



PINEYWOODS POOPSHEET

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Upcoming Meetings: March 18, April 15, May 20
Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the DAV Hall, 3110 Appleby-Sand Road, Nacogdoches, Texas.

Retirement of 1st Sergeant John Mathews III Friday, October 16, 2009, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina



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The Detachment also maintains a website at: www.PineywoodsMarines.org . If you see pictures on the website or in the newsletter that you would like to have a copy of, we will send you the originals upon request. Detachment members receive free email or CD delivery service. For non-Detachment members, donations are happily accepted.



Join us at the 15th annual Downtown Hoe Down, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday April 17th, downtown Lufkin and also at the 21st annual Texas Blueberry Festival, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 12, in historic downtown Nacogdoches

Our Pineywoods Detachment will be manning a booth for the first time at the Downtown Hoedown in Lufkin. We hope to generate some interest in the Detachment and recruit members from our neighboring city. Our long-term goal is to recruit enough members in and around the City of Lufkin and Angelina County and establish another Marine Corps League Detachment. Additionally, we will be manning a booth at the Blueberry Festival for the second year in a row. We had a gook time last year and recruited new members. Again this year we plan to give away miniature United States Flags, sell raffle tickets as a fund raiser, promote the Detachment's local Marine Corps Birthday Ball, and RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT!

For the Hoe Down we will be meeting to set up our booth at 0700 that Saturday and have vehicles clear of the street by 0800. For the Blueberry Festival we will be meeting to set up our booth at 0600 that Saturday, and be ready to go and vehicles clear of the street by 0700. Tear down will begin promptly at 1600 for both events, as we have to be clear of the street by 1700. We are talking about selling raffle tickets for .22 caliber Survival Rifle; more information to follow.

We hope to see you there!





Retirement of 1st Sergeant John Mathews III



On Friday, October 16th, 2009, Detachment Member First Sergeant John Mathews III retired after 20 years in service with the U.S. Marine Corps. The ceremony was held at Marine Logistics Group HQ directly after morning colors. Over the last 20 years John served with 2d Tank Battalion in 1991 Gulf War (Kuwait), 3d Light Armored Recon in Iraq War 2003 and then again as Security Company (Iraq) in 2008. He was a Drill Instructor (1997-2000), Close Combat Instructor (1995-2000), Martial Instructor (2000-2009), MCWITS (Water Survival Instructor) (1997-2005) and Corporals Course SNCOIC (2000-2003). His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (gold star in lieu of second award), Navy Achievement Medal (gold star in lieu of second award), and Combat Action (gold star in lieu of second award). He has numerous unit, service, and campaign medals and awards, including the Presidential

Unit Citation. John has served on seven deployments.

Two years ago he joined both the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3893 (in Nacogdoches) and our Marine Corps League Detachment. On his last deployment to Iraq, John sent U.S. Flags to all six Nacogdoches County veterans organizations. Most recently he sent two U.S. Flags flown at Camp Lejuene in honor of our two remaining World War II veterans; which we presented to Billy Duke and Buck Lee last November at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. We **honor 1st Sergeant John Mathews' service to our Country and Corps, and his continuous** support of our local detachment. John, his wife Mary, and their two children are currently living in North Carolina where John is pursuing a masters degree in psychology with a secondary major in Military History. We wish him Fair Winds and Following Seas and a very happy and well deserved retirement.

Above, 1stSgt Mathews' wife Mary. Below, 1stSgt Mathews with Company Office personnel.





Retirement of 1st Sergeant John Mathews III



Above, 1stSgt Mathews flying flags in Iraq to send stateside to veterans and honorees. Below, 1stSgt Mathews (left) in Iraq with Company Gunnery Sergeant SSgt Mike McGarrin.





Retirement of 1st Sergeant John Mathews III

This is a reprint from the December 2008 issue in honor of 1stSgt John Mathews III.

1st Sergeant John Mathews

Selflessness is the hallmark of Marine Corps service. While serving in Iraq, Garrison native 1stSgt John W. Mathews III contacted the Pineywoods Detachment to ask if we would like to have a flag flown over Camp Raines, Iraq. 1stSgt Mathews learned that the detachment was delighted to receive such a gift.

In the relationship that followed 1stSgt Mathews not only sent a flag to the Marines of Pineywoods Detachment, but through his Marine contacts, he provided flags to five other veterans' organizations in Nacogdoches County. Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Purple Heart veterans all benefitted from his generosity. 1stSgt Mathews also joined the Marine Corps League. Now safely returned from Iraq and stationed at Camp Lejeune near Jacksonville, North Carolina, 1stSgt Mathews continues to communicate with the local Marine group. In recognition of his selfless and dedicated service to the United States of America, the Marine Corps, and the veterans organizations in his East Texas home communities, we are proud to present the Marine Corps League Distinguished Service Medal – Bronze to 1stSgt John W. Mathews III.



Above, Bob and Peggy Burt accept the Distinguished Service Medal on behalf of Peggy's son, 1st Sgt John Mathews, at the Detachment 2008 Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Below, 1stSgt John Mathews and Sgt Timothy Dobbins at Camp Raines in Iraq running up a Marine Corps Flag for SSgt Dobbins' father.





District 2 Scoop

by District 2 Vice Commandant Dennis Bradford

The district continues to expand. Charter applications were completed and submitted for the Rose City Detachment in Tyler and the Hopkins County Detachment in Sulphur Springs. District 2 Assistant Vice Commandant Bill Hamby has boots on the ground, running, every day scouring East Texas for Marines to **start new detachments. As always, he is ably assisted by Paul Gates. They are truly a “dynamic duo.”**

The next big event, of course, is the Department of Texas Annual Convention, at the Holiday Inn Airport in El Paso, 3-6 June 2010. Information is available on the Department website at www.mcltexas.org. I hope you will plan to spend some time in El Paso this summer.

In the words of countless Marines who have gone before, “Gung Ho!”

Semper Fi!

Dennis

Report from the Detachment Commandant by Commandant Dennis Bradford

While attendance was disappointing, the installation of Detachment officers was conducted Thursday, March 18, 2010 as scheduled. Department of Texas Sergeant-at-Arms Ron Tomonelli was the installing officer. **Don't forget that officer group photos will be taken at the April meeting. Red blazer will be the uniform of the day.**

The only business conducted involved a decision vote to participate in the annual **“Downtown Hoe Down” held in Lufkin the third Saturday in April.** For some time, we have been trying to get interested Marines in Lufkin into the League, and view the DHD as an opportunity to do just that. This one-day event will need volunteers to cover our booth and give out information and applications. We will also have a raffle item to be determined.

We are in the process of working out the final details with the Fredonia Hotel for this year's Ball. There are some issues to be settled before we sign the contract. To say the least, we are full speed ahead.

That's it for this time. See you next edition.

Semper Fi!

Dennis





Samaritan Counseling Center

Free Counseling for Veterans, Active Duty, & Family Members

(This is being reprinted from last quarter to try and get the word out to everyone.)

The Samaritan Counseling Center in Nacogdoches offers free counseling for veterans, active duty, and for family members. Family counseling includes spouse, children, siblings, parents, etc. The service is made possible by a TRIAD grant from The Dallas Foundation. TRIAD stands for Texas Resources for Iraq - Afghanistan Deployment. The focus of the counseling is for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their families who have been affected by the Iraq or Afghanistan conflicts. The services are available for troops and family members who are residents of Nacogdoches, Angelina, Houston, Shelby, San Augustine, Polk, and Trinity Counties.

There is no charge for services, all contact is confidential, and no information is shared with the military. Services offered include: Individual, Marital, Family, or Group Counseling. Issues addressed include: Pre-deployment anxiety; Problems related to parents or family members being deployed; Reorientation to civilian life; Post-traumatic stress; Marital and family problems; Adjusting to divorce; Child custody loss; Financial or legal stress problems; Depression or anxiety; Substance abuse problems; Anger management; Loss due to death or injury.

There are two locations in our community:

903 North Street
Nacogdoches, TX 75961
936-564-4064

607 S. Chestnut
Lufkin, TX 75901
936-639-6512



The Author is unknown:

“A veteran, whether active duty, retired, national guard, or reserve, is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to ‘The United States of America,’ for an amount ‘up to and including my life.’ That is honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.”

New Slate of Detachment Officers for the Coming Year

Nominations for Detachment Officers were held during the February meeting, in accordance with our Detachment bylaws. The following members were nominated:

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| Dennis Bradford | Commandant |
| Rich Barnhart | Senior Vice-Commandant |
| Jason Bradford | Junior Vice-Commandant |
| Phillip Devlin | Judge Advocate |
| Will Lane | Adjutant/Paymaster |
| Jimmy Lee | Sergeant-At-Arms |
| Kenneth Rains | Chaplain |



Since Dan Singletary did not stand for reelection as Commandant, he becomes the Detachment's Junior Past Commandant. Elections were held at the March meeting and all nominees were elected. Detachment officers are a vital part of the Marine Corps League, please show them your support!



Toys for Tots a Resounding Success!

Ronnie Bowser, Detachment member and Nacogdoches County Toys For Tots Area Coordinator has once again done an outstanding job! For the last several years Ronnie has headed up the annual Toys For Tots Christmas toy drive in our area, long before there was a Pineywoods Detachment here. Ronnie reports that he has collected over 7,000 new toys and served over 2,100 kids!. This year there were more than 20 drop boxes around town, and three fund raisers were held. Major local organizations that were served include: Love INC, CASA, Head Start, Foster Parent's Foundation, Women's Shelter, Buckner Foundation, Boys & Girls Club, Salvation Army, and Angel Tree.

Of the three fund raisers, the largest was the (annual) Toys for Tots Radio Remote held at the Wal-Mart in Nacogdoches, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. December 11 & 12 2009. Local radio personality Danny Merrill from Kicks-105 was onsite periodically throughout the day. On Saturday, November 21st, there was a Toy Run at Stone Fort Cycle. Dennis Bradford, Will Lane, and Ronnie Bowser were on hand to collect nearly 200 toys. The annual Pit Bull Dog Show was held on Saturday, October 10th at Kiwanis Park in downtown Nacogdoches. Participants donated hundreds of toys for Toys for Tots.

There were many additional events held this year, including:

November 7th & 14th, Mr. Wills, Toy for Admission

November 14th, Bullfrogs, Toy for Admission

November 21st, Sports Shack, Toy for Admission

November 28th, Tipton Ford, Car Show

December 5th, Hastings, Free Movie Rental/With Toy

Lastly, the Detachment received a Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve for our support of the local Toys for Tots toy drives.

We are posting some pictures here in the newsletter (below and next page). For more information on how you can help with Toys for Tots next year, contact Detachment member Ronnie Bowser at 936-564-6200 or ronnie.bowser@era.com.

Pictured below left (l-r), Ronnie Bowser presents Toys for Tots Unit Award to Detachment Commandant Dan Singletary; below right, Ronnie Bowser and Dennis Bradford at the two-day Kicks 105 radio remote at Wal-Mart.





Clockwise from top left: Ronnie Bowser at the Pit Bull Dog Show; Dennis Bradford's Detachment Command Vehicle at Stone Fort Cycle Toy Run; (l-r) Detachment Members Dennis Bradford, & Will Lane "hard at work" at the Toy Run; Toy Run bikes at Stone Fort Cycle; (above middle left), toy bins at the Pit Bull Dog Show.





A Word on Politics from National

In February our Detachment Commandant received a letter from Kenneth Watterson, National Vice Commandant of the Southern Division regarding politics and the Marine Corp League. We are reprinting it here for all members.

Dear Commandant Singletary:

This article was submitted to the Department of Texas by my Asst. National Vice Commandant Ken Henry and I totally agree with the contents in it. Please read to your members at your next Detachment Meeting.

At no time in my life can I remember our country being in such turmoil over political agendas. It has become one of the major topics brought up where ever you go. Some people are downright mad, some are scared, some are misinformed, some are uninformed, and some are just plain stupid. It has gotten to the point that no one knows who is lying, who lied first, who lied last, or if anyone is telling the truth. I have seen where it has caused divisions of families, loss of friends, and disrespect of persons who are ones with whom you may have held a mutual bond.

With the vast means of communications that we have during this day and age this cancerous discourse of political information follows you everywhere you go. Television, newspapers, telephones, computers, all of which are being infected with disease that drives a wedge between homes, churches, work place, organizations, relationships and anything else that may affect people.

One of the things we first learned as Marine Corps Leaguers is that there would be no Political or Sectarian debate in our meetings. Over the past couple of years in Detachments across the country there has been numerous complaints of politics rearing its infectious head in Detachments and argumentative political agendas being unsolicited shared with members via e-mails. As you might have guessed already, this has caused friction, disputes, and even grievances amongst members, officers and Detachments. A good way to have a Detachment die is to allow this kind of cancerous infection to take hold on your Detachment.

We are Marines. Our mission is to help Marines, veteran Marines, wives, widows, and orphans of Marines. Nowhere does it say political agendas. Our bylaws clearly state that there should be no Political or Sectarian debates. Stick to being a Marine, that you know best.

Semper Fi
Kenneth Watterson
National Vice Commandant
Southern Division
Marine Corps League

Leave your Politics at the Door

It's an election year, and we are surrounded by politics, even in the Pineywoods of Deep East Texas. As a matter of fact, two of our Detachment members are involved. Ed Klein was elected District Judge (Republican) two years ago, and this spring Detachment member Chris Borel is running in the Republican primary for County Commissioner of Precinct 4. (see picture at right). Chris is a good example of the line between being involved in politics and being a member of the Marine Corps League. He doesn't hesitate to tell people that he is a retired Marine, but he doesn't use the Marine Corps League in his campaign. In our Detachment we have hard-line conservative Republicans, Independents, and Democrats; we even have one member who was the Nacogdoches County Democratic Chairman for years. But we are all Marines at any League meeting or event. Participate in the American democratic process and support the candidate or party of your choice, but keep on leaving your politics at the door.





Texas Veterans Land Board Briefing

Stephen F. Austin State University

Free Benefits Seminar

May 19 & 20, 2010

All veterans are invited to the Deep East Texas Contracting Opportunities Exposition. The primary purpose of the event is to allow small businesses to interact with the Stephen F. Austin State University Purchasing Department. The mission of the Purchasing Department is to secure goods and services that represent the best value to the University, while promoting full and equal business opportunities for all businesses. SFA purchases goods and services on a best value basis.

There will also a free veterans benefits seminar:

Veterans Business Conference—Wednesday, May 19 at 1 p.m.

Hear vital issues to veterans—Stay for after hours reception.

Texas Veterans Land Board Briefing—Wednesday, May 19 at 6 p.m.

Contracting Opportunities Exposition—Thursday, May 20 at 9 a.m.

Your business visits with government procurement officials.

Texas State Veterans Benefits:

HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM: \$325,000 low-interest loan for 30 years

LAND LOAN PROGRAM: \$80,000 low-interest loan for 30 years

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM: \$25,000 low-interest loan for 20 years

STATE VETERANS HOMES: Long-term skilled care facilities in Amarillo, Big Spring, Bonham, El Paso, Floresville, McAllen, and Temple. Coming to Tyler in 2011.

STATE VETERANS CEMETARIES: Now open in Abilene, Killeen, and Mission.

For more information call Manny Guerrero at SFA 936-468-4529 or Mike McReaken—Texas Veterans Land board at 713-383-2729. Stephen F. Austin State University, Baker Patillo Student Center, 2nd Floor, 1936 North St. (Hwy 59 Business), Nacogdoches, Texas. You can also visit www.texasveterans.com or call 1-800-252-VETS.

Texas veterans Land Board Jerry Patterson, Chairman
1700 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701



At Home Submarine Simulation

Do it yourself guide to simulate submarine life at home. (Editor's Note: I was able to participate in three submarine patrols during my 20 years on active duty in the USMC. These really aren't too far off the mark.)

1. Lock yourself in your house with 150 people you don't like. Close all windows and doors tightly, close all curtains. Seal any openings to the outside world with a proper vault.
2. Unplug all radios and televisions to cut yourself off completely from news, football games, Saturday Night Live, etc.
3. Monitor all operating home appliances hourly; if not in use, log as secure.
4. Do not flush toilet in bathroom for first two days to simulate smell of blowing sanitariums and venting inboard; then flush daily.
5. Wear only approved FBM coveralls, or proper uniform, no hats, special t-shirts, etc.
6. Get the paperboy to cut your hair once a week.
7. Work and sleep in 18-hour intervals to insure your body really gets confused.
8. Listen to the same CD over and over until you can't stand it anymore; then try one you can't listen to without nausea setting in.
9. Set alarm to go off just as you fall asleep; set alarm at loud setting or buy a special alarm with various settings (i.e. "Man Battle Stations", "Fire", "Flooding in the Basement").
10. Prepare food with a blindfold on to simulate what real submarine cooks do. Take blindfold off and try to get dog to eat it. Then break out a can of tuna and/or peanut butter.
11. Cut your bed in thirds and enclose all but one side using the dimensions of a small casket as a reference. When not in bed, make up blankets properly so no one will see or care.
12. Periodically, for want of excitement, open main power breaker and run around yelling "Reactor Scram" until you are sweating profusely; then restore power.
13. Buy a snorkel and mask and again, periodically, just for want of excitement, put them on and pretend you are in a smoke filled room with no way out. For added variety, hook up to a garden hose and pressurize.
14. To enable yourself to handle anything, constantly study wiring diagrams and operating instructions for various home appliances (stove, refrigerator, can opener). For no reason at all, at specified intervals (monthly, weekly) tear one item apart, just in case it was going to break.
15. Paint everything around you grey (Navy FSN Grey, no substitutes).
16. To be sure you are living in a clean happy environment, every Friday set alarm on loud for a short, but hated, drill sound; then get up and manned only with a bucket, sponge and greeny, clean one area over and over, even if it is already spotless. Then make out discrepancy list.
17. Once a day plug in TV and watch one movie. Be careful that it is (a) at least 5 years old, (b) you have seen it at least once before or (c) so bad that you have to install a seat belt in you chair to keep you there until it is over.
18. Since there is no doctor available, stockpile band-aids, aspirin and Actifed. These are proven cure-alls. Practice on your dog first aid, surgery, dentistry, death, etc.
19. Set all clocks to Zulu time. Set hot water temperature to 120 degrees, set timer to go on and off every 2 hours.
20. Wear the same shoes for the duration. Wear the same outer garment for 1 week at a stretch. Shower and change your skivvies every 2 - 4 days.
21. Start poker games at midnight.
22. Refer to Kool-Aid as "bug" and meatballs as "Nairobi trail markers".
23. Hook-up a fluorescent light under your coffee table so that you'll have a place to read.
24. Run the lawnmower in your garage with the door closed to simulate snorkeling.
25. Blacken the windows of your car, then sit behind the steering wheel for six hours at a time.
26. Hang a red sign entitled "blowing sans" on the bathroom doorknob for 45 minutes every 12 hours. Do not allow anyone to use the bathroom during this time.
27. When commencing this test simulation, lock your family, friends and everything else that means anything to you outside. Tests will run for at least 2 months with no end in sight.

If you can do this, you can survive a submarine patrol.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Detachment Meetings

(next six months)

18 March

15 April

20 May

17 June

15 July

19 August

Meetings are held third Thursday of the month, at 7 pm at the DAV Hall, 3110 Appleby-Sand Road
Call (936) 559-3781 for info

FESTIVALS

Downtown Hoe Down
11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday April 17th, 2010
downtown Lufkin

21st Annual Texas Blueberry Festival
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 12, 2010
historic Downtown Nacogdoches

POSTING OF U.S. FLAGS

Nacogdoches County Courthouse
7 a.m. 30 May, 12 June, 4 July 2010

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS CONVENTION

8 - 14 June 2010
El Paso, Texas*

MCL NATIONAL CONVENTION

8 - 14 August 2010
Greensboro, North Carolina

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

6 p.m. 6 November 2010
Hotel Fredonia, Nacogdoches, Texas

See Dennis Bradford for additional information
on any of these events
padrebucky@yahoo.com

Membership News

The last few months has seen steady growth for our Detachment. We welcome new regular members Francis Michael Reeves, Jason Bradford, and MGySgt Robert B. Conklin, (USMC Ret.). A few months after joining, Jason Bradford was nominated and elected to the position of Junior Vice Commandant.

Additionally, regular member John Stewart has purchased a life membership, which moves the number of our life members to eighteen! This is outstanding, as National invests that money and the Detachment gets a portion of the returns for years to come. Thanks for going that extra mile for your fellow Marines John!

Be sure and welcome these fine folks when you see them at a meeting or event!

Pictured at right is new member Jason Bradford.



SHIP'S STORE



Pineywoods detachment "goodies" are now available from two sources for those who want to wear our colors proudly. All manner of items are available from Café Press at <http://www.cafepress.com/pwm1189b>. These items are "printed" on the clothing or hat.

Embroidered clothing and hats, as well as backpacks and portable stadium seats and other goodies are available in Nacogdoches at Unlimited Designs on NW Stallings Drive, next to License to Laugh, the defensive driving folks. It is also possible to have the embroidery sewn on the MCL red uniform cover there. Pricing is reasonable, and Kim Cartwright and staff are most helpful. Keep it local!



“Wars may be fought with weapons, but they are won by men.”

General George Patton Jr

“The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.”

Thomas Jefferson



Marine Corps History

8 December 1941: Japanese aircraft attacked Wake Island within hours of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The 1st Defense Battalion and Marine Fighting Squadron 211 resisted Japanese invasion attempts for over two weeks before finally succumbing to an overwhelming force.

18 January 1951: Marines of the 1st Marine Division began mopping-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang area, South Korea, following the Division's return from its epic battle with Communist Chinese troops at the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir.

6 February 1968: Two reduced Marine battalions, the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines with two companies, and 2d Battalion, 5th Marines with three, recaptured Hue's hospital, jail, and provincial headquarters. It would take three more weeks of intense house to house fighting, and nearly a thousand Marines killed and wounded, before the imperial city was secured.

Life Membership Honor Roll

The following Detachment members are Life Members

- Rich Barnhart - Betty Benavides
- Dennis Bradford - Mary Frances Bradford
- Chris Borel - Roger Crone
- Phil Devlin - Billy Duke
- Don Kirkley - Dale Koonce
- Buck Lee - James Lee
- Robert Marshall - Jack Noble
- Jack Sanderson - Dan Singletary
- John Stewart - Joe Stewart

Semper Fi!

CONSIDER LIFE

Life Membership Dues

National Marine Corps League

<u>Age Grp</u>	<u>Cost</u>
0-35	\$500
36-40	\$400
41-50	\$400
51-60	\$300
61-over	\$150

To become a Life Member, you must already be a "Member in Good Standing." That means becoming a member and paying your initial dues first. Yes, according to the Bylaws, you could join the League, pay your dues, and then pay your Life Membership Dues all in the same day.

BIRTHDAYS

The following Detachment members have a birthday to celebrate in

- DECEMBER:
- Robert Cartlidge
 - Cynthia Devlin
 - James Lee
 - Anita Rains
 - Richard Shawver
 - Rowdy Yates

- JANUARY:
- J. Smitt
 - John Williams

- FEBRUARY:
- Kord Beckerdite
 - Steve Lee

Happy birthday and many happy returns!