

THE OUT HOUSE (inspired by a country preacher)

"And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come." Luke 14:18-20

Here's a family with an odd name. It's the **OUT Family**, and I mean there is a **HOUSE** full of them. Like all families, there are some good and some bad kin that carry on the family name. This family is named the **OUT Family**, or the **OUT HOUSE**. Bet you know some of the **OUT Family**; like **Show OUT**, **Speak OUT**, **Time OUT**, **Come OUT**, **Try OUT**, **Fell OUT**, **Sneak OUT**, **Throw OUT**, **Freak OUT**, **You're OUT**, **Get OUT**, **Cop OUT**, **Way OUT**, **Put OUT**, and we all know the daddy of the **OUT HOUSE**: **Butt OUT** and his lady **Check it OUT**. Let's look at some of the **OUTS** in our Marine Corps League Family. Our DNA runs deep, and our genes are common to all.

There's **Shut OUT**. God told Noah to build an ark, put a door in the side, and those that would not enter at the door by grace through faith would be **Shut OUT**. Likewise, when Sergeant-at-arms Stony closes the door at our monthly meetings and calls the members to order, you will definitely **Miss OUT** if you are **Shut OUT**.

There's **Hide OUT**. Adam and Eve **Hid OUT** from God. I bet we have some members that go AWOL and **Hide OUT** whenever they are needed for a project. But they will all come back to **Pig OUT** at the occasional **Cook OUT**.

There's **Went OUT**. Cain **Went OUT** from the presence of the LORD. If you **Went OUT** like the prodigal and have lost your way, please come home today. The Marine Corps League awaits your return with open arms.

There's **Sell OUT**. Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of beans. Some of you have **Sold OUT** for a bass boat and a six-pack. Others have **Sold OUT** because their mother-in-law moved in, and she won't **Move OUT**. Good excuse!

There's **Shell OUT**. *"A certain poor widow cast in thither two mites giving all she had."* As poor as we pretend to be, we can all give for the good of the League. Oops, one more just **Went OUT**.

There's **Wore OUT**. There will always be a few who carry most of the load for the League. We need the rest of us to **Help OUT**, so they won't **Fizzle OUT**. Oh well, guess it's better to **Burn OUT** than to **Rust OUT**.

There's **Hang OUT**. The Apostle Paul said, *"...come out from among them."* Be careful of the company you keep. There's nothing more rewarding than the camaraderie of other Marines. **Hang OUT** with the Marine Corps League, on the last Tuesday of each month, at 1730 hours, in the VFW building, 2461 Hobbs Road, Louisville TN 37777.

There's **Go OUT**. The Lord admonished His followers to **Go OUT** and *"compel them to come in."* Good advice for the League. They won't come in unless you **Go OUT** and invite other Marines to join us.

There's **Run OUT**. The job is not finished just because you **Run OUT** of toilet paper. A 'gung-ho' Marine will go back to the **OUT HOUSE** and improvise to get the job done. Some suggestions are: Sears Catalogue, corncobs, leaves, a K-bar (use caution), a face mask, The New York Times, The Washington Post, or pictures of Nancy and Chuck.

There's **Blow OUT**. Personality clashes, a critical spirit, childishness, and senility. Some of us ole' farts are just like a recapped tire that runs good in the winter time, but when the heat comes on, she will **Blow OUT**!

Finally; I knew you were kin to the **OUT Family**, because while you were reading this article, I thought you would **Pass OUT**, because of our Marine Corps League family's resemblance to the **OUT HOUSE**!

Semper Fi

Chaplain Ron