



Newsletter of the Semper Fidelis Society

DISPATCHES

“Often tested, Always faithful, Brothers forever”

Becoming a Marine came with a price, representing Marines comes with a price....

HONOR, COURAGE and COMMITMENT

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2013 Sam Handlee



President's Message:

Spring has sprung, and with spring comes graduations. Your JSFS board members look forward to this time every year because it gives us the opportunity to meet and recognize some outstanding young people, those who will be leading our armed services and the country in the future.

On Thursday, April 2, your society awarded a \$500.00 scholarship at the Bishop Kenny JNROTC. Incidentally, this unit has been commanded by one of our long-time members, Lt. Col. Lynn Seckinger, for the past 17 years. During his tenure his unit has produced a large number of top notch graduates.

On Saturday, April 29, JSFS presented a Mameluke sword to the top Marine graduate from the Jacksonville University NROTC program in a very impressive ceremony on their campus. An overachiever in the Terry Parker High School JNROTC will be recognized on Wednesday, May 3, with another \$500.00 scholarship. These scholarships give JSFS important visibility in the Jacksonville community.

The Young Marine program is holding a graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 13, at the Moosehaven facility in Orange Park. This is a program which instills Marine values in young males and females from ages 8 to 18 years of age. Interacting with these courteous, uniformed and helpful young people gives me great hope for the future of our country. JSFS is proud to support this organization with a generous donation yearly.

There will be NO MEETINGS in June, July, and August. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19 at Hidden Hills as usual. I want to wish you all a very safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer. Return in September refreshed and ready for a memorable experience.

One final and sad note is a close personal friend, fellow Marine, and committed supporter of JSFS, Leon Fields, passed away on Tuesday, April 27. He waged a valiant battle against cancer, but finally lost after a 10+ year struggle. He will be sorely missed. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Memorial Day ceremony at the wall by Everbank Field on Monday, May 29 at 0900, JSFS submitted a wreath in honor of Marines and Corpsmen. SF, Paul

From the Staff:

Treasurer: Report is available by request. No major changes from the last report. We collected dues and dropped those who failed to pay as of 3/31. Expenditures for this period are the Scholarships totally \$1000, JU NROTC Sword, Donation to POW/MIA Gathering and \$500 donation to Atlantic Coast Young Marines.

Gear: Organization coins and lapel pins are available along with golf shirts, name tags and USMC covers see Paul McLaughlin at one of the meetings or use our contact info.

Membership: Membership remains stable. Even though we don't actively have a membership drive, we are picking up new members and they are getting involved.

Web Site: We are looking into moving the web site do to problems with the old site and difficulty getting the problems resolved. More to follow. The site is still up and has enough functions to provide info on the society for the time being. Check out the web site at www.jaxsemperfidelis.org. There is also a Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/jaxsemperfi/ ... No reason not to stay connected.

Operations: April/May is a busy time...

Scholarships presented at Bishop Kenny JNROTC Cadet Kelly Vohr April 27 and Terry Parker JNROTC Cadet Shagaryah Adams May 3rd, JU NROTC sword presented Lt Michelle Burris April 29th, Atlantic Coast Young Marine Graduation on May 13th. We have a meeting scheduled for May 16th. We are looking to set up a small arms shoot. Coordination has been made with the range, we are looking at a good date. More to follow for those who want to light up some country side. No meetings scheduled for the summer months of June, July and August. Gung Ho will be done in conjunction with the Nov 10th after the Evergreen Ceremony. We will have a small Birthday cake cutting and present our Gung Ho Awards to deserving recipients. SFS is still working with Vets 4 Vets. May 27th meeting was cancelled at the request of the those working a May 27th National Cemetery Ceremony. We are waiting on the arena to get us another date. Memorial Day ceremony scheduled for May 29th. We do not anticipate being asked by the city to provide someone to place the wreath we submitted for the Wall due to our request to have a Marine Sgt added to the Wall, our subsequent challenge to their negative decision and our inquiries concerning the process involved in who is making the decisions as to who goes on the Wall. We will place a wreath the National Cemetery and flowers at Evergreen. We are working with Councilman Al Ferraro to have a memorial honoring those who succumb to the invisible wounds of war at a new city park in Arlington by Nov of this year. SFS will also be involved with a Veterans community outreach being coordinated by V4V. More to follow.



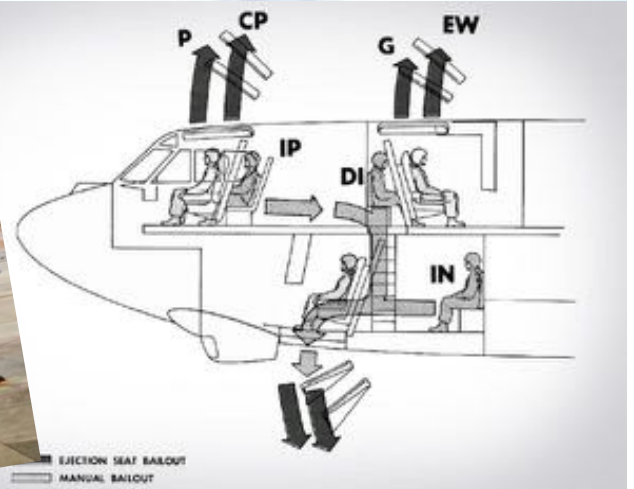
Did You Know:

The B-52's first flight was April 15, 1952 - over 63 years ago.

Production ended in 1962, which means the youngest B-52 is 53 years old.

The jet has a unique ejection system; the lower deck crew eject downward.

The B-52 is expected to serve until the 2040s. That's over 90 years of service



The use of camouflage dates back over a century...

In 1779, George Washington chose blue as the primary uniform color of the Continental Army, a decision that remained in place as late as the Spanish-American War of 1898, when some US troops in Cuba purportedly smeared mud on themselves so as to better avoid enemy snipers. Soon after, the Army adopted a khaki summer uniform and a greenish-brown winter service uniform, keeping the traditional blue only for formal occasions. More changes came during World War I, when, following the example of the French, the US military formed a team of artists and other creative types to design low-visibility apparel. Allied camoufleurs, influenced by Cubism and other modern styles, also painted ships with bold, wild-looking stripes to confuse German submarines and built false bridges, decoy tanks and even paper-mache horse carcasses. Later on, neuroscientists helped to produce increasingly complex camouflage patterns, including one known as "US woodland," used primarily of late by Navy SEALs. And in 2001, the Marines introduced pixelated, computer-generated camouflage.

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Semper Fidelis is more than a motto

"Marines Taking Care of Marines"

Together We Are Stronger...Membership is all our responsibility.

Meetings: Hidden Hills CC, Monument Rd, Jacksonville, Fl.
Contact us at jsfs.usmc@gmail.com
May 16th 1130 to 1PM

