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Cell: 513 - 673 - 2914

**Sr Vice Cmdt:** Paul Plominski  
**Jr Vice Cmdt:** Steve Griffith  
**Paymaster:** Mark Johnson Sr  
**Adjutant:** Gerry Haas  
**Judge Advocate:** Vern Flannery  
**Jr Past Cmdt:** Frank Hetzer  
**Chaplain:** Jim Meyers  
**Sgt-at-Arms:** Bob Collier  
**Web Sergeant:** Gerry Haas  
**Detachment Website:**

[www.chosinreservoirdet968.org](http://www.chosinreservoirdet968.org)

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3 year - Bob Bell  
2 year - Terry Consider  
1 year - Walter Golladay

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**U.S. may accede to Al Qaeda and Taliban demands during negotiations**

**Release of U.S. POWs and MIAs held in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan apparently not included in talks**

According to an internet search for U.S. servicemen held in Iraq, Pakistan or Afghanistan yields the following information:

U.S. Army Sergeant Ahmed Altaie has been Missing in Action since October 23, 2006; reportedly captured somewhere in Baghdad.

US Army Specialist Bowe Bergdahl was captured by Taliban forces in southeastern Afghanistan on June 30, 2009. The Taliban have videotaped Bergdahl several times since his capture.

When anonymous administration officials report on the status of releasing several Taliban Prisoners from Guantanamo Bay Prison, they never mention the simultaneous release of our American POW and MIA servicemen. Why not?

Maybe it's time for ALL veterans' organizations to require answers and a concerted effort to secure the return of all of our POWs and MIAs.

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**FEBRUARY 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

The 183rd Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Chosin Reservoir Detachment was held on 15 February 2012, at *The Snyder House, 5847 Irwin Simpson Road, Cottell Park, Mason, OH 45040*

**Commandant's Message / Comments:**

Commandant Tonkin opened the meeting and welcomed the group of Marines in attendance that evening.

*Semper Fi John Tonkin* (513) 673 -2914

**Adjutant's Message / Comments:**

#1 A Roll Call of Officers revealed all were present with the exception of Judge Advocate Vern Flannery who was excused; and Jr Vice Commandant Steve Griffith, and Paymaster Mark Johnson, Jr, who were absent. The meeting was attended by 11 Marines.

#3 Report of last meeting: Approved as published.

#5 Correspondence: No new correspondence.

*Semper Fi Gerry Haas* (513) 860 - 1950

**Paymaster's Message / Comments:**

**Dues - Initial 1st Year: \$33.00 Annual Renewal: \$28.00**

As of 1 Jan 2009, the Marine Corps League Life Member dues are: 35 & under: \$500, 36 - 50: \$400, 51 - 60: \$300, 61 & over: \$150.

#2 Applications for Membership: No new applications.

#4 Paymaster's report: No report.

**Chosin Reservoir Detachment Membership:**

*Current Month* 54

*New Applications Received* 0

*Life Memberships Pending* 0

*Transfers Pending* 0

*Active Duty Marines* 1  
Sergeant Griffith, Brian

*Life Members* 22

- Berger, Norbert "Bud"
- Cacaro, Donald D.
- Collier, Robert "Bob"
- Consider, Terrence L. "Terry"
- DePaul, Frank J.
- Flannery, Vernon "Vern"
- Frantz, Larry K.
- Fry, Derek
- Fry Jr, William "Bill"
- Fry Sr, William "Bill"
- Golladay, Walter D.
- Hetzer, Frank J.
- Jurkiewicz, Frank J.
- Kay, Jimmy L.
- Kemp, Neil B. "Doc"
- Plominski, Paul J.
- Renton, Frederick A. "Fred"
- Richard, James L Squire
- Romano, Christopher
- Schott Jr, Christian A.
- Tonkin, John
- Trimble, Paul D.

**Life Members - Living On - In Perpetuity 6**

- Brown, Russell H.
- Copeland, George D.
- Landacre, Robert E. Associate
- Otteson, Theodore M.
- Ratliff, Richard L. "Dick"
- Tussey, Lige Associate

*Semper Fi Mark Johnson Sr* (734) 645 - 9117

**Chaplain's Message / Comments:**

#6 Report of members or member's family sick or



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*distressed:*

Mike Miller will be flying in on Thursday. He is progressing very slowly He is still unable to walk without crutches and must wear the solid neck collar. If anyone wishes to stop by his home in Mason over the next 2 weeks, all are encouraged and welcome.. Semper Fi to all and keep him in your prayers.

Fred Renton is doing well and working part time. Vern Flannery is well and enjoying traveling. Vern does not wish to retain his current Judge Advocate position next year.

*Semper Fi Jim Meyers* (513) 535 - 6199

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**#7 Report of Officers:**

**Sr Vice Commandant's Message / Comments:**

#7 a) No report.

*Semper Fi Paul Plominski* (513) 677 - 2395

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**Jr Vice Commandant's Message/Comments:**

#7 b) No report.

Marine Corps League business cards are available.

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*Semper Fi Steve Griffith* (513) 469 - 6677

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**#8 Report of Standing Committees:**

**Uniforms:** 8 a) We have EGA's, Khaki belts and a few other items that you can purchase. Other uniform items can

be ordered through one of the catalogs on hand or on-line directly.

8 b) As approved by vote of the Marines present at the November 2011 Detachment meeting, members of the Memorial team (color guard) and Funeral team (casket guard included), who participate in fifty percent or more of the Detachment assignments during any two year period, are eligible to be reimbursed for half the cost of the uniform items they personally purchased.

*Semper Fi Paul Plominski* (513) 677 - 2395

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**Rifle Team and Picnic # 8 b):**

.45 Cal Picnic: Commandant Tonkin has custody of the detachment M1's and will turn over these to the new commandant after the installation of officers.

There was mention of a Target World shoot but no definitive date was discussed.

Just a reminder to those members who have an annual membership to the Spring Valley shooting range the 2011 membership will expire on the 29th of Feb and must be renewed for 2012.

*Semper Fi Paul Plominski* (513) 677 - 2395

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**Judge Advocate's Message / Comments:**

**#8 c) The Role of the Warren County Veterans Service Commission (WCVSC)** - The Role of the Veterans Service Commission is to oversee the operation of the Veterans' Office; to provide temporary financial assistance to veterans, spouses, dependent children and surviving spouses; and to assist veterans in obtaining earned benefits from federal, state, and local levels of government. The Office Director is authorized to disburse up to \$1,500 per person per visit.

# 8 c) Status Report: No report.

*Semper Fi Vernon Flannery* (937) 783 - 2072

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**Chosin News Editor & Publisher; and Casket & Funeral Guard NCOIC Message / Comments:**

#8 d) For our March 2012 newsletter . . . I have nothing to



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print, except for our meeting minutes. Therefore I have created two Chosin News...letter front pages for you to review and pick one. [pass out handouts] Please note the different *Semper Fidelis* comment at the bottom of each page.

A discussion was held concerning the publishing of Taliban Prisoner article and it was decided that Commandant Tonkin would take the lead and edit Walter's article to make sure we are in compliance with all charter requirements. If the Commandant determines in his judgment that the article is in violation of our charter the article will not be included in the newsletter.

#8 e) Since our last meeting no Casket Guard details were performed by the unit. 11 EGAs remain in the inventory.

However, retired Major Schuh from Otterbein has recently passed away and his funeral service is pending. Bob Collier said the Major has been cremated but the family is uncertain at this time regarding services.

**The Chosin Reservoir Casket & Funeral Guard presently includes: Commandant John Tonkin, NCOIC Walter Golladay, Bob Collier, Ryan Ertel, Chuck Klosterman, Frank Hetzer and Bob Bell.**

*Semper Fi Walter Golladay* (513) 677 - 8659

**Web Sergeant's Message / Comments:**

Detachment Website: [www.chosinreservoirdet968.org](http://www.chosinreservoirdet968.org)  
Chosin Reservoir National Website:  
[www.mcleague.com/mdp/userpages/CHOSIN\\_RESERVOIR-751.php](http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/userpages/CHOSIN_RESERVOIR-751.php)

# 8 f) No report.

*Semper Fi Gerry Haas* (513) 860 - 1950

**Memorial Team NCOIC's Message / Comments:**

*Colors Sergeant's Message / Comments: The following detail(s) are tentatively scheduled to be performed by the Chosin Reservoir Detachment Memorial Team:*

#8 g) No report.

**The Chosin Reservoir Memorial Team presently includes: Commandant John Tonkin, NCOIC Tim Plurien, Frank Hetzer, Bob Collier, Ryan Ertel and Chuck Klosterman.**

**EFFECTIVE 6 NOVEMBER, MEMORIAL TEAM, CASKET & FUNERAL GUARD WINTER UNIFORM OF THE DAY** will include the: White Long Sleeve Shirts with MCL & U.S. Flag patches; MCL star-bursts on collars; white t-shirts (no V-neck); Red Garrison Cover; Dress Blue Trousers w/blood stripe; black ties, black shoes & socks; white gloves; white belts inserted into belt loops; Marine Corps buckle. DOD ribbons and shooting medals may optionally be worn. Depending upon the weather, *optional uniform clothing* includes the Blue Sweater (no DOD Ribbons or Shooting Medals underneath) and the Red Chosin Reservoir Detachment Jacket.

*Semper Fi Jim Pluvien*

**Toys for Tots Message / Comments:**

# 8 h) No report.

*Semper Fi Jim Meyers* (513) 535 - 6199

**#9 New Business:**

a) Nominating report for 2011 - 2012 slate of officers by Past Commandant Hetzer. Marine Hetzer reported the following . . .

Chuck Klosterman accepted the nomination for Commandant. Paul Plominski will return next year as Senior Vice Commandant. Jr. Vice Commandant position will be vacant. Jim Meyers will return next year as Chaplain. Bob Collier will return next year as Sgt. At Arms. Squire Richard accepted the nomination for Judge Advocate. Mark Johnson will return next year as Paymaster. Gerry Haas will return next year as Adjutant.

The trustees for next year will remain the same: 1 year Walter Golladay; 2 year Terry Consider; 3 year Bob Bell.

Senior Vice Commandant Plominski made a motion to close the nominations and it was seconded by Walter Golladay and the motion carried.

b) VistaPrint for business Detachment invitations – Chaplain Meyers

Chaplain Meyers presented a two page example of a 5" x



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7" postcard that would be mailed to prospective Marines. The first side would include a return address logo and then the address of the prospective member. The back side contains a few lines of text written to remind the prospective member of his Marine roots and inform them of the Detachment and our mission.

VistaPrint is currently running a promotion and 100 printed postcards can be purchased for less than a \$100.00. Senior Vice Plominski made a motion to appropriate \$150 to cover the initial cost of the postcards and postage. The motion was seconded by Marine Golladay and the motion carried.

Chaplain Meyers pointed out the Detachment really does not have a public relations type position to act as a liaison between the detachment and the local community. A brief discussion was held concerning the source of the names and addresses of the prospective members and it is thought this information should be available from the local reserve units.

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**#10 Old Business:**

a) Walter Golladay to provide a status report from WCVSC regarding change in policy.

Late last week and yesterday, I called WCVSC to determine the status of 4 pending reimbursement requests. They informed me that the 4 requests are sitting on their desk waiting for the detachment to fill out 2 tax forms. I did not know this, but acquired the forms and forwarded them to our Paymaster to fill out and return to WCVSC.

Based upon current WCVSC policy, the detachment is entitled to \$525.00. If we are reimbursed, the detachment policy approved last month is to reimburse each participating casket guard Marine \$10 of expenses per event. Current breakdown would reimburse my expenses by \$40, Chuck Klosterman and Robert Collier by \$20 each, and Ryan Ertel by \$10. After paying the \$90 in expenses, the detachment would realize a net profit of \$435.

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**#11 Good of the League:**

a) Get-to-Know-Your-Members - Marine Terry Consider discussed his Marine Corps career. Marine Wallace Huff is on deck for next month.

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**#12 Conclude Meeting:**

Next meeting will be held at 1900 on 21 March 2012 at Snyder House in Cottell Park.



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**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN 2012**

*Jan 1: New Year's Day*  
*Jan 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day*  
**Jan 18: 1900 - Regularly Scheduled Detachment Meeting**  
**Jan 21: Chosin Reservoir Det Birthday - 1997**  
**Feb 15: 1900 - Regularly Scheduled Detachment Meeting**  
*Feb 20: President's Day*  
**Feb 23: Two Flag Raisings on Mount Suribachi**  
**Two Jima Remembrance Day - 1945**  
*Mar 6: Primary Federal & State Election Day*  
 Mar 11 - Daylight Savings Time Begins  
 Summer Uniform for Memorial Team & Casket Guard Units  
**Mar 21: 1900 - Regularly Scheduled Detachment Meeting**  
*Mar 25: National Medal of Honor Day*  
**Apr 18: 1900 - Regularly Scheduled Detachment Meeting**  
 Apr 27: 1st Lt Presley N. O'Bannon raises - 1805  
 American Flag on the "Shores of Tripoli"  
 May 8: Victory over Europe Day (V-E DAY) 1945  
**May 16: 1900- Regularly Scheduled Detachment Meeting**  
 May 19: Armed Forces Day  
*May 28: Memorial Day / Decoration Day*  
**Loveland Parade, Memorial Team participated**  
 Jun 14: **U.S. Army Birthday - 1775**, and **Flag Day - 1777**  
**Jun 20: 1900 - Regularly Scheduled Detachment Meeting**  
*Jul 4: Declaration of Independence Day - 1776*  
**Loveland Parade, Memorial Team Lead Parade**  
**Jul 18: 1800 - Regularly Scheduled Detachment Meeting**  
 at Otterbein Marine Barracks, Lebanon, OH  
 Aug 4: **U.S. Coast Guard Birthday - 1790**  
**Aug 7 (maybe): Purple Heart Day** (originally known as the  
 Badge of Military Merit) - 1782  
 Aug 14: Victory over Japan Day (V-J DAY) - 1945  
**Aug 15: 1900 - Regularly Scheduled Detachment Meeting**  
 Aug 26: *Germania Society of Cincinnati Oktoberfest*  
**Memorial Team Color Guard will participate**  
*Sep 11: 9/11 Remembrance Day / Patriot Day - 2011*  
 Sep 14: Mexico surrenders the  
 "Halls of Montezuma" - 1847  
 Sep 18: **U.S. Air Force Birthday - 1947**  
**Sep 19: 1900 - Regularly Scheduled Detachment Meeting**  
*Sep 21: National POW-MIA Recognition Day*  
**Oct 6: 0900 (Maybe) Marine Captain Seth Mitchell 5K**  
**Walk/Run - Memorial Team participates**

Oct 13: **U.S. Navy Birthday - 1775**  
**Oct 17: 1900 - Regularly Scheduled Detachment Meeting**  
 Nov 4 - Daylight Savings Time Ends:  
 Winter Uniform for Memorial Team & Casket Guard Units  
 Nov 6: *Presidential Federal Election Day*  
**NOV 10: U.S. MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY - 1775**  
**1440 (2:40pm) - Cake Cutting Ceremony at**  
*Otterbein Marine Barracks, Lebanon, Ohio*  
**1800 (6:00pm) Informal Marine Corps Birthday**  
**Celebration; 1800 Social & Dinner, 1900 Cake Cutting**  
**The Patriot Steakhouse & Tavern, Lebanon**  
**1800 (6:00pm) - Informal Marine Corps Birthday**  
**Celebration: Social, Dinner & Cake Cutting**  
*The Works Brick Oven Restaurant, Loveland*  
*Nov 11: Veterans Day / Armistice Day 1918*  
 Nov 21: 1900 - Regularly Scheduled Detachment Meeting  
*Nov 22: Thanksgiving Day*  
*Nov 24 (0900 thru 1600) :*  
**TOYS FOR TOTS**  
**Marine Corps Reserve**  
**Toys for Tots at Walmart**  
**Supercenter, Mason-**  
**Montgomery Rd, Mason**  
**NOV 27 - DEC 6: CHOSIN RESERVOIR CAMPAIGN - 1950**  
*Dec 7: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - 1941*  
*Dec 10: Wreaths Across America*  
 Dec 13: **US National Guard Birthday - 1636**  
**DEC 19: 1900 - CHOSIN RESERVOIR DETACHMENT**  
**MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
*Dec 25: Christmas Day*



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**NEXT MEETING: March 21, 1900** at The Snyder House, Cottell Park, Mason, OH 45040. From Fields Ertel Road and I-71, proceed West on Fields Ertel Road to Wilkins Boulevard (at **Steak and Shake**); turn right & proceed North to Irwin Simpson Road and turn left. Proceed West to 5847 Irwin Simpson Road (Cottell Park).

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