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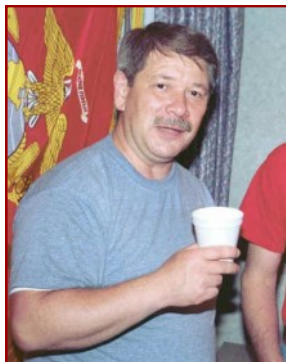
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TAPS

Brian S. Mayer 15 Aug 1948 25 Nov 2015



Brian Mayer, a Lcpl 0351 served with H & S Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment.

In 1968 during the Tet Offensive in Hue City, Brian was the hero who saved many lives. He made at least 5 trips on a mule through heavy gun fire and picked up and rescued many from Lima Company. After the fire-fight, Brian returned back to his Company and was wounded several days later.

Joe McLaughlin, who witnessed this event, tried to find out who the Marine was that made all the trips into heavy fire to save all the Marines.

After 29 years, Joe found out Brian's identity. Brian was finally awarded the **Silver Star** for heroism on that fateful day.

Brian attended 4 Lima 3/5 Reunions.

Brian, You will always be missed. **Semper Fi**

USMC 1775 — 2015

Birthday Message from the Commandant

When the Continental Congress raised up two battalions of Marines in 1775, it launched the greatest fighting force the world has ever known. A force revered globally for its uncommon valor, unparalleled adaptability, and ferocious tenacity. Over the past 240 years, the battlefields and equipment have changed, but the spirit of the United States Marines Corps has prevailed in every clime and place.

One hundred years ago, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island opened its doors as the first base dedicated solely to making Marines. Since then, hundreds of thousands of men and women have been forged into elite warriors at Parris Island, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, and The Basic School in Quantico. Each recruit had a different reason for stepping onto the yellow footprints, but all are unified by the intangible traits that characterize United States Marines and the remarkable legacy that has carried on across generations.

Whether you served on the hallowed grounds of Belleau Wood, fought on the iconic island battlefields of World War II, navigated the harsh terrain and climate of the Chosin Reservoir or Vietnam, conducted assaults during Desert Storm, marched on Baghdad, fought in close

combat in Fallujah, or conducted combat operations in Afghanistan, everyone who wears the Eagle, Globe and Anchor is a member of that storied legacy.

As we celebrate the 240th birthday of our Corps, we pay tribute to all who have served and we remember our fallen heroes. We take great pride in our legacy and in the fine men and women who carry our colors into the future. And we extend heartfelt thanks to our families for their steadfast support.

Our 26th Commandant, General Louis Wilson, once said, "In the last analysis, what the Marine Corps becomes is what we make of it during our respective watches. And that watch of each Marine is not confined to the time he spends on active duty. It lasts as long as he is 'proud to bear the title of United States Marine.'" Thank you all for guarding the legacy of our Corps during your watch.

Happy Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

Robert B. Neller

General, U.S. Marine Corps

Commandant of the Marine Corps

GUNNY

You may have forgotten it (although I'm not sure how) but Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeants (a.k.a. Gunnys) are known as the "backbone of the Corps." This is how you tell if you are in the presence of a "real" Gunny:

The Gunny is not afraid of the dark; the dark is afraid of the Gunny.

Gunnys think 2nd Luies should be seen and not heard, and should not be allowed to read books on leadership.

Superman owns a pair of Marine Dress Blue pajamas with Gunny chevrons.

If the Gunny is late, then time had damned well better slow down.

The Gunny can divide by zero using a K-Bar.

The Gunny has counted to infinity ... twice!

The Gunny doesn't leave messages; he leaves warnings. You had better pay attention to them.

The Gunny can slam a revolving door.

The Gunny was sending an email one day, when he realized it would be faster to run.

When the Gunny exercises, the machine gets stronger.

Bullets dodge the Gunny. If not, he catches them in his teeth.

The Gunny's favorite national holiday is MCRD Parris Island Graduation.

The Gunny's favorite food is SOS for breakfast and c-rats for lunch.

Gunnys don't know how to tell civilian time.

Gunnys dream in color; Dress Blue, Blood Stripe Red, EG&A Gold, and khaki.

Gunnys have served in combat zones that are now depicted in war memorials and a bronze statue raising the flag.

Gunnys get a tear in their eye when the Gunny dies in the movie "Full Metal Jacket."

Gunnys have pictures of weapons in their wallets.

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

Jim Yakubsin is the Commandant of the Gator Detachment 990 and was the host of the 2015 Marine Corps Birthday Ball. These are pictures from the event this year celebrating not only the 240th Birthday, but the 50th Anniversary Honoring our Vietnam Veterans.



GATOR DETACHMENT 990



John & Tess Harris



Hank & Gunny Loucks



Lynwood & Kay Scott



Kevin Schaughnessy



Skip & Linda St. Clair



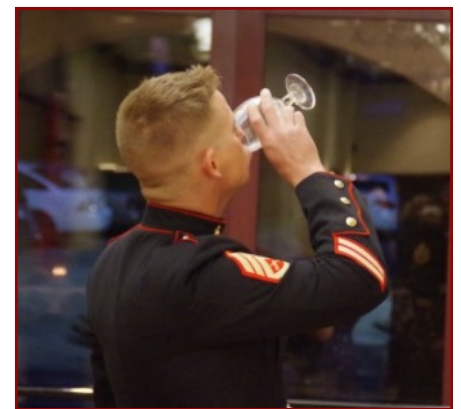
Reiss & Cathie Tatum



Jim & Linda Yakubsin



Hank, Gunny and Dan Nordmann



The Perfect Marine



CMS CHRONIC MARINE SYNDROME

99.9% true...so help me, Chesty.

Chronic Marine Syndrome (CMS): This is a new condition under consideration by the Veterans Administration and being brought to your attention by iamamarine.com.... Some consider it a dangerous affliction; others say it's a positive condition. It affects mostly men but can affect some women too.

Symptoms to look for are:

1. Pride in oneself and the organization they represent.
2. A strong willingness to put in extra attention to detail to get the job done.
3. May wear articles of Marine clothing; T-shirts, jackets, watches, well into their 80's.
4. Will not hesitate to stand up or put their hand over their heart, or even salute during the National Anthem.
5. Does not succumb easily to political correctness.
6. Is sure of who they are.
7. Is often either respected or hated by others, due to their abilities and talents.
8. May donate toys to needy kids at Christmas.
9. Some have been known to wear their hair in a high and tight well into their 90's.
10. Will look you directly in the eye when talking to you.
11. Will give you a firm handshake.
12. Knows what "honor, courage and commitment" mean.
13. Can usually be found in some type of leadership position in whatever organization they work for.
14. Will often regard their drill instructors with the same respect as their parents.
15. Often found in either law enforcement or various leadership professions.
16. Is extremely thorough at what they do.
17. Does not wear a bunch of patches to adorn their uniform. Their title of Marine is usually sufficient.
18. Often arrives at work earlier than expected.
19. If they wear a shirt and tie in their job, you might see the tie clip between the third and fourth button, centered.
20. Had spent time training at one of three places; Parris Island, San Diego, or Quantico.
21. May be able to field strip his rifle, up to 60 years after leaving active duty.
22. Can recite the nomenclature of the M1, M14 or M16.
23. May often have his pencils sharpened to a perfect precision point.
24. Will not back down from a fight.

Other symptoms include willingness to take on a challenge and maintaining a positive attitude in the face of adversity.

Yes, Chronic Marine Syndrome is real, and very hard to treat. The person with this condition often utters phrases such as "Once a Marine always a

Marine," or "Ooo-Rah!". Some may even say "Semper Fi" on many occasions. It is best if you know someone with this condition to just leave them be.

These people tend to be fiercely loyal to the Marine Corps.

This condition, although not curable is not known to be debilitating. Successful palliative treatments include.

1. Frequent visits to the base where they last served or looking at their Marine memorabilia.
2. Association with other Marines helps them flourish. They need other Marines who have shared the same experiences.
3. Have them get memberships in organizations such as the Marine Corps League, Marine Corps Association, or visit Marine.com
4. Some may require extra special attention such as buying items from grunt.com or watching movies about the Marine Corps; this is only natural and nothing to be afraid of.

Whatever you do, remember that Chronic Marine Syndrome must be managed carefully. For example: In Michigan, a young man attempted to mug a Marine Korean War veteran who had advanced stages of Chronic Marine Syndrome. It wasn't pretty! The mugger was severely beaten and required multiple stitches.

Remember folks, Chronic Marine Syndrome is real, while there may not be a cure, we can live with it.

Any questions, please see your local Marine. Or call 1-800-THE-USMC for more information.

Thank you for your time.

Warning: Risks of Chronic Marine Syndrome may include a severe ass whippin' to those who attempt to start a fight with Marines. Remember, not everyone gets this condition; onset often occurs after being given the title Marine, since only a select few earn this title not everyone will develop CMS.

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