**SHIPMATES,**

**FROM ERNIE HARPER '87:**

ALL,

In order to celebrate the Marines that have served, are serving and will serve, in every clime and place, I propose that we storm the heights of Humpback Rocks on Saturday morning, November 12, 2022.  Ascent to begin at 0900 come Hell or high water.

This is a one mile climb that feels more like the 3 miles we run for our PFT.  It is a short but steady uphill and rewards us with spectacular views once we reach the top of Chapultepec Castle (the Halls of Montezuma) – I mean Humpback Rocks.  The trail head is about a 40 minute drive from town – take exit 99 off of I – 64 at the top of Afton Mountain and head south on the Blue Ridge Parkway.  There is a visitors center with an old Appalachian farmstead on the right and then the trail head with parking on the left.

Hot wets and pogeybait – that is coffee and doughnuts / pastry – will be awaiting us upon rtb – or at least to the parking lot - from our assault.

Please note that one need not have claimed the title of United States Marine to celebrate our illustrious Corps of Marines.

Our Navy brethren and anyone who has an affinity for Marines and our ways is welcome to partake.

WHO IS IN?  Do you want to live forever?   Let me know if you are interested.

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