

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

AUGUST 2014



Commandant Melton, Zonnie Gorman, National Museum of the Marine Corps Docent Barry Collassard, and Gail Melton.

While visiting, the Melton's were guests at the Change of Command at MCNOSC held in front of the Code Talkers Hall. Colonel McMorries was the outgoing C.O. and his replacement was Colonel Berris. After the ceremony MGySgt Billy Shaver gave Zonnie, Gail and Fuzzy a tour of the building. While in the building red lights were constantly flashing everywhere and they wouldn't allow any work to be performed while visitors were in the building. Secret stuff!

MARTINSVILLE VA - 14 July was Navajo Code Talker Day. To honor the occasion Commandant Greg "Fuzzy" Melton of the Edward W. Richardson Det. 908 and his lovely wife Gail traveled to MCB Quantico to meet Zonnie Gorman at the Marine Corps Network Operations and Security Center (MCNOSC). Zonnie's dad was Carl Gorman, the oldest and one of the first 29 original Navajo Code Talkers. Carl was 36 years old when he joined the Marines. He was to become a member of one of the most legendary units in the Corps.



Commandant Melton, Colonel McMorries and Zonnie Gorman



Zonnie Gorman and Colonel McMorries. Personal artifacts and photograph of Marine Code Talker Carl Gorman is on prominent display.



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SOUTH HILL, VA - Lake Country Detachment 1085 donated funds to sponsor three runners in the Marine Corp Marathon to be held 26 October in Arlington and Washington DC. The MC Marathon was established in 1976 and is the third largest in the U.S., with field of over 30,000 runners. Unlike other marathons no prize money is awarded. All proceeds go to Fisher House and the Semper Fi Fund. Pictured are: Ruthie Kinker, Commandant Jim Brown, Sarah Aubel and Mark Ronsinske.

CHARLESTON, WV - Woof! Woof! It's great to be a Devil Dog. Especially a Pedigreed Devil Dog. Marines Bill Akers, Jim Barrett, and Lou Seigel of the Ralph A. Lewis, Pound #139, in Richmond recently attended the National Convention in Charleston West Virginia. They advanced to the degree of PDD, the highest rank within the Military Order of Devil Dogs. After their three day initiation, the newly minted PDD'S attended the Grand Growl and received their coveted gold dog collar.

Any Devil Dog PUP (entry level Devil Dog) who would like to advance to the rank of Devil Dog, may do so by attending the Virginia Pack Growl being held in conjunction with the Fall Staff Meeting in Richmond on Saturday, 4 October. Contact your local Pound Keeper to submit the necessary paperwork.



Upcoming EVENTS

DEPARTMENT FALL STAFF MEETING: Mechanicsville, VA. October 3-4, 2014. Hosted by James M. Slay Detachment 329.