

**Marine Corps League  
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**BALTIMORE**  
**GUNG HO**



*Marian James.\* Commandant*  
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**Commandant's Message**

Greetings,  
"Thank You" for affording me the opportunity to serve as Commandant of the Baltimore Detachment. It will be my honor to see that your desires for the Detachment are accomplished in the most effective and efficient manner.

However, during the past year our meeting attendance has decreased but we hope that you attend our future monthly meetings and express your ideas or concerns. We are happy that you continue to pay your dues but we need your physical presence and help with soliciting new members. The Gung Ho is a great bulletin and it provides you with a wealth of information; one is the dates of various Marine Corps League events.

Membership is very important and I am sure that we would all like to see new members who are enthusiastic about working on the programs of the Marine Corps League. We need new members who will assume an office at the Detachment or volunteer at the VA. So if you have a member of your family or the family of one of your friends who is a Marine veteran let them know about the Detachment and invite them to join.

Additionally, our Detachment has assisted Marines who have had some difficulties in their lives and I am sure that we will continue to provide assistance when needed. Last year we made new contacts that helped us do an excellent job with our Toys for Tots Program and we will continue to look for and obtain more participants. We need to let people and companies in the neighborhood know about the League and what we do as an organization. Any ideas that you may have regarding these matters will be greatly appreciated and you may contact me at 410-358-5727 (home) or 410-736-9673 (cell). I look forward to hearing from you regarding these matters.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Marian C. James, Commandant*

**Sr. Vice Commandant's Message**

Greetings,

It has been a pleasure serving as the detachment commandant for the past two years and I hope that the membership has approved of my term of duty. I now look forward to serving as Sr. Vice Commandant for the detachment.

As I assume the new duties I will be looking for support with the activities of the detachment. We still have raffle tickets for the Dept. convention coming in May. In June I will be looking for Detachment representation at the Mid-East Div. Conference. This conference is being hosted by the Dept. of Md. We are looking to be well represented. Save the dates June 15, 16, 17, 2018 at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City.

During the upcoming year we have many activities, Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, Toys for Tots campaign and we are working on a catered Marine Corps Birthday celebration for this year, but we will need membership support and participation. I will be welcoming ideas and suggestions for activities and events that we can start or get involved with as a detachment. Let's make this a productive year for the detachment.

S/F  
*Earl Ruff Jr*  
SVC

### Jr. Vice Commandant Message

Greeting Marines,

The month of May traditionally celebrates and honors the sacrifice and service of our military, in general, and U.S. Marines, in particular.

There will be many events, citywide, statewide and nationally, highlighting the proud history of America's fighting forces. Our Baltimore Detachment will promote that service, as we always do, with ceremonies that value our brave veterans, past and present. I encourage all of our Detachment members to support our effort by attending any events that we participate in. Considering the state of world affairs and the conflicts that our military faces today, it is only proper and desired. Currently, our troops face difficult situations all over the globe. Those that have taken up the mantle of defending democracy, past and present, deserve recognition. Patriotic observances foster love of country and provide incentive for young people, cognizant that our force is all-volunteer and that there is a constant need, to maintain a force for democracy in our current world.

When we attend these events, I suggest inviting family members, young and old, to join us at upcoming patriotic displays. Memorial Day or Decoration Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. It provides an opportunity, for sharing our pride and gratitude for all those brave men and women who have made the freedoms that we enjoy today possible. It also provides us with the opportunity to promote the Marine Corps League and grow our organization. Usually, we find that among the onlookers, at these events, we encounter former Marines in the crowd. Please take the time, to chat with them and any others that we meet. And lately, people make a point of thanking us for our service, something we don't hear often enough and something that most Vietnam era vets, did not hear during the Vietnam campaign. When we respond to those thank you comments, mention the Marine Corps League, the Baltimore Detachment and invite them to have former and current Marines that they may know, to contact us, in order to join our group. We can never be too large to not encourage new membership. Dropping by a meeting or visiting our Detachment Museum may be a welcome boon, to a former Marine, in mental distress or need of the camaraderie of like-minded individuals with shared experiences. Many of us experienced war at different levels. Reconnecting with their fellows may relieve the stress and pain that many deal with, in light of the large number of vets who commit suicide today. They are not alone and need to know that we will always be a "band of brothers" and support each other, today and every day.

*Semper Fi.*  
*Ray Vaughn*  
*Jr. Vice Commandant*

### *Supreme Commandant*

*'There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.' Today we pray for those men and women who have, in their military service, sacrificed their time, strength, ambition, health and even their lives on this earth to benefit 'friends,' known and unknown.*

*Many of our warriors carry scars in their hearts as well as on their bodies. Dark memories haunt their dreams at night. Fears cloud their waking hours. Jesus, you came to give us abundant life by providing a way for us to release our pain to you. On the cross you bore our sorrows and brokenness and when we trust you, we can exchange our wounds for your joy in a future unhindered by fate. Bring this gift now to the veterans of our nation who bear tangible and intangible wounds. Heal them,*

*Bless the families of veterans who bear these pains vicariously. Give them patience and wisdom and strength to endure, and more than endure to hope in faith for a blessed life. God, not everything that happens in life is good. But you promise to work all things together for good to those who love you and align their lives with your purpose. Create good in the families of veterans who have experienced pain and loss. Do this miracle,*  
*Amen*

### **Semper Fi Prayer Circle**

#### ***Sick / Distressed***

Prayers go to those on our "Sick and Distress One notice was received of illness. Guy Hall, a well known League member was ill. Keep Guy, Bobbie Hawkins, Bill Wheeler, Roos Nippard, Jerry Brown and wife Cass, Frank Rucci, Jack Colleran, Carol Shea, Diamond Kimos, Joe Humberson, Vince Cerniglia and all others who are ill in your prayers. Cards were sent.

Keep the above named in your prayers God be With You May You Feel His Presence. *May You Trust and Hope in the Almighty.*

If you know of anyone sick or in distress, please call me, **George Adams**. If I'm not there, leave a message. cell 443-935-3185

*As always be faithful with God's blessing on all military and their families*  
*George Adams*

## Military Order of the Devil Dogs

*The Fun and Honor Society  
of the Marine Corps League*



Woof woof,

Pound 204 held a Growl on 8 April, raising a measly 95 bones for the children's hospital in Buffalo, New York. We also advanced a mongrel to Pup.

The Pack Grand Growl is less than two weeks away. The Pound only has two Pups advancing to DD.

For DDs planning on advancing to PDD in Buffalo in August, you must have already attended one Pack Growl as there is only one remaining, that one being on 11 May at the Grand Growl in Ocean city, and you must let the Dog Robber know your intentions as the paperwork has to be at Kennel NLT 1 July.

Remember that the Department of Maryland is hosting the Mid-east Division conference 15-16 June and they need a lot of help, so don't hesitate to respond positively when called upon. Our first responsibility as Dogs is to support the League.

**Remember: It is an honor to be a Devil Dog**

*Woof woof,  
PDD Paul Taylor  
Dog Robber*



## Auxiliary

***Reaching Further . . .  
. . . Touching More***



Greetings,

At our April meeting the officers for the coming year were elected and installed. They are Joan Hansen President, Rosemary Koontz Sr. Vice Pres., Betty Thompson Jr. Vice Pres., and Bernadine Blair Judge Advocate. CONGRATULATIONS ALL

We need a member to volunteer to take the position of chaplain. Hopefully we will have someone come forward to take this position. We also need to make plans for our meetings. It would be very helpful if members would attend with ideas about what we can do to help our veterans and our neighbors.

At the auxiliary meeting in March we made plans for the state convention which will be held in Ocean City MD May 10<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>. We discussed what we need to contribute to the hospitality room. Our unit will contribute dessert to the menu, all of which will be purchased instead of being homemade because all ingredients have to be labeled so that people with allergies will know what they are eating.. Also we discussed items that our unit will contribute to make baskets to raffle off as a fund raiser for the state auxiliary. Rosemary Koontz purchased items featuring the Marine Corps League and auxiliary from the ship store at the mid winter conference. We will also be contributing money and items for the Little Angle Program. The charity which will receive these contributions has not yet been chosen. Information about the charity will be coming to members via email. Please join us at the convention as a good time is had by all.

We still have cookbooks for sale. We hope to sell them at the state convention.

.Hope to see our members at the May meeting

*God bless America,*

*Joan Hansen,  
President*



## Maryland Veterans Commission

### MVC Quarterly Meeting

**On Tuesday 17 April** the Maryland Veterans Commission held their quarterly meeting held at *MCVETS, Baltimore MD*. Twenty Commissioners representing veteran organizations of Maryland were in attendance. Representing the Marine Corps League was Commissioner Stuart Blair, PDC and Bernadine Blair, MCLA DM PP

### **Agenda**

- Secretary George Owings II presented an overview of the Maryland Military / Veterans legislation

*Discussion emphasis on following bills:*

*HB0012 Military Retirement Notification Income Tax \*  
First \$15000 GOAL – Tax Free*

*HB1466 Priority of State Hiring of Disabled Veterans  
305 and greater*

- Presentation / discussion  
*Military Suicide Rates;  
Young Veterans decreased  
Vietnam Veterans increased  
Women Veterans increased most*
- Military Cemetery interments Statistics Discussion  
*\* Maryland 10% of nation's military burials  
with approximately 350/year  
\* Chart available – Commissioner Blair*
- Commissioner Blair attended Luncheon  
*Ceremony hosted by AMVETS Saturday 21 April  
with VSO Representatives to honor Maryland  
Governor Larry Hogan who was the recipient of  
AMVETS 32n Annual PNC A. Leo Anderson  
Memorial Free State Award of Excellence*

*Next Maryland Veterans Commission meeting  
Tuesday 17 July 2018,  
Helping Up Mission, Baltimore MD.*

*S/F,  
Stuart Blair, Commissioner, MCL  
Maryland Veterans Commission*

## Detachment Home Dispatch

### Detachment Home Maintenance

Many thanks to Milt Hazzard & Ernie Disney for all the repairs they have been doing to the building. They have repaired all the lights in the museum area and the rest of the building, put new ceiling in the second floor rest room, repaired the main ceiling above the handy capped rest room and painted. Just to mention a few of the things they have done. Ernie & Earl Ruff replaced the flags on the building & the lights for the flags. Chuck Hilton has been handling the hall rentals and getting support from others where need. Diamond has been keeping up the supplies for the building. Dick Lantz has been helping me with mail, keeping the bank statements up to date. The few have been accomplishing a lot. AGAIN IT WOULD BE NICE FOR SOME OF YOU WHO ARE ABLE TO GIVE A COUPLE HOURS A MONTH TO HELP TAKE CARE OF YOUR HOME.

### Baltimore Detachment Hall Rental

The hall rental is our main source of income for the Detachment Home. Keep promoting the hall rental. Information call Diamond Kimos @ 443-627-3487 or Chuck Hilton @ 410-547-7699

### **Members Birthdays**

We would like to wish the following Marines a **“HAPPY BIRTHDAY”** and many more:

#### **MAY – BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATIONS**

Evart Sarapik, Alfred E. Schudel, Jr., Gerald W. Brown, Charles J. Luthardt, Jr., Bruce A. Rund, Jr., Irvin L. Becker, Jay R. Tallent, Michael L. Hess, Kevin E. Wesner, Chad W. Hilton & Daniel A. Everett.

#### **JUNE – BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Vincent P. Cerniglia, Harry H. Smith Jr., Carl D. Pedersen, Ralph L. Pritchard, Michael L. Pursley, Sr., Charles W. Stickles, Franklin V. Brown, Charles A. Baker, Jr., Stuart P. Blair, Francis D. Miller, Walter J. Alston, Sr., Lawrence E. Connelly, John W. Hierstetter, Michael R. Smith and Brian R. Hunter.

Marinyes, if you had a birthday this month and your name did not appear, please let me know.

**Stuart Blair, 410-665-6440,  
Email: [thistleman@verizon.net](mailto:thistleman@verizon.net)**

## Event Report

**March / April**

### MCL National Mid Winter Conference

March 1-3 \* Balto Det. Rep. Howard / Rosemary Koontz

### Marine Corps Nation Museum Bus Trip

April 18 2018 Marines & guests with Stuart Blair Liaison  
MCHF greeted by Lt. Gen. Robert Blackman MCHF CEO



### Veteran Suicide Awareness Walkathon

*Saturday 21 April 2018*

Ten members of the Baltimore Detachment arrived at the Detachment hall at 7AM on Saturday 4/21/18 to host approximately 140 members (both male and female) of the Irreverent Warriors Walkathon. The main hall was filled with this boisterous bunch that was treated to hot coffee and delicious donuts. The Gung Ho Museum was open for any who wanted to see it. Their apparel was attention getting for their 14 mile hike that started at 9AM into the city. There were flags and banners, 4 large dogs (decked out in vests), and paraphernalia with everything from a Viking helmet with horns to an ancient-type Roman helmet. The entire entourage was accompanied by 2 eye-catching vehicles. The public within earshot could not be unaware of this noisy bunch (which was an important part of it). Some participants came from as far as Texas and Ohio.

The mission of Irreverent Warriors is to bring veterans together using humor and camaraderie to heal their mental wounds through events and entertainment in order to reduce PTSD and veteran suicide. Their vision is to provide all U.S. veterans with a very strong veteran based support network, reduce the impact of PTSD and eliminate veteran suicide.

They unanimously expressed their appreciation for the Detachment's hospitality and giving them a Baltimore base from which to operate.

### Eagle Scout Awards

MCL Good Citizenship Awards Were presented

April 8 Eagle Scout Matthew S.V. O'Connor  
\* Presented by Earl Ruff, Jr.

April 29 Eagle Scout Alexander Pueshel  
\* Presented by Stuart Blair & Howard Koontz

### Balto Der. Election / Installation

On 27 April Baltimore Detachment Officers and Staff were elected / appointed and installed for 2018-19 by Past Dept. Commandant Jack Colleran

### TOYS FOR TOTS Appreciation

April 27 Cmdt. Marian James presented Appreciation Awards to Det. members and organizations in grateful recognition of their generous support of the 2017 Toys For Tots Campaign

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### ***Marine Corps 11th Engineer Battalion Memorial Day Ceremony***

The 11th Engineer Bn will have their own small Memorial Day Ceremony at the Korean War Memorial Park on Boston St on 28 May @ 11AM.

Although there will no longer be a main ceremony that was coordinated by the Maryland Dept. of Veterans Affairs, the 11th Engineer Bn have decided to continue with theirs.

The ceremony will consist of a wreath placement at their memorial, a brief account of their history and a tribute to the memory of their members killed in action in Korea, including a reading of their names.

The ceremony will be accompanied by a recorded playing of the Marine Hymn. An American Flag and a Marine Corps flag will be in place at either side of the memorial.

After the ceremony, everyone who wishes will go to a restaurant close by for a remembrance lunch.

### ***Marine Corps League Department of Pennsylvania 2018 Pistol Match***

June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

Fort Indiantown Gap, PA

*We are always open for new or old team members to join us in the coming competition*

Contact Ray Vaughn @ 410-277-0939

## Detachment Programs

### ***Detachment General Fund***

#### **Pick Three Lottery Calendar Fundraiser**

*The proceeds from this are used for detachment general expenses, assistance to a detachment Marine or family member in need and the Baltimore Green St. VA Medical Center Project*

#### **2018 Pick Three Calendar Monthly Winners**

##### **January**

01 Jan	Christiana Certina New Year Day	#821	\$50.00
02 Jan	Juastin Sottile	#375	\$25.00
04 Jan	Gary Reif	#389	\$25.00
05 Jan	Mary Walker	#333	\$25.00
11 Jan	Joan Hansen	#351	\$25.00
15 Jan	Patricia Stauffer	#589	\$25.00
17 Jan	Rick Adams	#624	\$25.00
19 Jan	Matthew Stewart	#465	\$25.00
24 Jan	Henry T. Miner	#965	\$25.00
26 Jan	Michael J. Ratajczak, Jr.	#129	\$25.00
27 Jan	Michael Smith	#386	\$25.00
28 Jan	Jerry Brown	#151	\$25.00

We had twelve (12) winners during the month. Eleven (11) won \$25.00 and one (1) won \$50.00 on New Year's Day for a total payout of \$325.00 leaving a balance in the fund at the end of January 2018 of \$ 4,915.00.

##### **February**

14 Feb	Jerry Silverstein Valentine's Day	#784	\$50.00
15 Feb	Kevin Hughes	#806	\$25.00
19 Feb	Bard Hughes President's Day	#076	\$30.00
22 Feb	Claude Mayo	#937	\$25.00
25 Feb	Henry T. Miner	#965	\$25.00
26 Feb	Sam Sandler	#973	\$25.00

We had six (6) winners during the month. Four (4) won \$25.00, one(1) won \$30.00 on President's Day and one (1) won \$50.00 on Valentine's Day for a total payout of \$180.00 leaving a balance in the fund at the end of February of \$4,735.00.

## **March**

During the month of March 2018 we had additional calendar sales of \$200.00 leaving us with a new balance of \$4,935.00 before the March winners.

03/04	Ralph L. Pritchard	#332	\$25.00
03/06	Tara Cutillo	#271	\$25.00
03/12	Lloyd Emery	#260	\$25.00
03/13	Mary Burns	#326	\$25.00
03/14	Mary Rose Miller	#948	\$25.00
03/16	Sherri Drummond	#423	\$25.00
03/18	Steve Creighton	#503`	\$25.00
03/19	Andrew Foster	#519	\$25.00
03/21	Milton Hazzard	#957	\$25.00
03/24	Joan Hansen	#351	\$25.00
03/26	Ralph L. Pritchard	#332	\$25.00
03/31	William & Carol Shea	#068	\$25.00

Donated winnings to the detachment.

We had twelve (12) winners during the month of March, all won \$25.00 for a payout of \$300.00 leaving a balance of \$4,635.00 at the end of March 2018;

## ***Scholarships***

#### **Pocket Calendar Fundraiser**

All proceeds go to the Francis Scott Key School Scholarship Fund. We are planning to present six scholarship awards to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Francis Scott Key School students in June.

We have sent out ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY BOOKS (150) and to this date have received Seventy Three (73) replies. Please send your TAX DEDUCTABLE DONATION. Every little bit helps. Thank You. Call Monday, Wednesday or Saturday between (9am & 12:30noon). If you have any questions please call. THANK YOU Jack

## ***Marine Family Assistance***

If you have knowledge of a Marine family active duty or reservist that is in need of financial or food product assistance, submit the information to Coordinator Harry Hierstetter @ 410 296-1088. The information will be evaluated for approval to assist the Marine family.

## Marine Corps History Question of the Month

In each month's "GUNG HO" we will feature a question about U.S. Marine Corps history. The question will test your knowledge of well known facts of Marine Corps.

**The answer to each question will be published in the following month's issue.**

### Answer to March /April Question

Wounded on December 28, 1814, by a Congreve rocket in the general use of machine guns, rifles, and poison gas were weapons used during the Battle of Belleau Woods. The Springfield 1903 Rifle, the hotchkiss machine gun, and the Chautchat machine gun were weapons used by the Marines. What was the specialty weapon used by the Marines during the battle ?

### **Browning 1918**

### May / June Question

WW I, 1918, who commanded the U.S. Marines 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade during the Battle of Château-Thierry and the Battle of Belleau Wood ?

- a) Maj Gen George Owen Squier
- b) Lt. Gen Charles Bailey
- c) Maj Gen Robert Alexander
- d) Lt. Gen James Harbord

## History's Timeline

**May 9th** - Victory Day in Russia, a national holiday commemorating the defeat of Nazi Germany during the "Great Patriotic War" (World War II)

**May 14, 1942** - During World War II, an Act of Congress allowed women to enlist for noncombat duties in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC), the Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Service (WAVES), Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS), and Semper Paratus Always Ready Service (SPARS), the Women's Reserve of the Marine Corps.

**June 6, 1944** - D-Day, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France while British and Canadian troops landed farther. By the end of the day 150,000 Allied soldiers and their accompanying vehicles had landed with 15,000 killed and wounded.

**June 11, 1991** - Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines erupted, spewing ash into the air, visible over 60 miles. The surrounding areas were covered with ash and mud created by rainstorms. Nearby U.S. military bases were also damaged.

## Noteworthy

### **Armed Forces Day / Week**

Celebrated on the third Saturday in May. It falls near the end of **Armed Forces Week**, which begins on the second Saturday of May and ends third Sunday of May

First observed on 20 May 1950, the day was created on 31 August 1949, to honor Americans serving in the five U.S. military branches – the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard – following the consolidation of the military services in the U.S. Department of Defense. It was intended to replace the separate Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Days, but the separate days are still observed, especially within the respective services.

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions and air shows. The United States' longest continuously running Armed Forces Day Parade is held in Bremerton, WA. In 2017 Bremerton celebrated the 69th year of the Armed Forces Day Parade.

Because of their unique training schedules, National Guard and Reserve units may celebrate Armed Forces Day/Week over any period in month of May.

On May 19, 2017, President Donald Trump reaffirmed the Armed Forces Day holiday, marking the 70th anniversary since the creation of the DoD.

### **MISSION BBQ THANKS ALL VETERANS**

Each year at MISSION BBQ, we make Armed Forces Day a very special day. Falling on Saturday, May 19th from 11-2pm, it will be our privilege to honor and support Our Uniformed American Heroes. As a small gesture of appreciation, all Veterans and Active Duty Military are served a Free Sandwich.

At noon, we will have a live version of the National Anthem and we will recognize all members the Armed Forces in attendance. It would be our privilege to SERVE you.

Leading up to this very special day, we will celebrate Armed Forces Week, May 14th-18th. Each day of the week is designated to a different branch of the Military. A Free Sandwich will be given to all Uniformed American Heroes on "your" day. I have attached the Armed Forces Week Schedule below! We hope to see you sometime that week at MISSION BBQ, Perry Hall and on Saturday for Armed Forces Day!

# BALTIMORE GUNG HO

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*"To observe a Marine is inspirational, to be a Marine is exceptional."*

## **Battle of Belleau Wood . . .100 year Remembrance-June 1918**

The Marine Corps, more so than any other branch of America's military, values and embraces its history. Beginning in boot camp, every Marine is educated on the Corps' proud and storied past as they learn what it means to be part of such a prestigious organization. In the spirit of the value the Marine Corps places on its history, we wanted to give you, Marine families and supporters, an opportunity to embrace and learn about this part of Marine Corps legacy as well.

The Battle of Belleau Wood was a landmark event in Marine Corps history. Prior to the battle, the United States Marine Corps was a little known, unproven commodity. After three weeks of displaying the courage, determination, and win-at-all-costs attitude that has become synonymous with the Marine Corps in the years since, that all changed, and the Marines have since been known as--arguably--the most formidable fighting force in the world.

It was also here that the Marine Corps' "Devil Dog" nickname was supposedly born. As the story goes, German officers, in their battle reports, referred to the Marines as "Teufel Hunden" (German for "Devil Dogs") as a result of the ferocity with which the Marines fought, and the name stuck.

After the battle, the French Army renamed Belleau Wood in honor of the Marines, changing the name to "Bois de la Brigade de Marine"--"The Wood of the Marine Brigade." Furthermore, the 5th and 6th Marine Regiments received the Croix de Guerre, an award for distinction and heroism in combat with the enemy, three times during the First World War--the only regiments in the American Expeditionary Force to do so. As a result, The 5th and 6th Marine Regiments are authorized to wear the French fourragere, a military award that distinguishes military units as a whole and that is shaped like a braided cord, on their dress uniforms.

While it would be another quarter century before Admiral Chester Nimitz would famously say "Uncommon valor was a common virtue," about the sacrifices made by Marines on Iwo Jima in WWII, it could just as easily have been said about the Marines at Belleau Wood. Exhausted, outnumbered, and outgunned, the Marines refused to yield. Against all odds and expectations, they absorbed everything the Germans could throw at them and, in true Marine fashion, persevered.