

Re: OT: Genesis recovery

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OM <om@our_blessed_lady_mary_of_the_holy_NASA_research_facility.org> writes:

> *On Thu, 09 Sep 2004 22:04:55 GMT, "Greg D. Moore \(\Strider\)"*

> *<mooregr_deleteth1s@greenms.com> wrote:*

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>>*This is one reason I like the movie Aliens so much. I think they captured*

>>*what Marines from 100-200 years from now will be like*

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> *...And naturally, they're virtually no different from the Jarheads of*

> *today, which simply proves what we swabbos have known for years about*

> *those lovable leathernecks: they're at the end of their evolutionary*

> *path.*

Sea Story time – Rig for TINS (This is No Shit) – Set the WABAC to Portsmouth Harbor, 1775.

John Paul Jones is fitting out the Ranger, preparatory to founding the American Navy. Since one of the things you Had to Have back then in order to be considered a Real Navy was Marines, he did what any other Captain in a Hurry would do – he advertized in the local broadsheet.

That morning, about (o'clock or so, a large, bleary-eyed fellow showed up, and announced that he was answering the ad for Marines, whatever they were. The XO, who'd previously been pushing Whalers around the globe, didn't know either, so, while waiting for Capt, Jones to show up, he signed the guy in, and sent him up onto the foredeck to wait for somebody to figure out what to do with him.

So, our Ur-Marine went up to the foredeck, sat down on a coil of line, and waited. Along about 11 o'clock, a second guy walks up, an also signs on as a "Marine, whatever that is." So the XO, still waiting on the Captain's Pleasure, signs him in, and sends him forward. He goes up to the foredeck, and plunks himself down on a hatch cover next to the first guy. Lunchtime occurs, and some minor rating brings 'em chow. The Captain still hasn't shown up. sometime in the mod-afternoon, the Second Marine turns to the first and says, "I dunno what a Marine does, but this is a pretty cushy billet." The First Marine replies "Hah! You should have been in the Old Corps..."

Secure from TINS.

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A strong conviction that something must be done is the parent of many
bad measures. -- Daniel Webster