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This November 10th marks the Corps' 205th year of dedicated service to our country; and while it is a time to recall with pride our past successes on the battlefield, it is also a time to ready ourselves for the certain challenges that lie ahead.

In a world of unprecedented political instability, the potential for employment of Marines somehow and somewhere is ever-present. There will be no question that we are ready to do whatever needs to be done to protect our national interests wherever they are threatened.

The American people have unswerving conficence in the fighting ability of their Marines, and they will continue to look to the Corps for that extra measure of assurance when there is a battle to be fought. In the years ahead we will strengthen that confidence as we remain uncompromising in standards of conduct and performance, and continue to demonstrate our ability and willingness to be of service to our great country.

Happy birthday and best wishes to all members of our Marine Corps family on this our 205th anniversary.

R. H. Barrow

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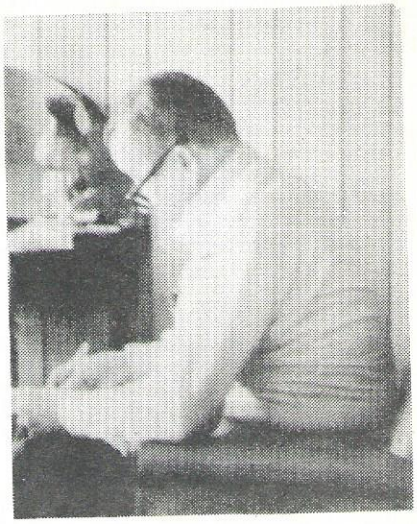
General, U.S. Marine Corps

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO CARL A. LOHR — 1917-1980



Our Chaplain Carl A. Lohr, passed away on Saturday, March 22, 1980, the same day he would have taken his oath of office as Detachment Chaplain for the 21st time. He also had served two terms as Commandant of the detachment.

Carl joined the detachment shortly after it was organized in 1949. He immediately became an active member serving on various committees including the Board of Directors that voted to purchase our present clubhouse.

Carl was a veteran of the 1st Marine Division seeing action at Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester and Peleliu. He enlisted in January of 1942, and was discharged in 1945 attaining the rank of Corporal.

Carl earned many awards while serving our detachment so well. He was named "Marine of the Year" in 1954. He was the first recipient of the Corporal Kenneth Barnes Medal in 1958. In 1970 he was presented the Capt. A.S. Reynolds Award and just last year received the detachment's highest Award — the Bett-Toomey Memorial Award.

He will be remembered for his outstanding handling of the "Memorial Service" at the groundbreaking of the "Memorial to Marines" in 1978.

We will remember him for making our Thursday nights at the club so pleasant. Carl always had a story or a joke to tell, a song to sing or an experience to relate. He never argued or wanted to hear one. They say one man can't make a difference . . . but Carl did. He made you feel good and in these days of stress that's quite an accomplishment.

He married Mary (Riley) while still in the Marine Corps and they had seven children. He was a devoted husband, a good father and to us a great Marine. The words of the Marines Hymn say "that if the Army and the Navy ever look on Heaven's scenes, they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines" and I am sure that they will find our Chaplain Carl Lohr leading those Marines in prayer before they go on guard duty . . .

THE ROYAL MARINES ASSOCIATION (ONTARIO)

The Royal Marines Association (Ontario) was formed on June 21, 1973, as an official branch of the Royal Marines Association on the United Kingdom. The group has about 90 members, including 10 life members. The Zeebrugge Dinner-Dance Annual Reunion held on the nearest weekend to St. George's Day (April 23) is their main event of the year. Other events celebrated by the Association are the Battle of the Atlantic Sunday (1st Sunday in May), Warriors Day Parade at the CNE in August, and the Remembrance Day Weekend in Coburg, Ont., in November. The present chairman is Neil Pennington.

The Royal Marines were formed on October 28, 1664, known as the Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot. Continuous history from then to the present day. In 1862 there were two units — RMCI and RM Artillery, these amalgamated in 1923 to form the Royal Marines.

The Captain General of the Marines is H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and the Hon. Colonel Commandant was the late Admiral Mountbatten of Burma.

Among the Marines' many awards are included 10 Victoria Crosses and the Presidential Unit Citation earned for service while attached to the 1st Marine Division at the Choisin Reservoir in Korea in 1950.

The Corps Emblem, which includes their Corps Motto "Per Mare Per Terram", is also composed of the Lion and Crown, the distinguished badge of a Royal Regiment; "Gibraltar" commemorates the capture and defense of Gibraltar in 1704; the Globe, granted by King George IV in 1827 in place of battle honors too numerous to carry on colors; the Laurels which were granted for gallantry of Royal Marines in the Capture of Belleisle in 1761 and the Fouled Anchor, the badge of the Lord High Admiral first won by Marines in 1747. The Corps Motto was first used in 1775 — and means, "By Sea, By Land".

The Royal Marines are still Britain's most highly respected unit, serving mostly in Commando Brigades, with still some at sea, they are ready to go anywhere and are presently serving in Northern Ireland.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our fellow Marines to our 30th Annual Dinner Dance and sincerely hope that you have found your day with the Marines of the Bett-Toomey Detachment to be both interesting and enjoyable. We thank you for joining us in celebrating our 30th Anniversary, but more importantly the 205th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps.

Our Guest of Honor

WILLIAM H.J. TIERNAN
Brigadier General, USMC
Director, Judge Advocate Division
Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant
Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.

Brigadier General William H.J. Tiernan is Director, Judge Advocate Division, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. and Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

General Tiernan was born on March 11, 1932, in Buffalo, New York. He joined the Platoon Leaders Class in February 1953 while an undergraduate student at Indiana University. In April 1954, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve and in June received his B.A. degree in Political Science. He remained in an inactive duty status until he received his LLB (Law) degree from Indiana University Law School, in February 1957.

After completion of officers training at The Basic School, Quantico, Va., in November 1957, he was assigned to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Iwakuni, Japan, where he served as the legal officer for Marine Aircraft Group-12. He was reassigned to Marine Corps Base, Twentynine Palms, Calif., and promoted to captain in April 1962.

He then reported for duty to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif., serving as Chief Trial Counsel in the Division Legal Office until September 1962, then was reassigned as Commanding Officer, "F" Company, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines. During this assignment, he participated in the deployment of Battalion Landing Team 2/1, to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, during the "Cuban Crisis" in October 1962. In September 1963, he was appointed senior aide-de-camp to the commanding general of the 1st Marine Division, and served in this capacity until July 1965.

During August he reported to the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Navy, in Washington, D.C., where he served as an administrative law attorney; editor of the JAG Journal; and as the executive assistant to the Judge Advocate General. Promoted to major in November 1966, he returned to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in DaNang, Republic of Vietnam, as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate until November 1968.

General Tiernan joined the staff of the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Camp Smith, Hawaii, as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, in November 1968. During this tour he was promoted to lieutenant colonel in January 1970

From July 1973 to July 1974, he attended the Naval War College, Newport, R.I., graduating with distinction. After graduation, he was assigned to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., where he served as the Depot Staff Judge Advocate, until July 1975, when he was promoted to colonel and assigned to the 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa.

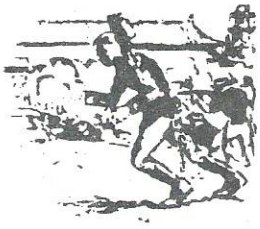
General Tiernan returned to the 1st Marine Division in October 1976, and served as the Staff Judge Advocate until January 1978 when he was appointed Chief of Staff of the 1st Marine Division, a position he occupied until August 1979, when he was reassigned as the Staff Judge Advocate of the division. While serving in this capacity, he was selected in February 1980 for promotion to brigadier general. He was advanced to that grade on April 24, 1980 and assumed his current assignment on May 1, 1980.

His personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V"; and the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star in lieu of a second award.

Brigadier General Tiernan is married to the former Jeanne Lois Nickerson.

THE MARINES' HYMN

From the halls of Montezuma,
To the shores of Tripoli,
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land and 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.



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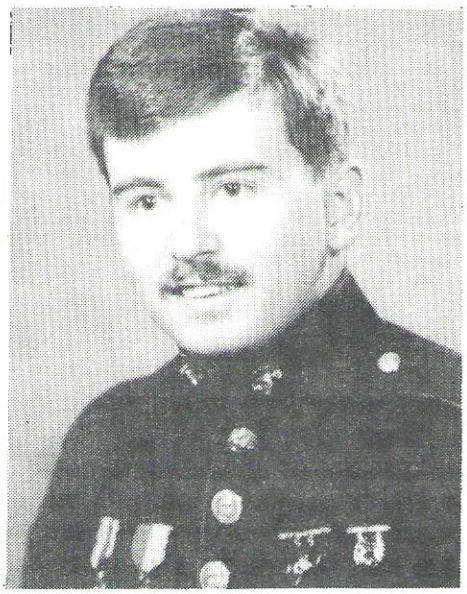
1. Ray J. Puchalski . . . '49, '52-'54, '73-'74
2. Frank Stulak . . . . . '50-'51
3. Edward Szczygiel . . . . . '51-'52
4. Carl Lohr . . . . . '54, '56-'57
5. Chet C. Catuzza . . . . . '54-'55, '66-'67
6. Fred V. Catuzza, Jr. . . . . '55-'56
7. C. William Marts . . . . . '57-'59
8. LaVern DeForest . . . . . '59-'60
9. Leo Sendor . . . . . '60-'61
10. Richard S. Juda . . . . . '61-'63, '74-'75
11. Leo Myzel . . . . . '63-'64
12. Jack Sheldon . . . . . '65-'66
13. Edward S. Reed . . . . . '67-'69
14. James May . . . . . '69-'70
15. Tom Evoy. . . . . '70-'71, '77-'78
16. Matthew Radlowski . . . . . '71-'73
17. Kenneth Blachura . . . . . '75-'76
18. Edward Sabuda . . . . . '76-'77
19. Henry Klubek . . . . . '78-'80

MARINE STANLEY WANDERLICH
"Marine of the Year"



Stanley joined the Marine Corps Reserve while still in high school in November of 1975 and went to boot camp as a PFC. He attended NCO School while at P.I., and later qualified as a cold weather and water safety instructor while attending the Cold Weather Operations School in Brainerd, Minn. He also attended Embarkation School in Little Creek, Virginia.

He is a Platoon Guide in the 1st Plt. in Co. 1, 3rd Bn., 25th Marines, 4th Mar. Div. FMF and holds the rank of Sgt. He has been awarded the 4-yr. Good Conduct Medal and is a Rifle Sharpshooter and Pistol Expert.

Stan graduated from Lackawanna High School in 1976, and earned a ASA Degree from Hilbert College in 1980. He is currently a Deputy Sheriff with the Erie County Sheriff's Department.

He was presented the Cpl. Barnes Medal by the detachment in 1978 and the Capt. A.S. Reynolds Award in 1979. He is presently serving as Sr. Vice Commandant and is Assistant Bar Chairman and a member of the Detachment Board of Directors.

Stan will be the youngest Marine to receive this award since the early days of the detachment.

MR. MICHAEL J. KOGUTEK
"Civilian of the Year"

MICHAEL J. KOGUTEK
National Commander
The American Legion
1980-81

"Mike" was elected to the American Legion's highest office at this year's National Convention in Boston, Mass., August 15-21. The son of Mary and John Kogutek, Mike is a life-long resident of Lackawanna. After graduation from Lackawanna High School, he entered the Navy, attaining the rank of petty officer, second class. He got his first taste of combat in New Guinea in the South Pacific and later in the Philippines. Discharged in 1946, he returned home and married a hometown girl, Dorothy Druzbik. They have two children, Michael D., and Sharon.

He is presently the plant manager of the Buffalo Brake Beam and also has served as Police Commissioner, and Commissioner of Public Works in Lackawanna. Mike earned an Associate of Science Degree from the Empire State College by working days and attending school at night.

He joined the Matthew Glab Post in 1946 and served as its Commander. He was elected Department Commander in 1968-69. Mike served as State Membership Chairman and spearheaded the most successful membership drive in Department History.

Before being elected National Commander, Mike served on the National Executive Committee, Veterans Preference Committee, the National Economic and National Finance Commissions and the National Child Welfare Foundation. The Chamber of Commerce named him Lackawanna's "Man of the Year" in 1977.

COLONEL JERRY J. REPETSKI, USMCR
"Toastmaster"

Colonel Repetski enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in February of 1948. He entered officers school in September of 1952 and was commissioned in December of the same year. He completed Basic School in June of 1953 and served as Air Controller and S-2 officer for various ground control squadrons on the East Coast and in Korea, where he was stationed from June of 1953 to December 1954.

He served as S-2 officer from February 1955 to September 1965 for VMF 441, USMCR Fighter Squadron. From September of '65 to June of '74 he was an instructor at the Naval Reserve Officers School in Buffalo. From that time until the present he is a member of MTU-NY-2, Senior Mobilization Officer for Buffalo.

He is the Senior Member of the local Administrative Discharge Board and a member of the Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association.

He presently is a Professor of Technology and Chairman of the Technology Division at Niagara Community College, and is a licensed Professional Engineer in New York State. He is married and has four children.