I died. The team of specialists kept me on life support for 3 days until they could find me a Liver donor.

I didn't know at the time, but I had taken Ill over President's Day weekend and was sick in bed for 5 days. My wife, thought I had the flu. My body was "tuning out, shutting down, etc." and my organs were not functioning. She ran me to the hospital and it was determined my

Liver had completely stop functioning. Just like that—Stopped! Your LIVER is a filter which processes every liquid, particle and enzyme in your body. It's vital like your heart and your brain, without it, you die. In the weeks that I was in an induced coma, they scoured the state for a matching donor. After 3 days a healthy liver was found and I underwent a transplant.

While recovering the operation for months that followed, I was overcome by fear. What of the future, I thought. Life will never be the same. Yet for the most part, I was whole. Unlike many of our wounded veterans that come back from a war. In time, my fear turned to appreciation—For life. We are fragile, yet most of us don't know it. This was the first time in my life I had seen my mother and father broken and crying like children. As I healed (which took months of therapy—The medications played havoc on my body), so did my mind and soul. I looked outward and then upward. Thank you God!



I'm convinced, He, (the man upstairs) kept me here for a reason. In the movie SAVING PRIVATE RYAN, Captain Miller lay wounded and dying on a bridge in France. He turns to Ryan and says "James, earn this, earn it!". Referring to the sacrifice an entire squad of American soldiers gave their own lives to find and bring Ryan home. His legacy was to live. This scene jarred my soul to the core. I cried like a babe. It's my contention, I too have a legacy. "To earn it, really earn it!"

Life is short. We ALL need to "Earn it". Moving to the Central Coast is the beginning of an odyssey. Anne (my wife) and I, left high paying jobs, escaped the "rat race" and to do the things we want to do—Help make a difference. She Joined CASA, and is mentoring and supporting the 600+ foster children whom have been abandoned by their blood parents to make a difference in their lives. I've always gravitated toward veterans needs and "what can I do to help". I've already contacted Joseph with the DAV, Bob Hatch to work on Vet projects, joined MCL 1340, and the ELKS have a lot of military vets and are excellent fund raisers. I've conducted many fund raisers (Mission Viejo Veterans Memorial) in the past and "Many Acts for Kindness and Goodwill"

Warmest regards,

Tony Cravello





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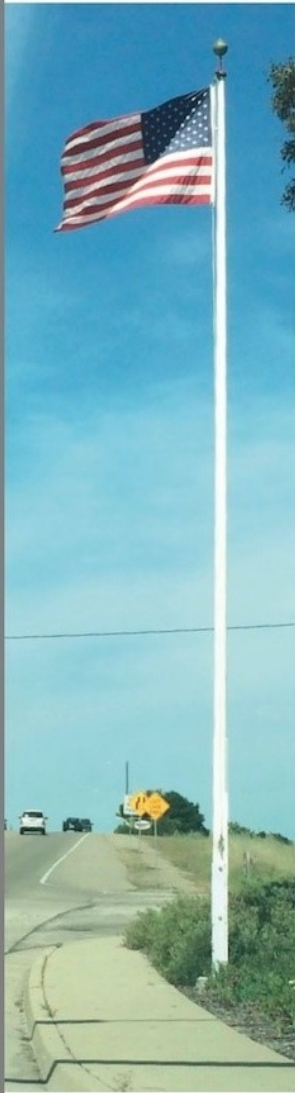
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Flag Bill Proposed by LeBard Passes CA Assembly

Local veterans are playing a chief role in the movement to permit the hanging of American and Californian flags in more areas, a proposal which has recently gained significant traction.

Among other Orcutt residents, Steve LeBard, a Vietnam Marine Corps veteran, has been fighting for the change for the past six years.

It began when LeBard was helping plan a Veterans Memorial monument — a flagpole sponsored by the American Legion. Five 8-foot, black concrete columns, one for each branch of the military, were to surround the pole.

"Veterans are very patriotic and that's one of the primary goals of the American Legion, to instill patriotism in the community," LeBard said of the idea of the monument.

However, the monument was set to be on Caltrans' land, which prohibits the use of flags.

As Caltrans' director Malcolm Dougherty

put it in a 2011 letter to LeBard, according to the Los Angeles Times, a federal court ruling "makes it clear that Caltrans employees are not elected policy makers and cannot engage in government speech by displaying political symbols, such as flags, on Caltrans property while preventing the display of other messages."

Existing law authorizes the display of the flags on a sidewalk located in or abutting on a state highway situated within a city, if the type of flagholder and the method of its installation and maintenance are not in violation of Caltrans' rules.

When LeBard ran for the State of Assembly District 35, he became friends with Jordan Cunningham, who won the election. In February, Cunningham introduced Bill AB 866.

The proposal authorizes a city or county to display flags as part of a gateway monument, defined as any freestanding structure or sign, nonintegral or nonrequired highway feature, constructed

within the state's right-of-way, which communicates the name of the city or county.

On May 11, the State Assembly passed the bill by a landslide.

"It's a really big deal," LeBard said. "It's very important to us and we're glad that it is going so well so far. Hopefully it'll breeze right through Senate the same way and then the governor will sign."

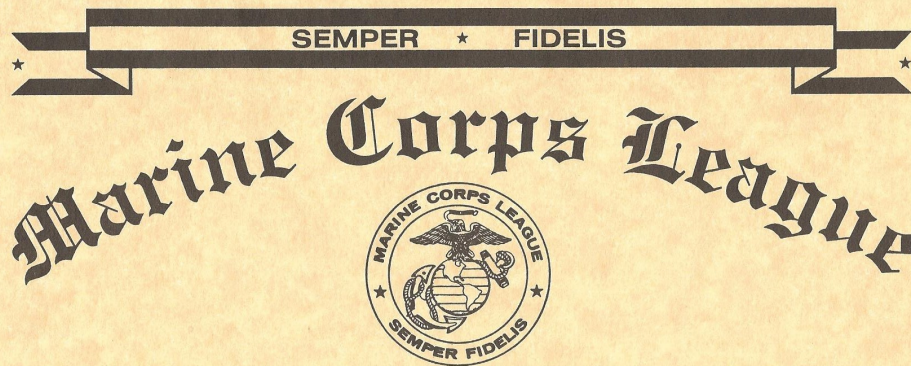
In addition to the American Legion, LeBard says the Marine Corps League, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Vietnam Veterans of America have been integral to the process.

"We've all fought for our country and are very proud of our flag," he explained. "We have great respect for it and when we see it flying, it means a lot to us. When our comrades come home from war in coffins and that flag adorns the coffin, it symbolizes freedom."

Jamie Guista reporting



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Information



Leo Thorsness, Medal of Honor recipient in Vietnam, dies at 85



On April 19, 1967, Col. Thorsness was the lead pilot in a strike force of four U.S. F-105 fighter-bombers attacking SAM positions near Hanoi. He and his electronic warfare officer, Harold Johnson, knocked out one site with a missile and scored a direct hit on another with bombs.

But they soon realized that one plane in their group had been hit, and the crew members had ejected. While flying in circles over the parachuting airmen, Col. Thorsness spotted an enemy MiG-17 fighter jet and shot it down.

As U.S. rescue helicopters approached, Col. Thorsness heard through his radio that another MiG formation was nearby. Despite being low on fuel and ammunition, he flew through anti-aircraft fire and single-handedly engaged four MiGs in aerial combat for 50 minutes.

Col. Thorsness pursued one MiG, "flying right up his tailpipe," he said later, and damaged it with cannon fire. Flying as low as 50 feet above the ground and as fast as 900 mph, he chased the other MiGs from the area.

As he returned to his base, he was about to refuel from an airborne tanker when he learned that another F-105 in his group was in even greater need of fuel. Col. Thorsness let the other plane go to the tanker, hoping he could glide back to safety on fumes. When he touched down, his fuel tanks were empty.

Eleven days later, on April 30, Col. Thorsness was shot down over North Vietnam on his 93rd mission. Ejecting from his plane at 600 mph, he suffered serious leg injuries before he and Johnson were taken prisoner.



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MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced the identification of remains of eight Americans who had been missing in action from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

-- **Navy Coxswain Verne F. Knipp**, 22, of Salida, Colo., will be buried May 26, in Auburn, Calif. Knipp was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Knipp was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack.

-- **Navy Musician 1st Class Elliot D. Larsen**, 25, of Monroe, Utah, will be buried May 26 in his hometown. Larsen was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Larsen was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack.

-- **Navy Fireman 3rd Class Glaydon I.C. Iverson**, 24, of Emmons, Minn., will be buried May 27 in his hometown. Iverson was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Iverson was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack.

-- **Navy Lt. Cmdr. Frederick P. Crosby**, 31, of Lockport, N.Y., will be buried May 28 in San Diego, Calif. Crosby, an RF-8A pilot, flew a bomb damage assessment mission over Thanh Hoa Province, North Vietnam, on June 1, 1965. His plane crashed after being hit by enemy ground fire while flying at high speed and low altitude over the target area.

-- **Army Pfc. Everett E. Johnson**, 21, of Cincinnati, will be buried May 29 in Madisonville, Ohio. Johnson was a member of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division located near Taegu, South Korea. On Sept. 3, 1950, Johnson's company was cut off by enemy penetrations and withdrew to join the rest of the battalion. Johnson was killed during the attack.

-- **Army Pfc. Thomas C. Stagg**, 21, of Jefferson, Ala., will be buried May 29 in Birmingham, Ala. Stagg was a member of Company K, 3rd Battalion, 187th Airborne Infantry Regiment. On Nov. 29, 1950, Stagg was on a reconnaissance patrol near

Hajoyang-ni, North Korea, when it was ambushed. Following the battle, Stagg could not be accounted for and he was declared killed in action.

-- **Marine Corps Reserve Cpl. Henry Andregg, Jr.**, was assigned to Company C, 2nd Amphibious Tractor Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division. On Nov. 20, 1943, Andregg's unit landed on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll against stiff Japanese resistance. Andregg was killed on the first day of the battle, one of approximately 1,000 Marines and sailors killed in the intense fighting. Interment services are pending.

-- **Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Sam J. Kourkos** was assigned to Company M, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division. On Nov. 20, 1943, Kourkos's unit landed on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll against stiff Japanese resistance. Kourkos was killed on the second day of the battle, one of approximately 1,000 Marines and sailors killed in the intense fighting. Interment services are pending.

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