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Meeting Notice!

We will meet at VFW Post #239, 190 Dora Ave, Bremerton on Friday, 19 May. Social hour and dinner begin at 1800, meeting at 1900 hours. Ladies and guests are always welcome at the meeting and are urged to attend.

The associated Lewis and Clark Camp of the Heroes of '76 meets immediately following the Sojourner meeting and is open to all Heroes.

Don't forget to wear your Medals!

Highlights of the 14 Apr. Meeting

The next meeting has been moved to the 3RD Friday in May, **May 19**, due to a lack of officers for our regular meeting date on May 12. The President, Commander and Color Bearer will be away at York Rite Grand Session. May 19 will also be our Installation of officers, since we aren't doing a joint installation this year. Area Rep. Wendell Dutt agreed to switching the date.

President Peter Dawson opened Chapter at 1900. Commander Robert Monroe read the new purposes of

National Sojourners. It was moved that the minutes be accepted as e-mailed. We still don't have a bank account. Secretary Charles requested that National deposit our annual \$262 MIP check in the Chapter's account at National.

Area Rep Wendell Dutt reported that the National Convention registration information, as printed in the National Sojourner newsletter is incorrect. You have to go to the website for the right information. The deadline for signing is May 15.

Bro. Robert Monroe has two JROTC kits with medals and certificates with covers. Bro. Dick Dexter was going to call Bremerton High School to get the date of the Bremerton JROTC Awards night. Bro. Dexter also volunteered to go down and make the presentation for our chapter.

Bro. Hank Carman has invited VWB Richard Masch to come to our meeting. He may be here in September. With his duties as District Deputy of the Grand Master for Dist. 12 he has no time at present.

Bro. Orville Stoner, Sr. read the names of those nominated as next year's officers. They were: Chapter # 80 Officers – Pres.- Bro. Robert Monroe; 1ST Vice Pres.- Bro. Orville Stoner; 2ND V.P.- Bro. Todd Mears; Secy -Bro. Charles Yankosky; Marshall – Bro. Henry Carman; Chaplain – Bro. Wendell Dutt; Color Bearer – Bro. Peter Dawson. A motion was made to elect unanimously and was passed. Lewis & Clark Heroes Camp Officers: Commander: Bro. Joseph MacIntyre; Chief of Staff: Bro. Orville Stoner; Adjutant: Bro. Yankosky. Bro. Robert made a motion to accept the nominations as presented. After some deliberations the nominations were accepted and the nominees elected. It was pointed out, that like in lodge, no one person can be a principal officer of more than one club at the same time. Therefore Bro. Orville Stoner will stay Heroes Chief of Staff for 2 years. Our newly elected officers will be installed at the meeting on May 19, with Bro. Wendell's concurrence.

Bro. Bill Biscomb invited us to a sociable in June at his place on Bainbridge. It will be a Mongolian grill picnic, where you barbecue your food the way you want it. We will pick a date at our May 19 meeting. Several years ago we were invited to a picnic at Bill's place out in Quilcene and a good time was had by all.

Bro. Wendell reminded us that this year's Pacific Beach retreat is over the Columbus Day weekend, therefore peak rates will be in effect. You'll pay more for a room. The meal prices will be the same as in the flyers. Chapter #539 and Bro. Paul Carmeen will be in

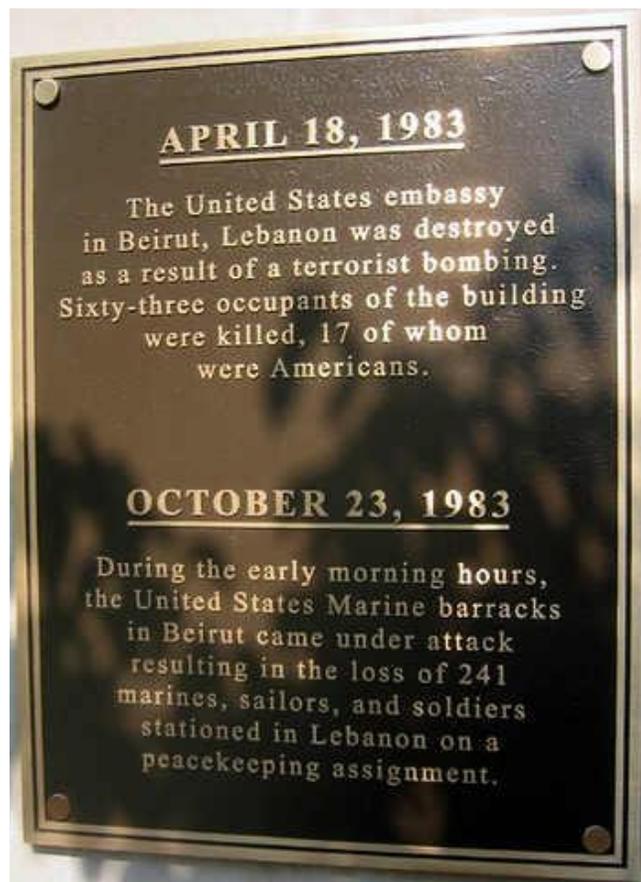
charge. Bro. Joe MacIntyre asked us to please collect old flags to give to himself or Robert to take to Pac Beach for retirement.

Bro. Orville Stoner, a retired submariner, reminded us that Tuesday, April 11 is the 117TH birthday of the U.S. Navy's sub force.

Bro. Robert Monroe brought a bottle of table wine to raffle off. He bought it himself for \$10 and gave the \$10 to the Chapter treasury.

Pres. Peter Dawson closed Chapter at 2000.

Memorial Day



On Sunday, 23 Oct 1983 at 0622 a hijacked 19 ton yellow Mercedes-Benz truck filled with 21,000 pounds of explosives, crashed into the lobby of a building being used as barracks for the 1ST Battalion, 8TH Marines. The resulting explosion killed 220 Marines, 18 sailors and 3 soldiers – the greatest single day loss of Marine lives since Iwo Jima. The Marines were part of a multinational peace-keeping force sent to Lebanon to try to broker some kind of peace in the Lebanese Civil War. This war between Lebanese Muslims and Lebanese Christians was one long string of ambushes, bombings and massacres that lasted from 1975 to 1990. The attack was planned by the Iranian-backed Islamic Jihad and was aimed at getting the multi-national peace keepers out of

Lebanon. As peace keepers, the Marines were acting under restrictive rules of engagement. They could carry a full magazine in their rifle, but the safety had to be on and no round in the chamber. Only one sentry was able to get a bullet chambered, but by then the truck had sped by and crashed into the lobby. Ten minutes later another truck bomb blew up a French paratrooper barracks killing 58 Frenchmen. A Memorial to the 220 Marines was built in Florida.



with him. Lance Corporal Jordan Haerter was a middle class white kid from Long Island. Together they ended up staring at a large blue truck packed with explosives speeding down the alley right at them. Some Iraqi police knew what was happening the second the Marines open fired. A few police got off a few rounds with their AKs and then ran for their lives. The truck exploded obliterating the Marines and a few dozen brick houses. The truck's engine came to rest 200 yards away. Marines dying in combat isn't unusual. They're expected to do their duty. Their commander wanted to recommend them for posthumous Navy Crosses. But a combat award requires 2 eye witnesses. The only surviving witnesses were Iraqis and Washington would probably never buy Iraqi statements. An Iraqi stated that no sane man would just stand there and do what those Marines did. But these weren't sane men. They were Marines. So matters stood until it was found that a knocked out security camera had recorded the last 6 seconds of the attack. The truck comes into sight at the far end of the alley, 60 to 70 yards away, and picks up speed. Iraqi police are seen, some firing and some running right past the Marines. For 2 seconds the Marines are firing non stop. The truck's windshield explodes in glass fragments and it stops right in front of Yale and Haerter. Then the truck itself explodes. Because 2 Marines wouldn't give ground, 150 lives, including 50 Marines, were saved.



Marines vs. truck bomb

2008, Ramadi, Iraq

John Kelly, Secretary of Homeland Security and a former Lt. General, told about an incident that happened in Iraq. On 22 Apr 2008, at 0730, two Marines met for the first time on guard duty in Ramadi, Iraq. They were guarding a gate to a ramshackle barracks housing 50 Marines and 100 Iraqi police. Corporal Jonathan Yale, 22, was a mixed race poor kid from Virginia supporting his wife and daughter on his \$23,000 a year salary. His mother and sister also lived