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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
THE CHOSIN NEWS



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Lance Corporal William D Spencer
Killed In Action - December 28, 2006
Fallujah, Al Anbar Province, Iraq



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Jr Vice: Matt Pulfer
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LCpl William "Billy" Spencer & Friends

We, the Spencer Family, would like to express our profound and sincere appreciation to the Sheriff Depts of Clermont Co & Hamilton Co; to the Police & Fire Depts of Cincinnati, Milford, Miami, Loveland, Terrace Park, Fairfax & Mt Healthy; & to the many Police & Fire Depts we did not identify, but who assured our safe passage through their communities. These units & officers provided funeral escort service, blocked traffic for our son's funeral procession, displayed beautiful American Flags, rendered honors, and assisted us greatly in our hour of mourning. We also

wish to thank the countless mourners who visited the Tufts Schildmeyer Funeral Home & lined our funeral procession route; Jimmy & Pat Kay; Aces & Eights Harley Davidson Dealership Owner Larry Cornett & General Manager David Bull; The Patriot Guard Riders – and associated motorcycle groups identified on page 7; **The MCL Chosin Reservoir Det. and the 4th Marine Division. Semper Fi David Spencer**

On Friday, 5 Jan 2007, the body of Marine Lance Cpl William D. Spencer arrived and was carried in a funeral procession to a Loveland Funeral Home. On Saturday, 6 Jan, LCpl Spencer's funeral was conducted in the Milford High School and followed with a graveside service at Arlington Memorial Gardens in Mt Healthy, OH. Full Military Honors were rendered by the **4th Marine Div.** This newsletter was prepared as a tribute to Cpl Spencer's life – and death – following close consultation with his family. **Semper Fi, Marine! The Editor**



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN 2007

- Jan 1: New Year's Day
- Jan 17: Regularly Scheduled Meeting
- Jan 21: Chosin Reservoir Detachment Birthday
- Feb 19: Presidents Day
- Feb 21: Regularly Scheduled Meeting
- Feb 23: Flag Raisings on Mount Suribachi,
Iwo Jima Remembrance Day - 1945
- Mar 21: Regularly Scheduled Meeting
- Apr 18: Regularly Scheduled Meeting
- Apr 27: 1LT Pressley O'Bannon raises
American Flag on the
"Shores of Tripoli" - 1805
- May 16: Regularly Scheduled Meeting
- May 19: Armed Forces Day
- May 28: Memorial Day
- Jun 14: Flag Day
- Jun 14: U.S. Army Birthday - 1775
- Jun 20: Regularly Scheduled Meeting
- Jul 4: Declaration of Independence Day - 1776
- Jul 18: Regularly Scheduled Meeting
- Aug 4: U.S. Coast Guard Birthday - 1790
- Aug 15: Regularly Scheduled Meeting
- Sep 11: "9/11" Remembrance Day - 2001
- Sep 14: Mexico surrenders the
"Halls of Montezuma" - 1847
- Sep 15: POW / MIA Recognition Day
- Sep 18: U.S. Air Force Birthday - 1947
- Sep 19: Regularly Scheduled Meeting
- Oct 13: U.S. Navy Birthday - 1775
- Oct 17: Regularly Scheduled Meeting
- Nov 6: Election Day
- Nov 10: U.S. Marine Corps Birthday - 1775
- Nov 10: 1800 Hours - Informal Marine Corps

- Birthday celebration in Mason, Ohio
- Nov 10: 1800 Hours - Formal Marine Corps
Birthday Ball in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Nov 11: Veterans Day
- Nov 21: Regularly Scheduled Meeting
- Nov 22: Thanksgiving
- Dec 1 (maybe): Toys for Tots at Biggs
- Dec 7: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - 1941
- Dec 13: US National Guard Birthday - 1636
- Dec 19: Chosin Reservoir Christmas Party
- Dec 25: Christmas Day

CHOSIN RESERVOIR DET. MEMBERSHIP

Previous Month	26
Life Members	16
Pending Applications	1
Pending Reinstatements	1

COMMITTEES:

Listed below are the chairs and members of committees currently planning activities that impact the detachment. If you have an interest in participating in a committee or have recommendations, please contact the committee chair:

Uniforms:

Terry Consider (513 - 398 - 1385)

Shooting Events:

Terry Consider (513 - 398 - 1385)

Membership:

Matthew Pulfer (937 - 289 - 2595)

The Chosin News:

Walter Golladay (513 - 677 - 8659)



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MINUTES OF JANUARY 2007 MEETING

The 122nd regularly scheduled meeting of the Chosin Reservoir Detachment was held on 17 January 2007 at the VFW Post in Morrow, Ohio, beginning at 1900 hours.

1. A roll call of officers revealed all were present. **2. Application for New Membership:** Marty Dukorn was presented to the Detachment, and after minimal discussion, he was accepted by unanimous vote into the Detachment. **3. Minutes from previous meeting** were read and were approved by a unanimous vote of the members. **4. Paymaster** gave his treasury report: we have \$2,068.55 in the account. On 1 January 2007, annual dues were increased to \$28.00 per annum. **5. Correspondence:** Received newsletters from Montezuma-Cincinnati Det #270, Col Justice M Chambers Det #555, and Pvt Henry Kalinowski Det # 782. **6. Report of Members or family sick or distressed:** George Copeland is resting at home and can receive telephone calls. Terry Consider is scheduled for back surgery Wed, 24 Jan. **7. Report of Officers.** [a] Sr. Vice: neg rpt [b] **Jr. Vice: “December 2006 Toys for Tots was a great success. Within the Tri-state area of KY, IN and OH, 4th Comm Co., HqBn, collected 86,305 toys and \$146,822.46 cash. They distributed toys to 28,316 children.”** **8. Standing Committees:** [a] **Uniforms** - Lots of Catalogs [b] **Shooting** - Indoor at Target World in the next month or two, if cost is acceptable. [c] **Warren County Veterans Service Commission (WCVSC) Report:** Vern Flannery reported the WCVSC disbursed \$ 18,195.20 this period. [d] **The Chosin News** - Past newsletters available to review, Det. Roster updated, please advise if you want to email newsletter to another Marine, Veteran or civilian. **9. New Business:** [a] Nominations for year 2007 - 2008 include: Commandant: Frank Hetzer; Sr. Vice Cmdt: Terry Consider; Jr. Vice Cmdt: Jimmy Kay; Paymaster: Fred Renton; Adjutant: Frank DePaul; Judge Advocate: Vern Flannery; Sgt-at-Arms: Bill Fry, Jr; Chaplain: Chris Schott, Jr; Trustees - 3 Yr: Walter Golladay; 2 Yr: Bill Fry, Sr; 1 Yr: Frank DePaul. Elections will be held at March 21, 2007 meeting. [b] Our Detachment Historian, Marlene Flannery has stepped down from her post during the Dec 20th, 2006 meeting. “I personally want to thank Marlene for a GREAT JOB...putting together our Detachment Photo Album. I hope everyone has had a chance to see this album. It is our history.” I’m pleased to say that Pat Kay has volunteered to take over this Photo Album, and continue the fine work begun by Marlene. I also want to announce that Pat Kay has become our Chosin Reservoir Detachment Photographer. This job was also performed by Marlene. [c] Now that we have received our rifles from the Waynesville American Legion Post, we have to set up a time with Vern Flannery to clean them. The detachment will pay for the cleaning gear such as: cleaning solvent, cleaning rods, oil, and patches. These items will be stored with the rifles. **10. Old Business:** [a] The Electric Mobility Scooter that was donated by Jimmy and Pat Kay, and her father, Captain George A. Kremer, USAF, retired, was delivered to Marine Sergeant Eugene Mack on December 22, 2006. Both Pat and Jimmy Kay, along with Walter Golladay went to Norwalk, OH to make the presentation. Pat Kay took pictures of the event. Needless to say, this Marine was very happy. The January 2007 newsletter provided extensive coverage on this donation. [b] To raise cash for the Detachment, Bill Fry suggested the detachment conduct a Yard Sale on 5 May 2007. It would appear to coincide with the city-wide Yard Sale conducted in Morrow that day. Discussion centered around the need for a volunteer to lead the effort, collect donations from contributors. The Sr. Vice, Jr Vice and Chaplain were drafted to lead the effort. Volunteers will be requested to operate the Yard Sale. **11. Good of the League:** [a] On Friday, January 5th, 2007, Marines Walter Golladay and Jimmy Kay, along with Jimmy’s wife Pat, attended the funeral of Lance Corporal William “Billy” Spencer. The Lance Corporal was Killed In Action on December 28, 2006, in Fallujah, Al Anbar Province, Iraq. The February 2007 newsletter is dedicated to the Marine. Photographs from his Marine unit in Iraq, along with Funeral & Graveside Service photographs are included. [b] Bill Fry Sr distributed more “Personal Business Cards” for some Detachment Marines. They appear to be well received and used. **12. The Next Meeting** – was set for 1900 hours, 21 February 2007. With no further business before the Detachment, the meeting concluded with a rousing rendition of the *Marine Corps Hymn* -



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24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division



Local Marines head to Iraq

These U.S. Marine Reservists from Henry County will be leaving soon for duty in Iraq. They are (from left) Pfc. Daniel Espinosa, Lance Cpl. Joshua Page, Lance Cpl. Mike Conklin, Pfc. William D. Spencer and Lance Cpl. Noah Melton. The *Paris Post-Intelligencer* - By GLENN TANNER/ Staff Writer

Love Letter From Dad

My Hero,

I knew from an early age that You would grow up to be someone of great importance. I never dreamt that it would be an American Hero, and that it would cost You Your life. You joined the Corps to help pay for college; but that quickly changed. You loved everything about being a Marine. You volunteered to go to I raq, and when I asked why You said, "Because Dad, That's what Marines do!"

The first thing You asked for in your care packages was candy, not for Yourself, but for the I raqi kids, You told me You liked to see them smile, and knowing You, I am sure those were moments of peace for Yourself. I worried about You getting enough rest and You told me, "Dad, I 'll sleep when I 'm dead." As I stood over Your lifeless body, rubbing Your head, I told You that now it was Your turn to rest, and I wondered selfishly how I was going to be able to go on without You. As days have gone by, I have come to realize that My greatest legacy will be to let You continue to live through me, by supporting all of Your comrades in harms way and never letting the world forget You and Your fallen comrades. As You now sit on the right hand of God, along with Your brethren, I only hope that You are as proud to be my son, as I am to be Your father! SEMPER FI , SON!!!

Luv Ya, DAD !!!



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3 Musketeers - Billy, Josh & Noah



My Hero!



Wish I were there with you Son



BILLY THE KID with AT-4

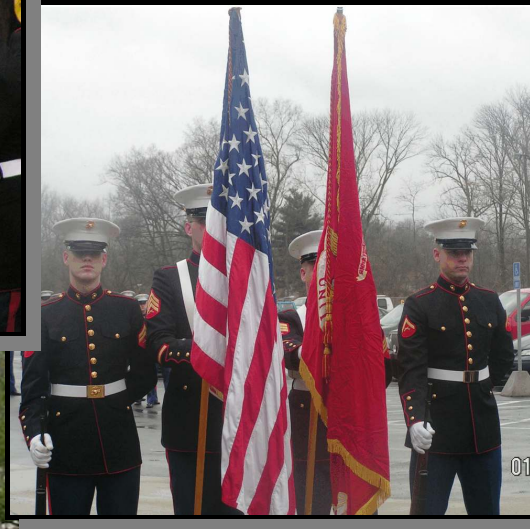
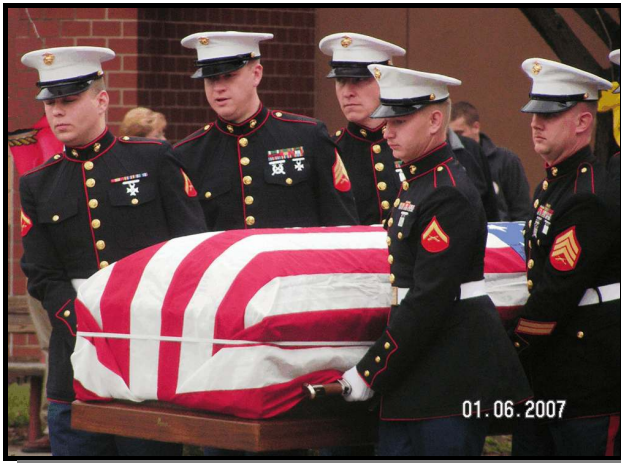


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Lance Corporal William D Spencer
Funeral and Graveside Services
Marine Corps Honor Guard provided by
4th Comm Co., Hq Bn, 4th Marine Division
Staff NCOIC 1stSgt Jim Lucas, USMC





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PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS (PGR)
Personally Escort Spencer Family Members
from Milford to Arlington Mem. Gardens
Graveside Service at Mt. Healthy, Ohio.
PGR Officer in Charge Bob "Raw" Woods,
South-West Ohio Ride Captain

PGR Tim
Marcus
personally
escorts Beth
Kenyon,
Billy's sister.



Editor's note: All photographs on pages 6 & 7 were provided courtesy of Chosin Reservoir Detachment Photographer, and Marine wife, Pat Kay.



PGR Paul Acey personally escorts David Spencer Jr to the graveside service of his Marine Son, Lance Cpl William "Billy" Spencer.



PGR Bart Fisher personally escorts Darrell Wilder, Billy's brother, in the Funeral Procession.



PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS -- (Groups also include: Aces & Eights Harley Owners, Fairfield Harley Owners, U.S. Marine Riders Associations, Leathernecks MC of Ohio, & Rolling Thunder - Chapter 9) -- Ride In A Two Column Formation – at the rear of the two mile long Funeral Procession.



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Fallen Marine - *The Cincinnati Enquirer*



The body of Lance Cpl. Williams D. Spencer is carried to the hearse from an airplane at Lunken Airport on Friday. Spencer was killed in action in Fallujah last week. Spencer, 20, grew up in Miami Township and attended Milford High School before moving to Tennessee. Funeral services are planned for 11 a.m. Saturday at Milford High School. **The Enquirer / Ernest Coleman**



Law enforcement officers salute as the hearse carrying Spencer's body leaves Lunken Airport. **The Enquirer / Ernest Coleman**



Ann Gott of Loveland and her son, Jimmy Gott, 3, watch the procession pass through Loveland. **The Enquirer / Carrie Cochran**



Firemen from Loveland-Symmes Twp and Miami Twp. raise a flag to hang above the street. **The Enquirer / Amanda Davidson**



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Lance Corporal William D Spencer Fallen Marine - *The Cincinnati Enquirer*



Walter Golladay, [Editor, **The Chosin News**] from Loveland, waits for the military procession. **The Enquirer / Amanda Davidson**



Cincinnati Police lead the military procession through the streets of Loveland. **The Enquirer / Amanda Davidson**



The body of Lance Cpl. William D. Spencer arrives at Tufts Schildmeyer Funeral Home in Loveland. **The Enquirer/ Amanda Davidson**



Marines carry the body of Lance Cpl. William D. Spencer into Tufts Schildmeyer Funeral Home. [In the background (l-to-r) are father David Spencer, Grandfather Ervin Spencer and Grandfather Ross Sorrell] **The Enquirer / Amanda Davidson**



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NEXT MEETING: February 21, 2007 at 1900 hours at VFW Post 8202 in Morrow, OH. North on US 22/OH 3 (Montgomery Rd) through downtown Morrow, past the grade school, over the bridge and just past the fire station, turn right on Second Street. The VFW is located at 351 Second Street.

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