



# THE CHATTER

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## WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MARINE

# USMC

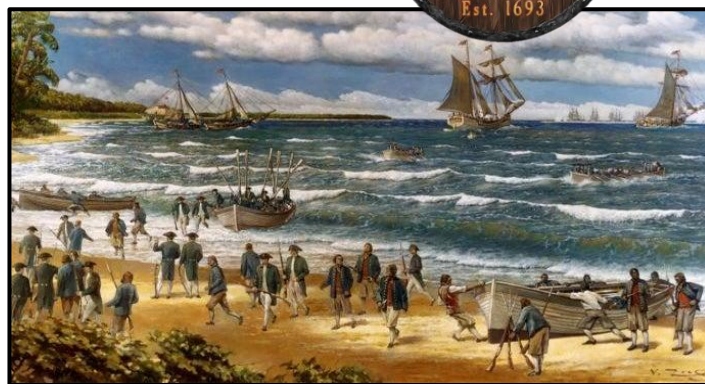


The United States Marine Corps was established on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1775, to augment Naval forces in the Revolutionary War. Capt. Samuel Nicholas set up a recruiting station at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, PA. which has become the official birthplace of the USMC.

In the past 250 years, the Marine Corps has made many a mark on history. The first major campaign for Marines in 1805, was the battle of Derna, in Tripoli. Barbary pirates controlled much of the Mediterranean Sea and demanded “tribute” from other nations to be able to use those shipping routes. When the Pasha of Tripoli declared war on the US for not paying the tribute, President Thomas Jefferson sent the Marines to win the war and win it they did, at the battle of Derna. This was the first time an American flag was raised over foreign soil. It was also where the Marines adopted the nickname, “Leatherneck” from the tall leather collars they wore to prevent the pirates from slitting their throats.

In 1847, during the Battle of Chapultepec, Marines and soldiers took part in the first US amphibious landing at the Port of Veracruz. 1200 men, 400 of them Marines, landed on Mexican soil to stage the invasion. From there, they moved inland to Mexico City, where after losing 90% of their forces, took Chapultepec Castle, which was known to US forces as “The Halls of Montezuma”. The USMC not only inspired the opening line to the Marine Corps Hymn at the battle of Chapultepec, but the red “Blood Stripe” you see on the blue trousers of Marine NCOs is in honor of the Marines who fought and lost their lives during this battle.

In 1918, Marines fought at the Battle of Belleau Wood, defending France from German invasion. Marines fought so hard and killed so many, that the Germans graced us with



**THE MARINES' HYMN**

FROM the HALLS of MONTEZUMA,  
TO the SHORES of TRIPOLI,  
WE FIGHT OUR COUNTRY'S BATTLES  
ON the LAND AS ON the SEA.  
FIRST to FIGHT for RIGHT and FREEDOM  
AND to KEEP OUR HONOR CLEAN;  
WE ARE PROUD to CLAIM the TITLE of  
**UNITED STATES MARINE.**

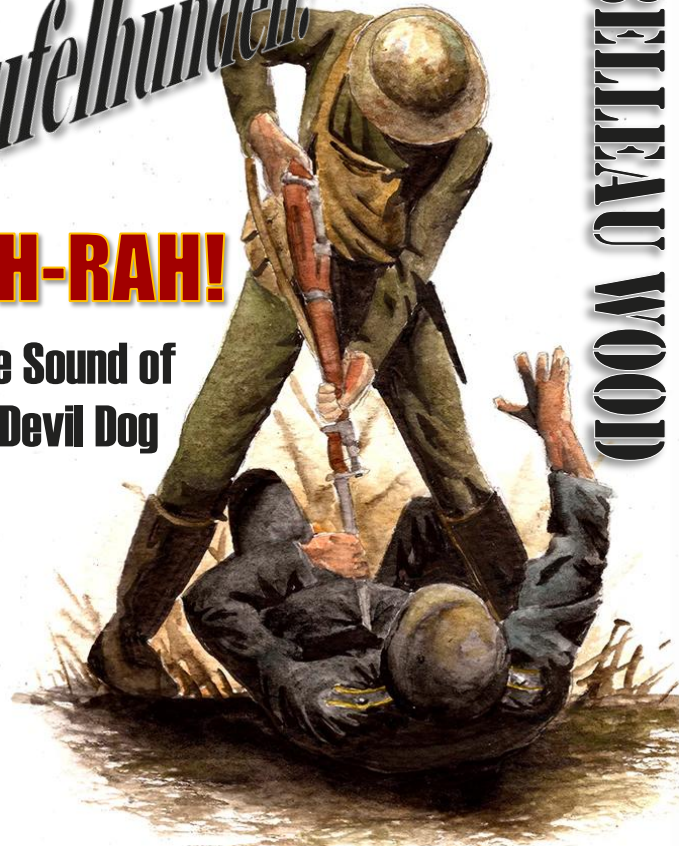
OUR FLAG'S UNFURLED TO EVERY BREEZE  
FROM DAWN TO SETTING SUN;  
WE HAVE FOUGHT IN EVERY CLIME and PLACE  
WHERE WE COULD TAKE A GUN;  
IN the SNOW of FAR off NORTHERN LANDS  
AND IN SUNNY TROPIC SCENES,  
YOU WILL FIND US ALWAYS on the JOB —  
**THE UNITED STATES MARINES.**

HERE'S HEALTH to You and to OUR CORPS  
WHICH WE ARE PROUD to SERVE;  
IN MANY a STRIFE WE'VE FOUGHT for LIFE  
AND NEVER LOST OUR NERVE;  
IF the ARMY and the NAVY  
EVER LOOK ON HEAVEN'S SCENES,  
THEY WILL FIND THE STREETS ARE GUARDED BY  
**UNITED STATES MARINES.**

# Teufelhunden!

## OOH-RAH!

### The Sound of a Devil Dog



# BELLEAU WOOD

the nickname, "Teufelhunden" which translates to Hounds from Hell or Devil Dogs. The dog part of the description came from the gas masks the Marines were wearing to negotiate the German's mustard gas. During WWII, Marines landed at Guadalcanal and worked their way North from island to island towards Japan. One of the bloodiest battles in Marine Corps history is the landing at Iwo Jima. The allied forces needed to gain control of the small pacific island to use as a jump point for aircraft to be able to reach Japan. The photo of the six Marines raising Old Glory over Mt. Suribachi is one of the most iconic photos ever taken. I am honored to say that my Great Uncle Jim Till was one of the Marines that landed on Iwo Jima. He withstood 14 days of enemy bombardment, rocky terrain, and the hot sands of Iwo Jima before he was hit with shrapnel and taken out to the boat to get stitched up. The sands on Iwo were so hot, Marines would have to replace their melted boots with the boots of their fallen brothers. I was able to spend some time with Uncle Jim in 1995 and hear of these accounts firsthand. He also reenforced the fact that even though he was my uncle, he was also my brother. That brotherhood shared by Marines is one of a kind. Our comradery and Esprit de Corps are unmatched. When you become a Marine, you are a Marine for life.

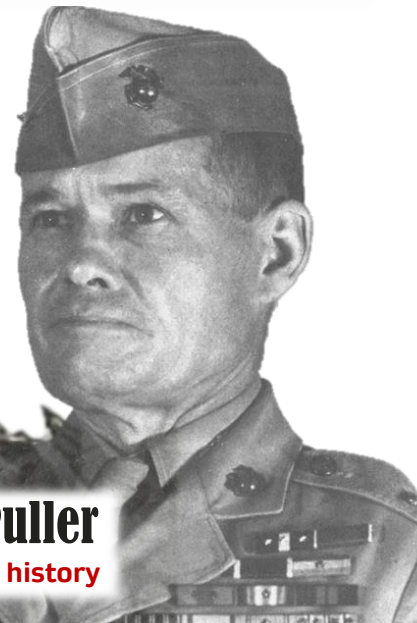
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The title even follows into the by-and-by, as you will find the streets of Heaven are guarded by Marines. So, what does it mean to be a Marine? It means we honor every Marine who came before us. We fight for every Marine standing next to us, and we inspire every Marine who comes after us.

**JJ DID TIE BUCKLE!** Every Marine knows what this means. It is at the heart of our training, our missions, and our way of life. It represents the fourteen key leadership principles that govern our Corps. **Justice, Judgment, Dependability, Initiative, Decisiveness, Tact, Integrity, Enthusiasm, Bearing, Understanding, Courage, Knowledge, Leadership and Endurance.** These fourteen

## "Uncommon valor was a common virtue."

-Admiral Chester W. Nimitz regarding the Marines on Iwo Jima.



**Lewis "Chesty" Puller**  
Most decorated Marine in history

words are the foundation of what it means to be a Marine. There are two more words that Marines live by, they are Semper Fidelis, which is Latin for “Always Faithful”. It is the motto of the Marine Corps and inscribed on the banner held by the eagle on The Eagle, Globe & Anchor (EGA) of our Marine Corps flag. Semper Fidelis is the promise that every Marine makes to the Corps, and the promise that the Marine Corps makes to every Marine.

I served in our beloved Corps from 1994-1998 at Marine Corps Air Station Tustin in California as a Military Police Officer. Last year I was able to round up 13 Marines who served with me at Tustin for the best reunion I have ever experienced. At the end of this month, we are hosting a Veterans Weekend. We have invited members from every branch of military service. There will be an especially large group of Marines who served at MCAS Tustin with me.

Tustin was our home for much of our time in the Corps. It was a small Marine helicopter base that featured two large wooden hangars (300’ wide, 1000’ long, 160’ high). Tustin was originally built to house blimps in WWII for Pacific coast reconnaissance. Then, the base was known as the Lighter Than Air (LTA) base. Located in beautiful Southern California, Tustin was five miles from MCAS El Toro which based the fixed wing aircraft. During the years that we were there, the Marine Corps was transferring all the units from El Toro and Tustin down to Miramar, an old Navy base (Marines never get new stuff) due to the Defense Base Closure Act of 1990. In July of 1999, my brothers locked the gate. They were the last Marines to serve at Tustin. Hey Kraye! I bet you didn’t see that one coming when you got your orders.

To these Marines, I say thank you! Thank you for making the trip. Thank you for keeping in touch after all these years. Thank you for the many great memories you all were a part of some 30 years ago and thank you for the memories we continue to make. I hope you have an OUTSTANDING weekend and safe travels here and back. Ooh-Rah and Semper Fi!



# USMC

**Place:**

Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, PA

**Date:**

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1775

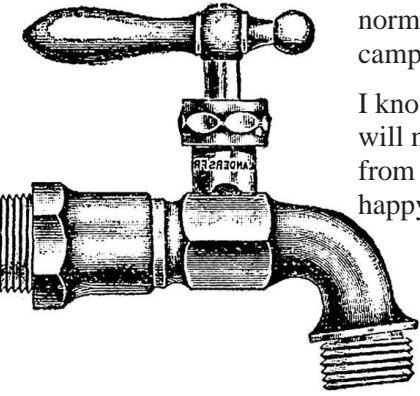
**Event:**

My Marine Corps Came Alive!

**Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the biggest gun club in the world.**

Please keep our fallen brothers and sisters in your prayers. Many Marines have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

# News on the Water



The most common question I get this time of the year is, “When are you going to turn the water on?” I normally look at the extended weather forecast to make my decision as to when we will get water to the campsites. However, this year, it’s not up to me.

I know this will inconvenience many of your efforts with getting your sites ready for the Summer, but we will not be able to turn the water on until April 30<sup>th</sup>. New regulations from the county are preventing us from turning on the water before the official opening date of our campground, which is May 1<sup>st</sup>. I am not happy about this.

If you are coming out to the campground to work on your site, you are always welcome to use our shower house. You can also bring gallons of water to fill your freshwater tank or pull water from the creek. I am also starting a sign-up sheet for folks to join our Poor Farmer’s Bucket Brigade. 30-40 of us will line up and pass buckets of water to each site we can reach. This will not only get water to the campsites, but it will be good exercise, as well as a great way to meet new people.

If you’re not interested in being part of our bucket brigade, you are always welcome to disregard this entire article, cause April fools. I am sure we will get a call or two from those who fail to read all the way to the end. Water will be on soon. Let’s Go Campin’!

## Things to Remember when Getting your Campsite Ready for the Summer.

- The camping season starts on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please be patient with our workers as they will be working to get the grounds ready. Even on the weekends.
- **ONLY HOUSEHOLD TRASH IN THE DUMPSTERS!!!** If you have furniture, yard ornaments, decking or anything that is not “Household trash” please take those things off property to dispose of them. We will be monitoring the dumpsters.
- Ricky has been working to condition the campsites that need it. If you have any issues with your site, please report them to the Part’s Store rep and we will get it done.
- Any new construction of platforms or steps need to be approved by Jimmy Weaver or Mike Till. Remember that platforms must be free floating, treated wood, and no railings.
- Grass seed is available with our grounds crew. See Jimmy if you need grass seed.
- If you see any issues with your RV that are too much for you, call Justin with our Service Dept. His schedule is filling up fast so he may need a few days to get to you.
- Get your golf cart insurance paperwork to us so Amy can print you a Golf Cart Permit tag that must be displayed on your cart.
- Be mindful of your neighbors as you are moving in. Respect their sites and space.
- If you have people coming to help you, please emphasize that the speed limit is 5MPH in the campground.
- Finally, if you are moving sites, please do not waste any time getting moved. We have other campers that are waiting for their site to get cleared off before they can move in.

Thank you for another year of Poor Farmer’s camping. We have a fun summer schedule planned and a few new campers coming in for you all to meet. If you have questions, concerns, or just want to give a compliment on how well this place is being managed, please don’t hesitate to let us know.



## ATTENTION EXITING CAMPERS!!!!

If you are not camping with Poor Farmer’s for 2025, April 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for you to have your site cleaned off. If you are going to be past that date, please contact us and let us know.

Also, before leaving please check with the parts store for any outstanding electric or service bills. Jimmy has done a great job of contacting new campers and they are eager to get their site set-up. Thank you for camping with us in the past and we hope you camp with us in the future.

# POOR FARMER'S SPOTLIGHT

## Micah Adamson

**RV Service Technician**  
**Poor Farmer's RV**

The Poor Farmer's Service Department has been kicking butt and taking names over the past couple years, and it's all because of the dedication of our service techs. For that, let me introduce Micah Adamson. Micah has a long work experience in many trades, and his knowledge of RVs and RV components has grown with leaps and bounds this past winter.

When he came to Poor Farmer's, Micah already had a few certifications that were relevant to the RV industry. In the past six months, he has added over a dozen certifications that are RV focused, from various manufacturers of RV components, such as Lippert, Dometic, Furrion and more. Micah has been educating himself to better diagnose and repair your RV. We have sent him and the other techs to various training seminars; covering awnings, slide-outs, appliances, and more. Micah is a clear example of how continuing education can not only better yourself, but those around you. Thank you, Micah, from all of us at Poor Farmer's. We enjoy working with you and appreciate the knowledge you bring to the crew.

**Congratulations on completing your latest goal, the Lippert Slide-out qualification course!**



## ***A1C Jayden Hatcher***

**United States Air Force**

I am so very proud of this young man pictured to the left. Jayden Hatcher, son of Britney and Tim, is making every step count. You might remember Jayden as a young boy who was always eager to help someone out. Now, he is more than helping by protecting American rights and American way of life. Airman First Class Hatcher has been working as a crew chief in his F-35 squadron. He is currently stationed in England and is continually reminded that America IS the best country in the world.

God Bless this young man and every step he takes in the fight for continued freedom. Giving yourself to our nations defense is one of the most commendable and noble acts an American could offer.

Keep this young brave man in your prayers. May his actions and orders create a better future for himself, his unit, The Air Force, and our country. I am excited to see Jayden when he visits, and even more excited to see where his road leads, I know it will be a successful and honorable one.



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## Opening Season Weekend

### Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### 9am- Ice Cream Breakfast

All your wildest dreams come true as soon as you wake. Join us for what is arguably, the best breakfast known to man. Ullery's is making the ice cream, and you get to pick your toppings. Bring money for a donation and your sweet tooth.

#### 1pm- Paint with Paula

Sign-up for this event in our parts store as space is limited. Cost is \$5/painter. Bring your creativity and favorite paint shirt to the big shelter for a fun painting experience.

#### 4pm- BINGO!!!!

This classic is sure to thrill. Cards are \$.50 each must have 10 player minimum.

#### 5:30pm- Hot Dog Roast & Carry-in

We provide the dogs if you bring a dish and your table service.

#### 7pm- Steven "Crash" Worley

Enjoy a night of live music from this talented artist. Country, rock and more for you to sing along and dance to.

## Guess the Year

- First commercial TV station west of Mississippi, KTLA (channel 5) in Los Angeles, California, begins broadcasting
- Jackie Robinson becomes first black player of the 20th century to sign an MLB contract
- BF Goodrich announced the development of the tubeless tire (Akron Ohio)
- The AK-47 goes into production in the Soviet Union
- Central Intelligence Agency officially comes into existence
- US Air Force created as a separate military service
- US Department of Defense 1st day of operation
- Chuck Yeager in Bell XS-1 makes 1st supersonic flight
- 1st "Howdy Doody Show"