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June 7, 2013

COMMITTEE MEETING

A committee meeting will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday June 15, 2013 in the shelter of the oriental garden located on the Lisbon embassy grounds. Legion members without military ID cards should contact Adjutant Wells at 21 929 1372 well before the event to obtain entry.

2013 MEMBERSHIP

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

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RBL service the RBL website has an additional page at the website called "Membership Forum".

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 11th Airborne Division.

Gilbert Wells, Adjutant PO 01, WW II veteran of the 11th 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 succor 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 1st. 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

or contact

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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

STUTTGART, 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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BATTLE OF VIMEIRO

Historic Recreation

27 & 28 July 2013

On the night of 20th August, Wellesley's army was concentrated on the ridge stretching west from Vimeiro to the sea, with its left occupying the hill in front of Vimeiro village. Towards 9am on the morning of the 21st, Junot's army was revealed in dense clouds of dust to be manoeuvring east of Vimeiro so as to threaten the British left flank. Wellesley had ample time to counter the threat by moving the bulk of his forces from the western ridge to the ridge running north-east from Vimeiro through Ventosa. Junot's plan evolved into a divided attack in which his main force would be thrust against Vimeiro Hill while Brennier's brigade was sent northwards to turn Wellesley's left. Prompted by the sight of British troops occupying the Ventosa ridge in force, Junot then dispatched Solignac northwards in support of Brennier.

The first French attack was launched against Vimeiro Hill. The brigades of Thomières and Charlot, advancing in columns and screened by *tirailleurs*, gradually pushed the thick British skirmishing line back from the foot of the hill, only to be sent reeling by the fire of the enveloping lines of British infantry from Fane's 6th and Anstruther's 7th Brigades. Undaunted, Junot renewed the attack by sending two battalions of St. Clair's grenadiers against the mid-point of the British line on the hill. Again the British infantry threw back the attack by converging so as to pour fire into the French column from three sides.

In desperation, Junot threw the remaining two fresh battalions of Maransin's grenadiers directly against Vimeiro village, only to see them caught in fire from both flanks as Wellesley ordered four companies from Acland's 8th Brigade to move down from the Ventosa ridge. After vicious, close-range fighting in the streets of the village, the grenadiers were compelled to retire.

Classifieds:

Minor changes needed to AFN decoders to keep viewing programming

By [John Vandiver](#)

Stars and Stripes

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STUTTGART, Germany — As part of an effort to reduce operating costs, American Forces Network Europe is eliminating one of its two satellite transponders next month, which will require decoder owners to make minor frequency changes to ensure they continue receiving television programming.

“This change is necessary to align budget constrained operations and continue to provide quality AFN service,” said AFN Europe Commander Lt. Col. Sherri Reed in a news release “But we’re doing all we can to help.”

The change, which will occur from June 4 to June 24, means decoder owners must adjust their respective frequencies and net identifications to get AFN TV and satellite radio productions.

All AFN Europe decoder owners, including U.S. consulates and embassies, must make the changes.

Viewers who get their AFN TV service from an on-base provider such as Germany’s TKS, as well as those in Afghanistan, do not have to make adjustments as contractors will make the required fixes.

Meanwhile, AFN officials are advising customers not to purchase or lease any decoder that is not the newest model, the Cisco D9865, as AFN plans to migrate to an upgraded digital signal later this year. When the changeover happens, all AFN decoders other than the D9865 will no longer function, the network said.

Decoder owners will notice that 12 redundant AFN|prime Atlantic channels and AFN|prime Freedom will no longer be available. To help ensure access to targeted community messages, the AFN Europe audience will still get local community messages via radio, social media and the AFN Europe web site at www.afneurope.net.

In anticipation of the June 4 frequency change, AFN has set up a set of instructions for its Europe customers on its website, where a list of upcoming channel changes also will be provided. Customers also can call AFN’s help line at DSN (314)-634-8228 or +39-04447-18228.

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For more information go to:

www.legion.org

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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
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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

RBL PORTUGAL BRANCH WEB

www.portugal.legionbranches.net

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LISBON CASUALS

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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.

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