



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

## NUNO ALVARES PEREIRA POST - PO 01

May 3, 2013

### NO COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be no committee meeting in May.

### 2013 MEMBERSHIP

This year it is possible to pay your dues online by visiting the following website:

[www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew)

### THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE

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### RBL WAR STORIES

While I was Secretary of the Royal British Legion in Portugal prior to 2000 a request went out to collect war stories and experiences dating back many years. I volunteered and have been collecting them. The Treasurer of the RBL, Stewart Austin, requested that these stories be posted on the RBL Portugal Branch website and this was done by the Chairman of the Portugal Branch, Desmond Briggs, with some help from RBL HQ in London.

Since there may now be others out there who also have interesting war stories to tell or just stories relating to military service or RBL service the RBL website has an additional page at the website called "Membership Forum".

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The website is below:

<http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/portugal/membership-forum>

Among the War Stories you will find the report of Lewis T Watty who was rescued from the Los Banos Camp outside Manila on February 23, 1945 along with 2000 other allied prisoners of the Japanese by the 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division.

Gilbert Wells, Adjutant PO 01, WW II veteran of the 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division.

#### **PORTUGUESE FISHERMEN'S MEMORIAL**

##### **FARO, PORTUGAL**

On November 30, 1943 a US Liberator bomber crashed into the sea some miles from Faro in the South of Portugal. Five of the 11 man crew were killed in the crash and six survived.

The crash occurred close to a 5 meter fishing boat manned by Jaime Nunes, Jose Mascarenhas and Jose's 13 year old son, Manuel. They immediately abandoned their nets and went about rescuing the six survivors, two of whom were badly injured.

Conditions were bad on the moonless night but Nunes and Mascarenhas provided what succour they could to the drenched and shattered crew. They gave them what they had on board. They were obliged to wait for the incoming tide that would permit them to row their heavily laden craft to shore. They reached the fishing harbor in the early hours of December 1<sup>st</sup>. In 1999 Jaime Nunes' courage was recognized through the award of a plaque presented to him by an official of the American Embassy.

For further information and instructions for donating to the proposed memorial go to:

[www.portuguese-fishermans-memorial.org](http://www.portuguese-fishermans-memorial.org)

or contact

[piscatoramicus@gmail.com](mailto:piscatoramicus@gmail.com)

#### **EMBASSY YARD SALE**

The Embassy Yard Sale will be Saturday May 4, 2013 in Parede from 1 to 4 pm at Rua Teofilo Braga 2.

#### **WRVS Car Boot Sale**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Carcavelos Clothes Market 10 am to 2 pm – on sea side of Carcavelos Train Station

To reserve a place to sell from your car

Contact Simon on [sunibwebb82@gmail.com](mailto:sunibwebb82@gmail.com)

Or 91 976 0644

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## 550 MARINES TO MORON, SPAIN

By [John Vandiver](#)

Stars and Stripes

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Gen. James Amos  
U.S. Marine Corps

STUTT GART, Germany — An Africa-focused Marine rapid reaction force is bound for Morón, Spain, which will serve as a temporary base for the 550-strong unit, Marine Commandant Gen. James Amos told Congress on Wednesday.

Amos said the unit, which will serve the needs of U.S. Africa Command boss Gen. David Rodriguez, also could eventually be repositioned on the African continent if U.S. diplomatic officials make such an arrangement.

“Right now, they’re temporarily going to Morón, Spain, as a placeholder,” Amos said during testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee. “I think they are going to move sometime. It wouldn’t surprise me to find them moving around the African continent.”

For several years, the Marine Corps has been developing plans for a Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force to bolster the capabilities of AFRICOM.

Last year, Marines based a MAGTF in Sigonella, Italy, that conducts a range of training missions in Africa, including the training of friendly forces for counter-terrorism missions in places such as Somalia. The new Spain-based MAGTF also will have the ability to conduct training, though its primary purpose will be to serve as a crisis reaction force, Amos said.

The need for such a force was underscored in September when the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, came under attack leaving four Americans dead, including U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens. The attack exposed AFRICOM’s lack of crisis-response capability.

Since then, AFRICOM has steadily been bolstering its capacities. In October, for example, AFRICOM finally received its so-called Commander’s in-Extremis Force comprised of Green Berets who function as crisis responders.

The new Marine MAGTF, which comes equipped with significant airlift capability, provides additional firepower for AFRICOM.

On Monday, six MV-22 Ospreys began their journey to Spain, Amos said.

“If something happens you now have an asset you can move very quickly, along with the C-130s, tankers and MV-22s, you can move very quickly to the African continent in response to a crisis.”

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## **Classifieds:**

DD-214s are NOW Online.

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s

online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>

### **USAA**

Membership in USAA is now open to American Legion Veterans and their families. For those of us living overseas this means we can insure our automobiles and personal property with USAA.

For more information go to:

[www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

To join USAA online go to:

[www.usaa.com/legion](http://www.usaa.com/legion)

### **TAX ASSISTANCE IRS PARIS**

IRS Foreign Bank Account and Financial Records (FBAR) regulation requires US citizens at home and abroad to disclose any and all accounts held in foreign financial institutions over \$10,000. This requires the filing of IRS form TD F 90-22.1 for applicable US citizens.

For assistance see the IRS Paris website

<http://france.usembassy.gov/irs.html>

Most forms and publications are now available on [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

Filers should be encouraged to use the website to download forms and publications.

### **US Tax Preparers**

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Michael Bracey Archival Research

My name is Michael Bracey. I am a Vietnam Veteran (1967-1968), and the owner of a military document retrieval service. I research military unit/ship records at the National Archives in College Park, MD. I have over 20 years of research experience, and am a former Staff Legal Advisor for the Board of Veterans Appeals.

I have had success in finding documentation of stressor incidents that form the basis of PTSD disability claims. I specialize in researching documents from Vietnam back to the Revolutionary War. These documents include, but

are not limited to:

- US Army Daily Journals and Operational Reports,
- US Navy Deck Logs and Muster Rolls,
- US Marine Corps Chronologies, and
- US Air Force After Action Reports.

In short, I find the documents which the Board of Veterans Appeals and the VA Regional Offices accept as evidence in PTSD/Agent Orange cases.

I have done case work for many law firms specializing in veteran disability cases, including PTSD and Agent Orange. I also participate in presentations and panels at The University of Detroit, Mercy School of Law. for students of the Veterans Law Clinic which hosts "Project Salute", and is coordinated by Ms. Tammy Kudialas Esq.

My military and professional experience provides a unique approach that may be of assistance to you in achieving your goals. I am sending my references, CV, and samples of some of the evidence I've obtained which has been instrumental in the successful outcome of previously denied cases.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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**BRITISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PORTUGAL**  
[WWW.BHSPORTUGAL.ORG](http://WWW.BHSPORTUGAL.ORG)

**BHS HISTORICAL TOURS**

The 200th anniversary of the Napoleonic invasions of Portugal and Spain is being commemorated during the period up to 2013. Events are breaking out all over the Iberian Peninsula and two gentlemen from the British Historical Society of Portugal are organizing tours of the battlefield sites.

[www.bhsportugal.org/tours](http://www.bhsportugal.org/tours)

**RBL PORTUGAL BRANCH WEB**  
[www.portugal.legionbranches.net](http://www.portugal.legionbranches.net)

**Room for a few American Retirees in:  
THE BRITISH RETIREMENT HOME  
ESTORIL**

Founded in the mid-1980's, the British Retirement Home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac near the beach, within easy walking distance of the centre of Sao Pedro do Estoril, on the Lisbon-Cascais railway line. Open to residents of all nationalities, it comprises 10 unfurnished apartments with a kitchenette and an en suite bathroom as well as 8 individual rooms with private bathroom for those who are less independent. 24 hour Care Support is provided by a bi-lingual team, headed up by a registered Nursing Sister. Links with the local community ensure a steady flow of volunteers to help with outings, shopping trips and social events. Non-residents are welcomed on a daily basis or for short-term stays for recuperation or holiday periods.

For more information contact 214 688 694 during working hours, or visit [www.brhportugal.com](http://www.brhportugal.com)

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### **HOLLYWOOD GRILL**

Mario Cordova, USN-Ret has just opened another restaurant and the dishes comprise Portuguese food, such as fresh fish : robalo, dourada, sardines, espada, and all grilled on charcoal. Also bacalhao abraz, bacalhao com natas, arroz de marisco, arroz tamboril and much more. He also has filipino dishes: adobo, pancit, tilapia, lumpia, etc.

Name: HOLLYWOOD GRILL  
Rua de Paraiso, 74-76 sta. Apolonia  
(before Hospital da Marinha) Feira de ladra  
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**University of Massachusetts in Lisbon, Study Abroad Program**  
(<http://www.portstudies.umassd.edu/lisboa/>)

**Program Description**

UMass in Lisbon, sponsored by the UMass Dartmouth Center for Portuguese Studies with the support of the Luso-American Foundation, offers American students the opportunity to spend a summer, semester or year in the vibrant capital city of Lisbon learning about the vast Portuguese-speaking world and European Union. As the only residential study abroad program in Portugal managed directly by a major American university, UMass in Lisbon provides unrivaled access to one of the world's most strategic centers of language and culture. Through our partnership with The University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL) and the Technical University of Lisbon's Superior Institute of Economics and Management (ISEG-UTL), students will have a wide array of curricular choices in both English and Portuguese, including UMass courses taught on site by both UMass and Portuguese faculty and language/culture study at all levels. A significant number of field trips will complement classroom learning, and living accommodations will be shared with European ERASMUS and Portuguese university students. Internships, home-stays, and service-learning opportunities are also planned, with administrative assistance available 24/7. Students may study for a semester, a year, or during the summer