



This Month in Marine Corps History

3 April 1945: On Okinawa, Marines of the III Amphibious Corps continued to make good progress all along their front, clearing Zampa Misaki and seizing the Katchin Peninsula, thus effectively cutting the island in two. By this date (D+2), III AC elements had reached objectives thought originally to require 11 days to take.

10 April 1959 Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn, Jr. was named as one of the original seven Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training. The seven astronauts, all volunteers, were selected by NASA from an initial group of 110 leading military test pilots. Three years later, on 20 February 1962, Col Glenn would become the first American to orbit the Earth.

12-13 April 1918: Marines of the 4th Brigade suffered their first gas attack on the night and early morning hours of 12-13 April when the Germans bombarded the 74th Company, 6th Marines near Verdun with mustard gas. Nine Marine officers and 305 enlisted Marines were gassed and evacuated, and 30 Marines died from the effects of the gas shells which hit in the middle of the reserve area cantonments in which they were sleeping.

15 April 1962: Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War began on Palm Sunday when HMM-362 with its Sikorsky UH-34s arrived at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon. The task unit was called "Shufly" and its first operational employment involved lifting Vietnamese troops into battle.

18 April 1983: One Marine Security Guard was killed and seven were wounded when a large car bomb exploded just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Lance Corporal Robert McMaugh was standing guard at Post 1, just inside the front entrance when the bomb exploded outside the door. The explosion killed 61 people including 17 Americans. LCpl McMaugh was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 26 April.

21 April 1951: Marine carrier-based airplanes made their first aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines. Captain Philip C. Delong shot down two YAK fighters and 1st Lieutenant Harold D. Daigh destroyed one more and damaged another in the heavily defended Pyongyang-Chinnanpo area. Both pilots were with VMF-312 flying from the USS *Bataan*.

27 April 1805: First Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon, who with seven other Marines was part of a force of Greeks and Arabs led by American Consul William Eaton, raised the United States flag for the first time over a conquered fortress of the Old World at Derne, a stronghold of the Tripolitan pirates. Two Marines were killed and one wounded in the assault on the walled city

Honors and Color Guard



9,548 Honors Total

March — 24 YTD — 56

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



7 May 2022

7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

\$20.00 Per Person

Includes, Beer, Wine, Mixed Drinks, Soft Drinks and Water.

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Dues (\$40.00) are payable by 31 August 2022

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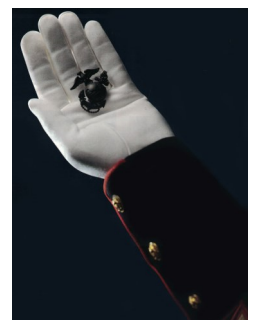
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Marine of The Year: 2021—James Appelbaum



Calendar of Events — 2022

Subject to Change

Spring Conference 21,23 April

Night At The Races..... 7 May

Department Convention..... 3, 4, 5, June

(MCL 183 is the Host Detachment)

Detachment Picnic Date TBD

National Convention 15 to 19 August

Trivia Night..... 17 September

Meatshoot 24 September

Fall Conference (date tbd) October

Halloween Party..... 29 October

Birthday Ball 12 November

Christmas Party 17 December

**If you have an idea for an event, contact the
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