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Brother honors brother; *Active sheriff recognizes retiring Marine*



Providing a photo opportunity when requested are (from left) Gilchrist County Sheriff Bobby Schultz, United States Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sergeant Richard Schultz, Cheri Schultz and Suzie Schultz Douglas. Sgt. Schultz is Sheriff Schultz's older brother. Cheri Schultz is married to MGySgt. Schultz. Suzie Schultz is the sister of the sheriff and the sergeant.

Story and Photos

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BELL -- Gilchrist County Sheriff Bobby Schultz hosted a three-hour retirement party for his older brother Richard Schultz on Sunday afternoon (Aug. 26) at Akins BBQ Restaurant in Bell.

United States Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sergeant (E-9) Richard Schultz is scheduled to officially join the civilian ranks on Sept. 1.

USMC MGySgt. Schultz was accompanied by his wife Cheri Schultz to the party held in his honor. He plans to be a consultant in Charleston, S.C., after his retirement commences on Sept. 1.

Schultz joined the USMC on Aug. 2, 1988. When he retires, it will be after serving 30 years and one month – Aug. 31, 2018. The Marine graduated from Bell High School in 1984.

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Gigi Ramirez (left) and Vanessa Maysonet volunteered to decorate the whole inside of Akins Barbecue Restaurant. They put out balloons, tablecloths, a punch-pouring fountain, soft drinks, refreshments and decorations to honor the retiring Marine.



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A couple of the serving tables decorated by Gigi Ramirez and Vanessa Maysonet are seen here. The fountain between the two flags had several outlets pouring a continuous flow of punch.



Richie Frye (left) and Richard Schultz joined the USMC the same day as enlistment buddies. Both men completed bootcamp and then served at the same duty station -- Quantico, Va.

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Gilchrist County Sheriff Bobby Schultz (left) greets his friend Levy County Sheriff Bobby McCallum.



Lafayette County Sheriff Brian Lamb (left) shakes hands with his friend Gilchrist County Sheriff Bobby Schultz. Behind the sheriffs is Joy Lamb, the sheriff's wife. To the right in the picture is Levy County Sheriff Bobby McCallum.

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Kyle Schultz of Chiefland escorted his girlfriend Machele Gainey of Dixie County to celebrate Kyle's uncle's retirement. Kyle Schultz is a K-9 officer with the Chiefland Police Department. His dog's name is Blitz. Machele Gainey is the daughter of Dixie County School Board member Paul Gainey.

Among his friends visiting at the retirement party was Richie Frye, who joined the USMC on the same day as Schultz's "buddy" in that recruitment effort. Frye completed his four-year tour and returned to civilian life.

Marines Schutz and Frye served at the same first duty station after bootcamp – Quantico, Va.

Sgt. Schultz has served in various places, including a seven-year tour in Japan.

Also joining her brothers for the party was Suzie (Schultz) Douglas of Bell, and accompanying her was her husband Andy.

The siblings lost one brother Rusty Schultz, who at the age of 19 suffered a fatal accident while on active duty with the USMC in a light armored vehicle, in Goose Creek, S.C.

U.S. Rep. Theodore Scott "Ted" Yoho (Rep.) sent a flag that was flown over the nation's capital. Yoho is the United States Representative for Florida's 3rd congressional district. Rep. Yoho also sent a letter congratulating the retiring Marine.

U.S. Rep. Neal Dunn (Rep.) is the United States Representative for Florida's 2nd congressional district, which includes Gilchrist County.

At least two other high sheriffs of Florida came to Akins BBQ in Bell to congratulate MGySgt. Schultz and thank him for his service to the people of the United States of America.

Levy County Sheriff Bobby McCallum and Lafayette County Sheriff Brian Lamb drove

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to Bell for the event.

Family, friends, colleagues and other guests all enjoyed drinks and light refreshments as they celebrated with the Schultz family.

Among the elected leaders of Gilchrist County who came to the event were County Commissioner Kendrick Thomas. Commissioner Thomas served in the USMC from 1971 to 1975.

Another Gilchrist County Commissioner at the celebration was Sharon Akins Langford.

Gilchrist County Manager Bobby Crosby was accompanied by his wife Tammy Crosby to the party.

Gilchrist County School Board Member Michelle Walker-Crawford was among the many people at the event as well.

A.D. Goodman of Central Florida Electric Cooperative was accompanied by his wife Beverly Goodman, the manager of the Tri-County Community Resource Center in Chiefland.

The list of guests is extensive. During the time from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, between 50 and 100 people visited the party.

People from near and far came to congratulate the retiring Marine on his accomplishment, and to thank him for his service. People also mentioned their appreciation to Cheri Schultz for her part in her husband's being able to continue as an active duty Marine for 30 years and one month.