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South St. Louis Detachment 183

The Scoop

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Commandant's Corner: Ed Dodson

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Due to illness, the Commandant
will not have an article
in this issue.

Chaplain's Desk: Ken Dieckmann

What a wonderful time of the year. With Fall just around the corner it's time for mother nature and us to "take a break," relax and get ready for sleepy days ahead. Another miracle we take for granted. Another expression of the artist vision. Thank you for Autumn, Lord.

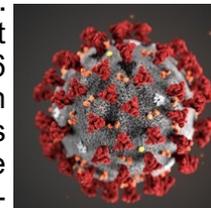
I know the church is full of people in the autumn of their years. Some of those who served have had colorful lives with our leaves bronzed and golden through exposure to the elements. Their appearance the center of attention, others have been exposed to more extreme conditions with their branches bowed and scarred. Some go unnoticed yet stand tall and steadfast against the wind and rain. All have a story to tell. All can offer support and shelter for saplings which grow beneath their leafy branches. Though we modern folk with our electronics and smartphones are less sensitive to such prompts as previous generations. With just a little effort we can still let the changing seasons point us to prayers of thanksgiving for the morning chill, trees turned gold, red, and orange as leaves begin to fall and for childhood memories of burning leaves and your childhood memories of leaf pile jumping.

Praise the Lord for Autumn, it heralds another ending and a new beginning with Winter, Spring, and another Summer to behold. Thank you for your faithfulness and your unchanging seasons. In Jesus name. Amen



FOR YOUR HEALTH: Karen Bolhuis MSN, RN, FNP-BC (HM3, USN)

We in the US are now about 6 months into the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. Research continues around the globe, as cases worldwide are almost at 22 million with about 775,000 deaths. In the US, we are approaching 5.6 million cases and 173,000 deaths. The death rate is around 3.5%, both in the US and globally. Beyond the basic numbers, scientific research is discovering new facts about the virus on an almost daily basis. Here are the answers to the questions I receive most frequently, based on the latest medical research.



Corpsman:

Hospital Corpsmen (HM) perform duties as assistants in the prevention and treatment of disease and injury and assist health care professionals in providing medical care to Navy people and their families. They may function as clinical or specialty technicians, medical administrative personnel and health care providers at medical treatment facilities. They also serve as battlefield corpsmen with the Marine Corps, rendering emergency medical treatment to include initial treatment in a combat environment.

Most viral infections can cause some systemic symptoms like fever, chills, fatigue and muscle aches, but will usually only truly affect a single organ. This virus affects many body systems and we don't know why. At first we thought it primarily affected the lungs because it caused a specific kind of pneumonia. Now we know it affects multiple organs and systems: heart and circulation (causing both clots and bleeding) ; skin (a very atypical kind of rash, mostly on the feet and toes); GI system (nausea, vomiting and diarrhea); neurologic (dizziness, headaches, loss of sense of smell and taste). It can also cause pinkeye, liver damage and kidney problems.

Using average times, the progression goes pretty much like this: Person A is exposed to another person who is currently in the "infectious" or contagious period. The virus grows in Person A's nose and airway starting immediately (incubation period), but generally will cause symptoms between days 5-8 after exposure (90% that will develop symptoms will do so by day 14). Person A will have enough virus in their nose starting about 5 days after their exposure- or around 2 days before they develop symptoms- that they could test positive using a nasal swab test. This is also the time they become contagious, and they can continue to spread the virus for about 10 days after they develop symptoms (those with more severe illness are contagious for up to 20 days). Most people will feel better in about 1-2 weeks, but should stay home for at least the full 10 days after their symptoms start. Some people have had ongoing symptoms- especially headaches and severe fatigue- for months afterwards.

While we really have no way of knowing how many people with Covid are asymptomatic, estimates range from 35-80%. Some data show that they do not "shed" as much virus as those with symptoms. However, those with symptoms are much more likely to stay home and self isolate, so possibly have a lower risk of spreading the virus than asymptomatic people.

Kids appear to have a lower risk of becoming infected than adults do, and infrequently develop symptoms. Death is very rare. They tend to have fewer risk factors for severe disease, but obesity, diabetes, congenital heart disease, immune system compromise or others can still put them at higher risk. Kids under age 2 are most likely to have severe infections. Those up to age 12 are not shown to spread the infection readily, and even older kids play less of a role in the spread of the virus than adults.

At this time, there have not been any cases of someone who had been diagnosed with a positive COVID test, who has recovered, to be reinfected. This does not guarantee that having COVID provides immunity, but it is reassuring, and research is obviously ongoing. Antibody tests show that most people will have antibodies, or some level of immunity, for at least 90 days after they are diagnosed. It will take potentially years for us to know exactly how long to expect immunity either from an infection or from a vaccine. This may be like the flu, with a "booster" vaccine needed each year.

There are currently six known strains (aka mutations) in the world. The one most prevalent in the US is "GH". This virus is actually slower than most coronaviruses to mutate, possibly because we are naïve to it and it's pretty much winning at the moment. As more people become immune, via past infection or vaccine, it may be forced to mutate faster.

Ladies Auxiliary: Chris Drete

On May 19,2020 we had our election of officers.

- ◆ President: Chris Drete
- ◆ Sr. Vice President: Sharon Easter
- ◆ Jr. Vice President: Joanie McCarthy
- ◆ Judge Advocate: Mary Lynn Jost
- ◆ Treasurer: Carol Holmes
- ◆ Secretary: Carol McCarthy
- ◆ Chaplain: Jeanie Kiefer
- ◆ Captain of Guard: Gail Dillard

Due to Covid - 19, all Auxiliary activities are on hold.

With everything that is going on in our world today, I pray that everyone stays healthy and safe.

Our next Auxiliary meeting is on 8 September 2020 at 19:00 HRS



Dinners for August and September

August:

- ◆ Meatloaf
- ◆ Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- ◆ Glazed Carrots
- ◆ Peas
- ◆ Salad
- ◆ Rolls
- ◆ Assorted Desserts

**Dinner
Cost
\$5.00**

September:

- ◆ BBQ Pork Steaks
- ◆ Potato Salad
- ◆ Vegetable Medley
- ◆ Salad
- ◆ Rolls
- ◆ Assorted Desserts

**Dinner Bell Rings
at 1730 HRS.**



This Month in Marine Corps History

1 August 1944: After nine days of fighting in a battle termed "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II," MajGen Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secured. The combination of surprise, heavy pre-assault bombardment, and effective logistical support was responsible for Tinian's recapture with a much lower casualty rate (344 killed and 1550 wounded) than had been experienced in previous landings.

3 August 1950: Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, the famed "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II, launched from the USS *Sicily* and executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon. After the F4Us delivered their incendiary bombs and rockets on their targets, the Marines concluded their greeting to the Communist troops with a series of strafing runs.

7 August 1990: President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area as part of Operation Desert Shield which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.

17 August 1942: Just prior to dawn, the 2d Marine Raider Battalion under LtCol Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island from the submarines *Nautilus* and *Argonaut*. The next day the Marines left the island after destroying a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killing about 100 Japanese soldiers.

23 August 1984: The last Marines to serve peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived home. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) arrived off the coast of Lebanon on 9 April to relieve Marines of the 22d MAU who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on 31 July, marking the last presence of U.S. combat troops in Beirut since Marines entered almost two years earlier.

24 August 1814: Captain Samuel Miller's 100-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the battle of Bladensburg for the defense of the national capital. After helping to fight back three British charges, Captain Miller was wounded and the enemy began to work around both flanks of the American force. Almost encircled, the force of sailors and Marines was forced to retire to avoid capture. The Marines lost 8 killed and 14 wounded.

Honors and Color Guard



9,050 Honors Total

We need members for the Honor and Color Guards
 Honor Guard — Ed Dodson 314-604-6254
 Color Guard — Mike Lee 314-616-3726



Memorabilia

In setting up our "museum" of memorabilia from members, we realized that we are missing quite a few items from different eras of Marine Corps History.

Go up in the attic or down in the basement, drag out that old foot locker or seabag and bring all of those mementos you'll probably never look at again to the Detachment. Charlie Oldani is busy hanging pictures, rearranging the trophy cases and putting all of the items donated by members on display. We need MORE!



WE WANT STUFF!



"Civilians cannot and will not understand us because they are not one of us.

The Corps — we love it, live it and shall die for it.

If you have never been in it, you shall never understand it."

"Three Spent Shells, One for Country, One for Duty, One for Honor."

Presented to the Deceased's next of kin.



Marine Corps Birthday Ball 2020

Due to the Covid-19 situation, this years Ball is going to be held on 7 November 2020 with a restricted number of attendees.

We will have the event at the Holiday Inn, South County and cost will be \$65.00 per person.

Due to the limited number of attendees, we will require your reservation and ticket price immediately. In the event that we cannot hold the Ball, you will receive a full refund.

Due to this unusual situation, we will not offer refunds if you cancel.

We are expecting to only have approximately 50 people or whatever St. Louis County will allow.

Tables will be limited to 4 people and Social Distancing will be mandatory.

The menu, band and other festivities are still pending.

The Reservation Form will be forthcoming in September.

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Marine of The Year:

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| 2014 Mike Lee | 2015 Bob Jost |
| 2016 Charles Dooling | 2017 Bob Scannell |
| 2018 Ken Dieckmann | 2019 Al Dreeste |

Calendar of Events — 2020

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| Trivia Night..... | Cancelled |
| Barbecue..... | Oct tbd |
| Halloween Party..... | 24 October |
| Marine Corps Ball..... | 7 November |
| Toys For Tots Collections..... | 27-28 November |
| | 5 December |
| Christmas Party..... | 19 December |

EMAIL and PHONE

We are **(STILL)** in the process of updating the Detachment Mailing and Phone List. Please send your phone number, mailing address, and email address to:

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We are now providing updates through our Phone Tree System. If we don't have your current phone number, you will miss important phone announcements

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The Phone Tree Number on which we will send updates and messages is (636) 422-1365.

**This number is not monitored,
incoming calls will not be answered
and we will not respond
to voicemail or messages.**