



# The Beachhead



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## The Commandant Speaks...

Hello Marines!

Well summer is almost upon us. The twins game will already have happened and our parade season will be on its way.

Our Metro Marine Monthly Dinner for May is been moved back 1 week. We will have our year ending Dinner on Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

It is with great Honor that I mention the following.

I received a call from Julie Osborn the Step Daughter In-Law of Metro Marine Lyn Rieck.

Lyn Rieck was a Metro Marine who joined February of 1995. Even though Lyn moved to Parkston South Dakota he kept his dues paid and remain an active member of the Metro Marine until his passing on March 31, 2010. Lyn was 75 years old.

Julie had informed me that Lyn last request was to be interned at Fort Snelling National Cemetery and could I help her with this. I said we sure can. So I contacted Bob Pellow and he gave me the necessary information to pass to Julie of which I did.

Shortly after that I received another call from Julie stating the she has secured a date and time for Lyn's internment, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30pm Monday. Now this call was on April 28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, she stated that she would have Lyn shipped to me for the service. I told her not to do that, but that I would have some Marines there to pick him up. Long story short her husband Ozzie Osborn Lyn's step-son brought Lyn to Worthington, MN where the Marines MC: I "Speedy", Ron Huss "Fido", Jerry Nevenon "Nev", Andrew Tennessen "Doc" along with Metro Marine Pat Helsrom, pick up Lyn to escort him to his resting place of Fort Snelling.



Joe "Speedy", Pat, Ron "Fido", Jerry "Nev" and Anthony "Doc"

John Swanberg and his Honor Gurad really did an outstanding job on such a short



notice. Members firing were Wayne Bauer, Lee Ulferts, Jon Lindberg, Dennis Schmidt, Pat Helstrom, Norm Orr and firing for the first time Guy Rowe. Out of respect, the Fort Snelling Rifle Squad showed up unscheduled with Metro Marines Bob Pellow on bugle, Wayne Pickett Rifle Commander and Gary Riesenbergl Flag presenter. Great Job guys. I cannot express it enough how proud I am to be a part of such a great fraternity MARINE.

The Twins Game for 2010 Metro Marine Fundraiser sold out rather quickly. It is our hope that next year we will be able to get more seats and do this again. Jerry will post pictures and an update on the Website as soon as he can.

I have not received very many inquiries regarding the Silent Auction. So rather than putting a lot of work into this I think we will just table this for now and bring it up again in the fall. If you have an opinion on this please let me know.

Let's talk about our Parade Season. We will be stepping off pretty soon May 22<sup>nd</sup> to be exact. See Parade Schedule.

It would be nice to have a lot of Metro Marines and Family members involved in the parades. Just pick a parade bring your kids and ride in the "Deuce & Half" it is a lot of fun and be sure to wear red. A good time is always on the schedule.

Everyone's involvement in the Metro Marines is critical to our success. Also please visit the web site at:

Metromarines.org

If you have any questions, additions or comments please call me. 763-639-3376 or email me at: metromarines@comcast.net

Semper Fi

*Joe*



## Landings & Dinners

### May

6<sup>th</sup> Champlin  
 12<sup>th</sup> Forest Lake  
 13<sup>th</sup> Champlin  
 20<sup>th</sup> Hasting  
 20<sup>th</sup> Champlin  
 27<sup>th</sup> Champlin

**No dinner in May**

### June

3<sup>rd</sup> *Champlin  
 Dinner*

**All Metro Marine Dinners are at the  
 Champlin American Legion Post #600  
 12450 Business Park Blvd  
 (HWY 169 & Hayden Lake Road)  
 Champlin, MN**

## Dinners Notice...

Due to the costs of postage the Metro Marines have not been sending out Dinner Reservation forms with return envelopes. We are using the phone. Lloyd Whittaker, Joe Witherill, and other members of the Metro Marines are calling our members asking for reservations.



It is very important that if you make a reservation for the Metro Marines Monthly Dinner that you come. If you fail to show for that dinner you will be receiving a bill for the dinner in the mail. This is because when we order our dinners we have to give the Champlin Legion the number of attendees. This is how we are billed. If we order for instance 100 meals and only 85 members show up we still have to pay for the 100 meals we ordered. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

## Metro Marines 2010 Parade Schedule

May 22 Saturday, Osseo 5:00pm  
June 11 Friday, Champlin 6:30pm  
June 19 Saturday, Buffalo 6:00pm  
June 24 Thursday, Oakdale 6:30pm  
July 3 Saturday, Forest Lake 10:00am  
July 15 Thursday, Maple Grove 6:30pm  
July 18 Sunday, Hastings 12:00 noon  
Oct 30 Saturday, Anoka, 1:00pm



# Memorial Ceremony at Morning Side & Bunker Hills Park

This year John Swanberg, Annah Witherill, and Teena Rasmussen will be laying the wreaths on May 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday 2010. Morning Side ceremony will start at 10:00am then proceeding to Bunker Hills Veterans Park for an 11:30 ceremony.

Following the ceremonies there will be a family picnic provided by the Anoka County Veterans Council. Bring the whole family and enjoy the ceremonies and picnic.

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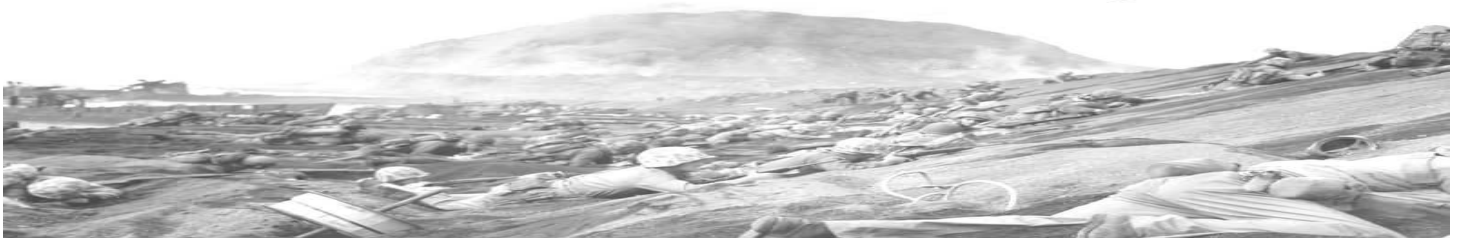
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