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Jacklyn Harrell "Jack" Lucas (February 14, 1928 – June 5, 2008) was an American Marine in World War II who was awarded the Medal of Honor at the age of 17 years as a private first class in the Marine Corps during the Battle of Iwo Jima.

Lucas was born in Plymouth, North Carolina, on February 14, 1928. After his father, a tobacco farmer, died when he was ten, his mother sent him to nearby Edwards Military Institute in Salemburg. He rose to be a Cadet Captain, and was the Captain of the football team. He was an all-around sportsman, also taking part in baseball, softball, basketball, boxing, wrestling, horseback riding, trap and skeet shooting, and hunting.

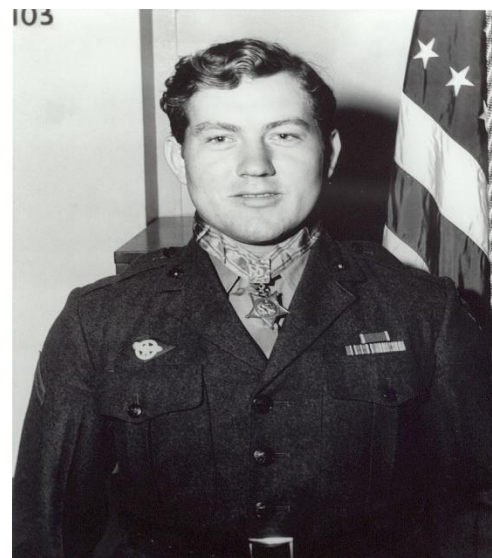
On August 8, 1942, at the age of 14, Lucas enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve at Norfolk, Virginia, giving his age as 17 and forging his mother's name on the parental consent form. At 5 ft 8 in and 180 pounds with a muscular build, he was sent directly to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina, for recruit training, and later shipped out to fight in Iwo Jima.

During a close firefight in two trenches between Lucas and three Marines with 11 Japanese Soldiers, Lucas saved the lives of the other three Marines from two enemy hand grenades that were thrown into their trench by unhesitatingly placing himself on one grenade, while in the next instant pulling the other grenade under him. The grenade he covered with his body exploded and wounded him severely; the other grenade did not explode. He is the youngest Marine and the youngest serviceman in World War II to be awarded the United States' highest military decoration for valor. He later reenlisted in the United States Army and reached the rank of Captain.

Joco Marines



IN THIS ISSUE – JACK LUCAS



Good of the League

11 June 2019

Minutes

Sergeant at Arms Tim Daniel secured the quarters and announced all present were qualified to remain.

Sergeant at Arms Tim Daniel and Willie Williams posted colors and led the Detachment in the Pledge of Allegiance. Acting Chaplain Willie Williams gave the opening prayer. Commandant Bill Dunn called the meeting to order in due form at 19:05 with 11 Marines and 3 guests present.

Roll Call of Officers: All officers were present except 2nd Vice-Commandant Gould, excused Judge Advocate Culberson and Chaplain Quinn, Excused.

Adjutant did not have a copy of the minutes tonight but minutes were sent to all members by snail mail or e-mail.

Adjutant read correspondence from VAMC Durham thanking us for our visit on 30 April. He also read letter soliciting ads for the National Convention program Book. Commandant read solicitation letter from National Auxiliary President for support of their raffle, those interested in purchasing raffle tickets see Adjutant after the meeting.

In the absence of Chaplain Greg Quinn his report was read by Commandant Dunn. Chester Whitley, no report but is with us tonight. Willie Williams's wife is in hospital in California with Kidney stones. Perry Champion is doing well, and is getting stronger by the day. He is able to drive some. Chaplain's wife Pauline had surgery this morning and is doing well. Paul Scheppf is out of state visiting his terminally ill brother.

Paymaster gave his Finance report. Motion made by Alfred Peavy and seconded by Timothy Daniel to accept the Paymaster's Report subject to audit. Motion carried.

Report of Officers:

Senior Vice Bob Long had nothing to report.

Adjutant/Paymaster had nothing further to report.

Sergeant at Arms had nothing to report.

Report of Standing Committees:

VA Hospital-Visit is scheduled for 30 July 2019.

Adopt a Highway is scheduled for 13 July at 07:00.

Eagle Scout-No report

Good Business Award-No report

Youth Committee- No report

Special Committees-

Scholarship Committee Chairman Alfred Peavy announced three members presented the scholarship at the Princeton High School Awards night.

Unfinished business: Commandant reminded all we need to pick up flags we put out for Memorial Day. He gave a report on the mud run that five of our members participated. The Department Convention this last week-end was attended by four of our members.

New Business: Willie Williams made a motion that was seconded by John Whitley to donate \$2500.00 to East Coast Drill Instructors Association so they can help with the repairs to Parris Island caused by the Hurricanes. Clarification on this, it's not to repair the Island but to help those that received damage to get back on their feet, as the Association sees fit. There were 5 aye's and 4 no's, motion carried. Some discussion took place about the ads we use on internet or Facebook and it was brought up some neighborhoods have free ads such as Nextdoor.com. John Whitley made a motion that was seconded by Willie Williams to purchase a 1/4 page ad in the National Convention Program Book. Motion carried. Commandant will do the art work for the ad and send to Paymaster to submit with check to National. Robert Hambrick introduced his guest, Ron Sadosk, representing Wags for Tags. He spoke on his organization that trains dogs for veterans that have PTSD or similar illnesses. Although he started out helping veterans he helps anyone that needs the help.

Good of the League: Commandant and 1st Vice have 100 Department rifle raffle tickets to sell. See either one after the meeting if interested. Bob Long stated anyone interested in the Rifle & pistol team competition to see him after the meeting. All with at least 1 year in the League can apply into the MODD. Bob Long stated he took the tour of Camp Lejeune Memorial Gardens and he was impressed with the changes. Highly recommends you visit the Memorial Gardens. Willie Williams wished more participation with the Belk Charity Day sale. We will host the MODD Growl on 20 July. Ken Parker has raffle tickets for AR-15 to support VFW 5955. Timothy Daniel announced Four Oaks American Legion 346 will have Pancake and Sausage breakfast on 22 June from 07:00 to 10:00 at Hwy 55 Restaurant in Four Oaks. He also stated this week-end is the annual Hwy 301 Yard sale. Commandant reminded all that our yearly dues will be due the end of August, you might want to start getting those taken care of now.

There being no further business to come before the body Commandant Bill Dunn proceeded to close the meeting. While the Detachment stood in silence Chaplain read the names of deceased members. Sergeant at Arms retired the colors, and Chaplain offered the closing prayer. Sr. Vice Bob Long thanked the members for their attendance and asked that they continue to favor us with their presence at future meetings as their circumstances permit.

Sergeant at Arms Tim Daniels officially closed the meeting in due form at 20:10 and Commandant Bill Dunn declared the meeting officially adjourned.



7 bikers connected to Marine Jarheads motorcycle club die in crash when a flatbed pickup truck collided into them on a rural, two-lane highway Friday, June 21, 2019 in Randolph, N.H. – Rest in Peace Brothers & Sisters

10th Annual Marine Corps League 5K Mud Run & Obstacle Course



DoNC Convention



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NC Pack Grand Growl





Commandant's Corner:



Members of the Marine Corps League join in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving traditions, promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service.

That is the first two sentences of the Marine Corps League's Mission Statement. The month of June has been very busy with the "camaraderie and fellowship" starting with the very first day. The Percy John Fulton Detachment #1075, of Winston-Salem, held their 10th Annual Mud Run and 5 Carry-On members with two family members took part. I must say, I was excited to do it, but I'm not exactly in "fighting shape". I knew this was going to be a challenge doing a 5k obstacle course. I loved it! (My body may have contradicted that statement.) We all finished in one piece and almost un-injured. Marine Rice can show you a couple pictures.

The following weekend was the Department Convention hosted by the Onslow County Detachment #262 in Jacksonville. I really don't have to say much about Department Conventions. They are always the best way to meet new faces and reconnect with a lot of the other Detachments in our state. Especially if you attend a Growl, for you Dogs out there. Woof-Woof!

A couple days after that was our regular monthly meeting and it's always good to see our own.

Since then, I got to share our 'camaraderie and fellowship' with a Marine Veteran. I know that this may sound a bit like my address from last month, but when the opportunity arises.....

I was headed home after work and upon making the turn into my neighborhood, I remembered that I was supposed to run an errand. I then looped around on one of the side streets and drove past an individual sitting on his porch with his dog. I swore he was wearing a Marine Corps cover. After my errand, I returned to see him still sitting there, wearing the suspected cover and a red Marine Corps t-shirt. 74-year-old Frazier Smith is a Vietnam Veteran, serving in the Corps from 1963 to 1968. We sat on his porch for 2 hours. Boy, did he have some stories to tell. I left giving him one of our Detachment brochures. Of course, a new member would be nice, but I told him, any time you want to just BS, my number is on the front.

I think that there's another way, we, as Marines, can look at this. At some point in our future, will we be the one sitting on the front porch with stories to tell? I think that in some way we already are. We get together mostly on the second Tuesday of each month and that's pretty much it. How much do we really know about our membership? I would like to propose at our next meeting that we meet for a second time each month. No business. Just a bunch of Marines getting together telling stories. So bring your ideas the next time we meet. Maybe breakfast at a diner. Maybe a cookout somewhere. What can we come up with?

SEMPER FI Marines! ~ **Commandant Bill Dunn.**



Committee Reports



Good Business Award Committee (Lewis W. Rice III – Chair)

- None scheduled at this time.



Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Award Committee (Lewis W. Rice III – Chair)

- 08 JUN 2019 - Wilson Gray Johnson from Troop 64 of Cleveland, ceremony was held in Tarboro, NC.

Upcoming Eagle Scout Ceremonies

- 24 AUG 2019 – Jack Francis Romano from Troop 64 of Cleveland. Camp Tuscarora 1433 Scout Road, Four Oaks, NC 27524 @ 1930 hrs.

Youth Committee (Lewis W. Rice III – Chair)



- This award is in recognition of your children or grandchildren. An award and monetary donation for high school graduates and college graduates of Detachment members. Let me know in advance of upcoming events so we can make a presentation on behalf of the Detachment.



VA Hospital Visit Committee (Ken Parker – Chair)

- 30 JUL 2019 – Next Visit.



Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up Committee (Ken Parker – Chair)

- 13 JUL 2019 @ 0700 hrs.



Scholarship Committee (Alfred Peavy – Chair)

- None scheduled at this time.

IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN MARINE BROTHERS AND SISTERS, FMF CORPSMEN AND CHAPLAINS



Tom Barrie, John Bullock, George Gillespie, Robert Moore, Willard Pleasants, Gordon Young, Mark Wayne Williams, Linwood Johnson, and George Hartley.