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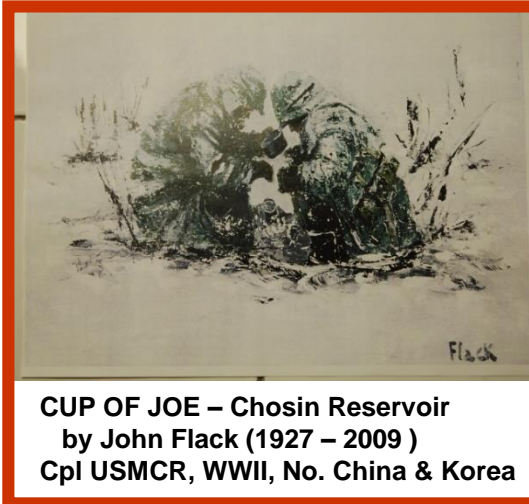
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**CUP OF JOE – Chosin Reservoir
by John Flack (1927 – 2009)
Cpl USMCR, WWII, No. China & Korea**

Marine Corps League Detachment 968 Color Guard led the parade at the Germania Park Octoberfest.
(Color Guard detachment members who participated were Chuck Klosterman, Paul Plominski, Jim Walker and Joe Norton)

Marine Corps League Detachment 968 Color Guard open the Captain Seth Mitchell Hero 5K run

(Color Guard detachment members who participated were Gary Copeland, Walter Galloday and Richard Woerz)



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Marine Corps League Detachment 968 in the Mason area is seeking sponsorships for wreaths that will be placed on Veterans graves during a nationwide remembrance ceremony at a cemetery in the Cincinnati / Dayton area on December 17, 2016.

Wreaths are \$15.00 and must be purchased before Nov. 28th. To purchase a wreath please visit our web page at

<https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=21207&relate=21036>

Thank You



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Captain Seth Mitchell Hero 5K run



We are a group of Seth Mitchell's high school classmates, who miss our friend and want to keep his memory alive. We represent the many people who Seth made an impression on with his sense of humor, kind heart, and loyal friendship. As we organize this 5k Race and the scholarship memorial fund, we are motivated by one enduring inspiration: to live each day a little more honorably, kindly, and humbly... just like Seth.



Color Guard left to right: Walter Galloday, Gary Copeland, Richard Woerz



DAVID SETH MITCHELL
Captain
U. S. Marine Corps
Iraq-Afghanistan
Killed in Action 26 October 2009



Naval Aviator

MEDALS-RIBBONS: Air Medal-5 Strike/Flight, Commendation, Achievement, Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service, Armed Forces Expeditionary, Afghanistan Campaign, 2-Iraq Campaign, Global War on Terrorism Service, Humanitarian Service, Sea Service Deployment, NATO-ISAF Afghanistan

"Sniper" made the ultimate sacrifice while supporting combat operations in the Helmand River Valley of Afghanistan.




With Love, Your Family
John 15:13



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September 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The 238th Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Chosin Reservoir Detachment was held on AUGUST 17th 2016 at the The Snyder House, 5847 Irwin Simpson Road, Cottle Park, Mason OH 45040



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The Snyder House, 5847 Irwin-Simpson Road
Cottell Park, Mason, OH. 45040



Date: 20-July 2016

238th Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1. Roll Call of Officers:

All Officers were in attendance with the exception of Sr.Vice Commandant Terry Consider and Adjutant Chuck Klosterman.

2. Applications for Membership:

We received an application and dues for membership from David Wavra, who was introduced by Jim Walker and welcomed by the detachment. Joe Norton advised the detachment that he is currently working on a potential member.

3. Minutes from previous meeting:

After a discussion about the 237th meeting minutes, Walter Golladay made the motion to approve them seconded by Doug Loughhead. All in attendance supported the motion.

4. Paymaster Report:

Dues -Initial 1st Year: \$33.00 Annual Renewal: \$30.00
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

Applications for Membership: David Wavra.



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Paul Plominski's name was removed from the checkbook and Gary Copland's name was added as an authorized signature for the detachment account.

The paymaster stated that the information about detachment donations posted on Wreaths Across America web page is incorrect and the IT department is working on fixing it. Gerry Haas also briefed the detachment about a fish fry this coming weekend and advised members to reach out to Jan Lucier for additional information about the event. He will send out any correspondence to the detachment members that he receives about the event.

The Paymaster reported September 2016 account balance and transactions. A motion was made by Paul Plominski to approve the Paymaster's report as presented, which was seconded by Joe Norton. All in attendance supported the motion

5. Correspondence:

Paul Plominski advised the detachment that he spoke with Jim and Pat Kay at which time they inquired about various events on the Marine Corps birthday and they are willing to help advertise the pancake breakfast fund raiser. (Jim and Pat arrived at the meeting shortly after and spoke during new business)

6. Chaplain's Report of members or member's family sick or distressed:

Paul Plominski stated that he spoke with Frank Hetzer's wife to see how he was doing and she advised that they are having troubles getting Frank to and from his doctor's appointments. Paul told her to contact the Hamilton County Veterans Services to ascertain if they have transportation services available for veterans in their county. Bob bell was at the meeting and stated that he has got a new rotator cuff in his shoulder and it is affecting the mobility of his arm. Bob is trying to rehab the shoulder and is happy to be getting around. Jimmy Kay is recovering from a spinal fusion and is limited to the amount of time he is out and on his feet. Paul requested that they all be included in your prayers.

7. Report of Officers:

Sr. Vice: Terry Consider was excused from the meeting

Jr. Vice: Bob Bell had nothing to report.

8. Report of Standing Committees:

Uniforms: Terry Consider was excused from the meeting and Jim Walker turned in his uniform receipts to the Paymaster for the \$150.00 reimbursement as approved in the November 2015 meeting.



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Rifle Team/Picnic: Terry Consider was excused and nothing was reported.

Warren County Veterans Service Commission: 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.

Gary Copeland informed the detachment that during the month of August, 478 Warren County veterans or widows of veterans were transported to and from doctors and hospital appointments for an accumulated distance of 21,155 miles. In addition, the County Veterans Commission provided financial assistance to 72 veterans for a total of \$45,851.92 in August.

Gary advised that he will request the mobile outreach vehicle to be present at the pancake breakfast on November 12 and the Toys for Tots on December 3rd. In addition, Gary will check if the Warren County Veterans Commission can contribute to the Pancake fund raiser.

Chosin Newsletter: Joe Norton the NCOIC of the newsletter advised that the process to get him the needed information for the newsletter and the photos for the Germania feast was a little late last month for the newsletter. Joe stated that Paul Plominski, Gerry Haas and everyone else who provided corrections or were involved in the proof reading process for the newsletter before it goes out is a great help.

Funeral Detail: Is arranged as needed and is still in need of an NCOIC

Web Sergeant: Gerry Haas reported that the dues for the host of the detachment webpage has gone up significantly and we need to discuss the effectiveness of the site. We discussed if we want to keep it or use other forms of social media. We will have further discussion at the next meeting to determine how many members are interested in keeping the site or look into using Facebook more effectively.

Memorial Team: Memorial Team Leader Chuck Klosterman was not present to provide a report. The detachment provided an honor guard for the Germania Festival in August. The honor guard for the Germania Festival consisted of Memorial Team Leader Chuck Klosterman, Joe Norton, Paul Plominski and James Walker.



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The Capt. Seth Mitchell run will be on October 1 and we will be meeting at 10am at C. Roger Nisbet Park in Loveland, Ohio. The Team will consist of Gary Copeland, Walter Golladay, Richard Woerz and possibly James Walker. Any other members that may be available to participate please contact Walter Golladay or Gary Copeland. Chuck Klosterman will make arrangements to get the flags to one of the participating team members for this event and all team members will wear the standard uniform with white gloves.

Toys for Tots: Gary Copeland contacted Store Manager Mark Hays of the Mason Walmart and received permission to have the detachments annual Toys for Tots at their facility on December 3, 2016 from 9am – 1:30pm.

Jim Walker advised that he received permission with various Masonic Lodges to put 'Toys-for-Tots' bins in their facilities for donations. Gary Copeland will put one at the Municipal Center in Waynesville and Jimmy Kay will put one at the Powder Keg Harley dealership in Mason. In addition, Jimmy advised that he may be able to arrange a table at the bike night events to help receive donations for the Toys for Tots program. Arrangements will be made to receive Toys for Tots bins and posters.

9. New Business:

Jan Lucier provided the detachment with a check for \$110.00 which was put back into the Wreaths Across America program to purchase more wreaths. Jan has been instrumental in the Wreaths Across America (WAA) campaign and is hosting a free fish fry fund raiser with a 50/50 raffle. If you would like information about this program or the fish fry, please feel free to contact Jan at 513-290-1519 or by email at: lftyhere@aol.com.

The WAA campaign is a program where donated funds are used to purchase grave site wreaths, which are placed at Veterans Cemeteries. The wreaths cost \$15 each, and \$5 of that donation goes to an approved organization. The internet location is:

["https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=21207&relate=21036"](https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=21207&relate=21036)

once on this page click on the DONATE button in either the Dayton National Cemetery location / support or the button in the Family and Friends of James Lucier MCL Det. 968 group / support. When you make a donation of \$15 to purchase a wreath using either DONATE button, \$5 will go to our MCL Detachment.

Dave Julien presented \$30 cash from James McDonald to be put into the Toys for Tots fund.



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10. Old Business:

The detachment discussed the November 12th pancake breakfast fund raiser that will be held at the Snider House in our efforts to raise funds, recruit new MCL members and to further observe and celebrate the 241st birthday of the Corps.

Jimmy Kay presented several ideas and stated he will have the Captain America Bike which was in the movies "Easy Rider" and "Easy Rider the Ride Back" at the pancake breakfast for photos.

It was decided to add the photos of the Captain America Bike into our banners and flyers to attract more interest. We also discussed incorporating 50/0 raffles into the event.

Ed Bell from Concerned Veterans of America was a special guest and stated that they are willing to contribute to the fund raiser. He stated they may be able to provide supplies and a team to assist. In addition, Ed spoke about members of the detachment participating in a veterans' survey to receive donations for our part in the survey. He stated that we would work the post for 2 – 3 hours and the computers we use are very easy to operate.

11. Good of the League:

The special Pancake committee will be meeting on September 28th at 5:30pm at Jacks Driving school to coordinate the plans for the pancake fund raiser.

Wally Huff passed on some information about Marines that served at Camp Lejeune, NC prior to 1987 should receive a physical and are at high risk for cancer.

We strongly urge **ALL** members to be a part of our first and potentially annual pancake breakfast fund raiser on November 12th. We can use the assistance, brotherhood and support so please spread the word.

12. Conclude:

Next meeting will be held on October 19, 2016 at 1900 in Cottell Park.



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The detachment will hold a pancake breakfast on November 12th at Snider House in Cotel Park. This fund raiser will support detachment future events. This event will also provide an opportunity to recruit new MCL members and celebrate the 241st birthday of the Corps.

Jimmy Kay will also be present with "Captain America Bike" Ed Bell will also attend to represent the "Concerned Veterans of America"

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Fund- Raiser
Saturday November 12th
8:30 am - 11:30 am

Celebrate 241st Marine Corps Birthday
 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT 968
 SNYDER HOUSE, COTTELL PARK
 5847 IRWIN SIMPSON ROAD

COST - DONATIONS ONLY

Menu
 Pancakes
 Sausage
 Orange Juice
 Tea
 Coffee

Come and see
 "Captain America"
 motorcycle as seen in
 movies "Easy Rider",
 and "The Ride Back"

Available on site
 for viewing and
 picture taking



Two Wheel Thunder TV ©



2016 Commandant's Marine Corps Birthday Ball
 celebrating the 241st Birthday of the United States
 Marine Corps November 10, 2016



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2016

October

Marine Captain Seth Mitchell 5K Run/Walk - Saturday October 1st:

MCL Detachment #968 Monthly Meeting – Snyder House Cottle Park – Wed. 10/19 at 7 PM

November

The Works Brick Oven Restaurant Marine Corps Birthday - Thursday, November 10th.

MCL Detachment #968 Marine Corps Birthday Pancake Breakfast – Snyder House Cottle Park –
Saturday November 12th

MCL Detachment #968 Monthly Meeting – Snyder House Cottle Park – Wed. 11/16 at 7 PM

December

Toys for Tots Super Walmart Mason-Montgomery Road. - Saturday December 3rd

MCL Detachment #968 Monthly Meeting – Snyder House Cottle Park – Wed. 11/16 at 7 PM



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MARINES – LIVING ON – IN PERPETUITY

Chris Schott, Sr
Ted Ottesen
Bob Parker
Bob Landacre
Jack Thompson
George Copeland
William Barham
Vern Flannery



Dick Ratliff
Jim Hurst
Ulis Childers
John Carroll
Russell Brown
Lige Tussey
Jim Lucier
Cpl. Adam Tonkin