

Maryland Muster

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From the Commandant - Craig P. Reeling

Dept Staff,

We are working to find a location to Host the Fall Dept Meeting. Can anyone help with a location?

The dates have been set and I wanted everyone to have as much advance notice as possible.

Fall - 1 October 2016, location TBD

Winter - 21 January 2017, Sgt Mileo Det in Centreville

Spring - 25 March 2017, Antietam Det in Hagerstown

Adjutant Paul Taylor will be sending out an email the Dept Distro List once we lock on a Fall Meeting Location.

Looking forward to the National Convention in Tulsa this weekend. I'll see some of you there.

Semper Fi,
Craig P. Reeling
Commandant
Department of Maryland
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



Marine Corps League

Department of Maryland

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Sr. Vice Commandant - Evelyn Remines

Hello to all and I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer so far!

It's still two months until we meet on a Department level. This usually leads to the Fall meeting being rather long. Let's have some patience as we get through everything and please don't let that be a deterrent from attending. Remember that **ALL MCL members** are permitted to attend Department meetings. It can be a nice way to see what the other Detachments have been doing and maybe get some ideas for your own Detachments.



I will be giving a detailed report on the 2015 convention and looking for any feedback in order to make 2016 an even better experience for everyone. Planning is under way already and I will have raffle tickets at the Fall Department meeting to distribute to the detachments. I want to thank everyone who sold raffle tickets last year, it was a huge success. I believe getting the tickets out early and lowering the cost per ticket helped to get more sold. We will keep up the same system for this year's raffle.

I look forward to seeing everyone in September!

Jr. Vice Commandant - Bill Kelly



Semper Fidelis from the Jr. Vice Commandant!

Now that the summer doldrums are upon us, it is a good time to focus and plan for the upcoming fall meetings. The membership numbers have improved over the past year and have increased by 18 members from the June report of last year. Any and all projects or other functions should include a focus on recruiting new members. Toys for Tots provides an excellent presence for the League at those various functions. Additionally, any and all MCL sponsored events over the summer and fall provide an excellent platform to promote the League and all of our endeavors. We need to be sure to identify our various projects and philanthropic functions to any prospective member.

Some detachments are increasing while others are slowly losing members. We have to "stop the bleeding" and that begins with every member of every detachment! Reach out and touch that neighbor or work associate who was a member of the Corps and show them all of the great things we do in our communities.

It is incumbent upon every one of us to recruit new members whenever and wherever we can find them! From new members come new ideas. Consider a program for mentoring every new member to show him the "ropes" and let him know that his or her contributions will be entertained and recognized. Encourage attendance at all of your functions and celebrations. Recruit! Recruit! Recruit! That should be our watchword not just for a season but for the entire year!!

I look forward to seeing you all at the next Department Meeting. The Mideast Convention in Delaware in June was excellent. Additionally, the National Convention in Tulsa, OK is coming up in August, but unfortunately I will be at a meeting at MCAS Miramar in CA.

Mideast Division Events

The Mideast Division Conference was held June 24-26, 2016 at the Hilton in Newark, Delaware and was hosted by the Department of Delaware. 65 members were in attendance. Dept of DE Commandant Raymond Snyder opened the conference and turned over to NVC Mike McLain, who conducted the conference as per the ritual. MCLA Mideast Division Vice President - Judy Horsenky was in attendance and introduced members of the MCLA.

Joint Opening Guest Speaker was Theresa Hancock - Director Dept of Veterans Affairs, Vet Health Administration, Veterans and Consumer Health Information Office, Silver Spring, MD

A static rotation for hosting the Mideast Division Conference is listed below as this would help all the departments in advance planning for their respective year.

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| 1. Virginia – 2020 | 2. Delaware – 2021 | 3. North Carolina – 2017 |
| 4. Maryland – 2018 | 5. West Virginia - 2019 | |

Division MOY Chairman Roger Ware discussed the Board members included himself, Bud Raines, Tony Begenwald and Richard Tanner used a point system to select the recipient.

MCL certificates were presented to New Castle County Young Marines - New Castle County, DE and Delaware State Police Pipe & Drum, Department & Division Staff, General Thomas Holcomb Detachment #814 and Committee Members and Hilton Wilmington/Christiana Hotel. Mideast Conference flag streamers presented to all detachments represented

Professional Development Training- National JA and Division Adjutant went over the 2016 National Proposed Bylaws changes and talked about voting by delegates for the bylaws and elections. When a member transfers to M-A-L status, he has NO voting privileges at the Det or Department level and can only vote at the National Convention and can not serve on any committees. If he is a Dual member and also belongs to a Det, he can vote that membership in the Det and Department. There is no M-A-L at the Department level as it is National only.

The 2016 Mideast Division Marine of the Year: Michael McLain - Department of West Virginia
2017 Mideast Division Conference will be June 23-25, 2017 hosted by Department of North Carolina at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel Raleigh-Durham Airport at Research Triangle Park, 4810 Page Creek Lane, Durham, North Carolina, 27703. Tel +1-919-941-6000 after May 17, 2016. for reservations. Room rate: \$99.00 plus room tax. Free breakfast and parking



Did you know?

CNN Medical correspondent and neurosurgeon Sanjay Gupta saved a Marine's life after he was shot in the head during the opening days of the invasion of Iraq. Without proper tools, Gupta performed the brain surgery with a Black and Decker handheld drill. The Marine lived.



District Two Vice Commandant - Donald Benson, Sr.



This past Quarterly as of May-August 2016,

I continue to attend Harford County Detachment meeting and Social events.

I continue to volunteer at Perry Point Veteran Hospital on a weekly basis.

Participated in the Jarrettsville VFW Post 8679 Bingo Night (kitchen Detail).

Participated in Harford County Detachment 1198 and Dog Patch Pound 333 combined Picnic in July.

Participated in Detachment 1049 Golf Outing, the Memorial Day ceremony in Bel Air, Memorial honoring Harford County Marines killed in Iraq, the Bel Air 4th of July Parade, Mike Heede Poker Run (Mike is one of Detachment 1198 members Son that was KIA in Operation Enduring Freedom), with VFW, Young Marines,

MCL, VFW Auxiliary picnic, for the Veterans at Perry Point, Detachment 1198 Har-

ford Country Farm Fair, Attended 1049 Detachment meeting, Attended 1198 Detachment meetings, Attended LZ Maryland, Attended Perry Point VAVS meeting, Attended May and July Pound 333 Growl, Attended Mid-Winter National Staff Conference

District Two Report;

Attended Anne Arundel Detachment meeting

Attended Harford County Detachment Meeting

LCpl. Gregory Scott Copenhaver

Harford County

Baltimore

Anne Arundel County

Det. 1098 Elkton, MD.

Det. 1198 Jarrettsville, MD.

Det. 565 Baltimore City, MD.

Det. 1049 Glen Burnie, MD.

I have asked each Commandant of each Detachment to send me a copies their Quarterly Reports and Newsletters.

District Three Vice Commandant - Tim Hoernig

I attended the Mideastern Conference on June 24th and 25th in Delaware. The Growl on Friday evening was very entertaining to say the least. A lot of Bones were collected for the children. The business meeting on Saturday was very informative. Things have been pretty quite in the Third District and I am sure it will pick up soon.

Now that most of the veteran celebrations have ended (Memorial Day, 4th of July) veterans are forgotten due to other festivities that go on during the summer. It is our duty as MCL members to see the veterans are always acknowledged and appreciated for the service and sacrifices they have given to make our country free. This is especially true for our young brothers and sisters serving and recently discharged, we need to seek them out, not hunt them down, to ensure they are doing okay and talk with them so they feel we do care about them and to let them know that the MCL is here for them, they may not want to join right now and we should not try and force them to join right away, what we can and should do is to invite them to attend a meeting and invite them to an event your detachment is holding so they can see what you are doing and just maybe it will ignite a spark of interest and a new member may show up and join your detachment.

The next Department meeting will be in September. These meetings are open to all MCL and Auxiliary members. By attending you can hear what is going on in the state, also may get some ideas to bring back to you detachment to discuss involvement or maybe to participate in.

Have fun this summer and look forward to seeing you at the Fall Department meeting.



District Four Vice Commandant - Marc Fisher



The District 4 Marine Corps Ball will be held Saturday, 12 November, at the Gold Star Post American Legion in Mount Airy. Social Hour at 1700 with open bar, cash bar prevails at 1800. The menu consists of Stuffed Chicken Breast, Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Stewed Tomatoes, Tossed Salad, Birthday Cake, and Ice Cream. Music will be provided by a DJ. We are pleased and honored to announce that our Guest of Honor/Speaker will be Sgt. Maj. Adrian Gamboa, USMC (Ret). SgtMaj Gamboa recently retired from the Marine Corps after serving 27 years. Please watch a video interview of him at www.carrollhistory.org/video/adrian-gamboa/

We are working on getting an active duty contingent from Ft. Meade to attend and assist as Honor Guard, etc., and Jack Severn and Joe Clemente are working on performing the full ceremony where possible.

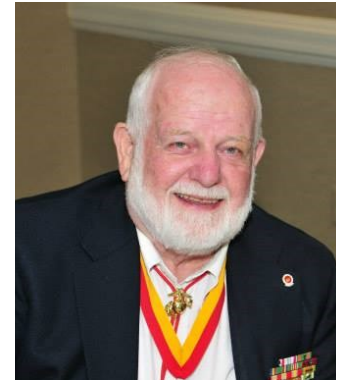
The cost for tickets is \$40.00 per person, and includes favor. ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information or questions, please contact Marc Fisher at districtvicecommandant@gmail.com or 443-386-6415

Department Adjutant - Paul Taylor

We are nearing the end of July and I still don't have all the Detachment's Officer Installation Reports. IAW National bylaws, all reports of officer installations must reach National MCL headquarters NLT 30 June. Obviously this isn't happening in Maryland.

I have also delayed preparing the Department Directory as it is ideal to include all detachments. Again, this isn't happening this year. I can't wait forever. The Directory will be published without certain detachment information/officers.



While I am on the subject, all information pertaining to installation of officers is contained in the National and Department bylaws. I still receive many incomplete submissions. You must completely fill out the report, especially names, phone numbers, both snail mail and email addresses. Some detachments fail to fill in the amount National should bill the members for renewal. This causes delays in getting the report to National because I will not forward an incomplete report. You should also completely fill out the top portion of the installation form (EIN, incorporation date, date/place of monthly meetings, etc).

The bylaws also designate who can perform the installation ceremony. Not just anyone can do it. At the very least, the installing officer must be a Detachment Commandant or Past Detachment Commandant. No other officer in the Detachment is eligible to perform the ceremony.

The form is online where you can type in the information neatly and I won't have to call back and forth trying to decipher your handwriting. And remember that I need three copies.



Three years after illegally joining the Marine Corps at the age of 14, Jacklyn Lucas snuck onto a ship bound for Iwo Jima, stormed the beach without a rifle, and threw himself on top of two grenades to protect his team. He survived, and earned the Medal of Honor at the age of 17.

MODD MD Pack Leader - Bill Kelly

WOOF!! WOOF!!

First and foremost I would like to thank all of the Maryland Dogs for electing me as your Pack Leader!! I'm looking forward to this year and will do my best to ensure that Maryland remains the number one Pack in the Nation!!

Our next Department Growl will be held immediately following the Department meeting. I will unfortunately not be able to attend the 77th Supreme Growl due to work a commitment that requires me to be at MCAS Miramar. I have attended the previous two years and believe all should attend at least once for the experience. The Supreme Growls are definitely worth it!

Remember the election of Pound officers is required to occur within 90 days following the National Convention. Please make sure that the new slate of officers is submitted to the Dog Robber following the installation.

It is my intent to try to visit each Pound in the state during my tenure. I am starting with Dog Patch Pound #333 in July. Please let me know as soon as possible when your Growl's are scheduled so I can arrange my schedule accordingly.



**MILITARY ORDER OF
DEVIL DOGS**

The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Toys for Tots - Marian James



Greetings,

We are fast approaching the time when we will begin to collect toys to distribute in our Toys for Tots Program. Some of you have already had or have projects scheduled to raise funds for this worthwhile endeavor.

Hopefully, we will exceed last year's donations and increase our use of the Young Marines in our respective areas. Detachment 565 hopes to increase their donations by getting more participation from the Fire

Department, Police Department and employees from the City of

Baltimore. However, if you have any ideas or suggestions that might be useful to other Toys for Tots Chairman, your ideas are welcome.

The first meeting of the VAVS Committee was held at Towson Post Number 22 on June 21, 2016. The new Director of the Maryland VA Health Care Systems, Baltimore, Loch Raven and Perry Point is Dr. Adam Robinson. The Emergency Room at Greene Street is currently under renovation which will change the traffic flow during renovations. Training classes are currently being held so that volunteers can be certified or recertified for the next ensuing year.

Vouchers are being given to the homeless veterans in the Perry Point area while the builder is trying to get funds together to build the Village project which has been ongoing for five years; it is hoped that the mansion will be completed in October. Major renovations will be done at the Greene Street garage and more information will follow. Youth training classes have been completed and young adults are working at Greene Street and the Loch Raven facility. The medical centers are still keeping a tight control on the food that is served to the patients during bingo and other special events that are held at the facilities. Please continue to volunteer and if you don't volunteer, please consider becoming a regular or occasional volunteer.



You can make an online donation directly to your local campaign!

Go to the Toys for Tots website at: <https://web.charityengine.net/> and choose your location from the drop down box. Your donation will be secure and go directly to benefit the children in your area.



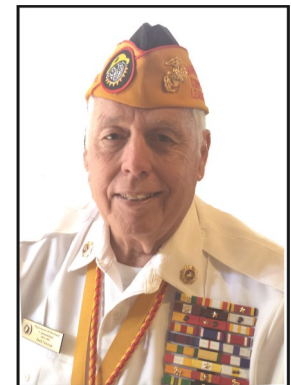
The first amphibious landing in Marine Corps history came on March 3, 1776, when a force under Capt Samuel Nicholas stormed the beaches of the British-held island of New Providence in the Bahamas. The 220 Marines had journeyed to the Caribbean with a Continental Navy flotilla in search of military supplies. After landing unopposed near Nassau, they captured the town and took possession of its two forts, both of which surrendered after a token resistance.

Chief of Staff & Historian - Jack Severn

I have been very busy compiling the National program convention book. I think it is going to be one of the biggest yet.

The following are activities I have participated in:

- Attended the Department of MD convention and Growl in May
- Working on artwork for patches, coins and MODD stamp for the 77th Supreme Growl in Tulsa, OK
- Participated in the 4th of July parade as part of the Color Guard
- Attended the MidEast Division Conference
- Attend the Mt. Airy Community Carnival with the LCpl Deane Detachment where we sold hot dogs and recruited. Eleven new member joined!
- Conducted installation of Officers for Anne Arundel, Jack Hettchen and Harford County detachments.
- Attended the LCpl Deane awards dinner
- Taught at the Leadership College
- Recruited at the Mt. Airy Celtic Festival



Semper Fi

Department Paymaster - Ed Dahling

Greetings all,

It is that time for many of the Detachments and Aux. MODD Packs and Pounds to file IRS 990. The IRS requires that a return is filed by the fifteenth day of the fifth month after the close of the fiscal year. Many, but not all, detachments use June 30 as the end of their fiscal year. If this is your date then your return is due before November 15th.

IRS 990N e-Postcard site has been changed

Below is the new information now required? Read over the info and then log onto this site to get a new user name and password.

<https://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Annual-Electronic-Filing-Requirement-for-Small-Exempt-Organizations-Form-990-N-e-Postcard>

NOTE: IRS has changed how they accept the filings and does not send a confirmation back to your mail so when you finally get logged into the site and answer all the questions and file, make a copy of what you entered before sending. IRS does not send you a confirmation copy or acceptance. Once you create a user name and password, be sure to write it down. Log into your email account and you will be given a code to enter your information. It's only good for 15 minutes. When you try to log into the site, you can enter your user name okay but you will have to enter your password twice as it will deny you on the first attempt. After logging in and answering all the question, copy off what you entered. After filing, wait for about an hour and log back into the site and see if IRS accepted your file.

After print the receipt and mail or e-mail a copy to me. As I will be tracking each Detachment who has or have not file.



A Marine horse name "Reckless" carried 9000 pounds of ammo on her own during one battle in Korea, received two purple hearts and was promoted to Staff Sergeant with a 19 gun salute.

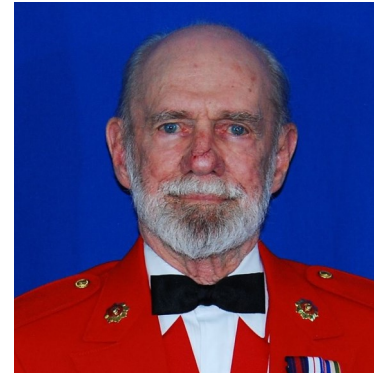


Young Marines West - Joe Clemente



I continue to touch base with the Young Marines in the West sector. I attended the retirement ceremony for Young Marine Sgt. Major Joseph Ambs on June 18th. He will be attending the University of Nebraska in the fall.

Semper Fi



Young Marines - Division 2 News

The Jarrettsville Young Marines hosted the Sixth Annual Division 2 Field Meet 20-22 May. They hosted 132 Young Marines and 39 Registered Adults. Though the weather was rainy and cooler than normal, the Young Marines showed great motivation as they attacked each event with gusto. The Field Meet took place at the American Legion So MD Youth Camp in Cheltenham, MD.

Fifteen units from Division 2 participated including the South Jersey unit from Division 1. Events included tug-o-war, dodge ball, one-mile run, three-legged race, hula hoop bump, push up challenge and water balloon toss.

Young Marines National Executive Director Bill Davis visited the event along with Chester, the YM Mascot. Mr. Davis presented several awards as well as a meritorious promotion to YM Sgt for YM/Sgt Robert Willis of the So MD Young Marines.

Ten certificates of appreciation were present and the Jaylen McDonald Annual Spirit Award was given to YM/MSgt Gavin Cornell of the Manassas Young Marines.

As they left on Sunday they were soggy, tired and ready to do it all again.

-Submitted to Esprit Magazine by George Biedenbender, Commander, Division 2

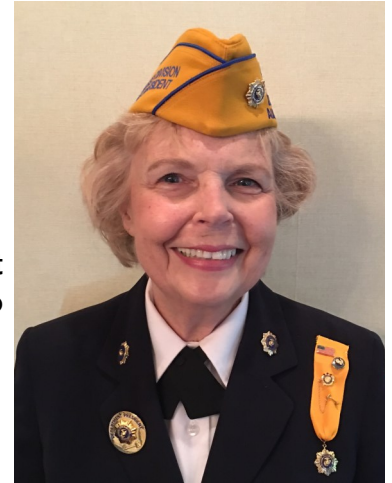


The Young Marines bundled up and endured rain to play dodge ball against each other.

Ladies Auxiliary - President Judy Horensky

The auxiliary units have been busy this past year supporting their detachments and communities. As the MCLA Mideast Division Vice President I have also been busy attending all national and Mideast meetings as well starting a new unit in NC and welcoming a new unit in VA.

Some Baltimore members volunteer at the Baltimore VA Hospital and at a food kitchen. L/Cpl Deane members have been supporting the Neuro Center in Germantown and the Pleasant View Nursing Home in Mt. Airy. The Neuro Center provides neurorehabilitation, day treatment, respite care, transitional living, and outpatient services to veterans. Auxiliary members have provided a meal, clothing and played games with the residents as well as providing Christmas presents for both facilities. The Deane unit is also very active in assisting the detachment with fundraisers in the community. Mountainside contributes to Department activities and is looking for new members. Several auxiliary members attended the MCL Leadership College this Spring.



Unfortunately, the Anne Arundel County unit closed this year, but several of its members have transferred to the Baltimore unit and are still active as Department officers plus Chris Stevens co-runs Toys for Tots for Anne Arundel County and is the coordinator/lead for the Anne Arundel County MCL Detachment. Gloria Roman would like to reopen the Howard County unit and encourages any interested women to contact her at romanstwo@msn.com or 410-465-8263.

If any detachments are interested in having a unit, I will be happy to discuss what the auxiliary can do to help you and to talk with wives, relatives, friends about the process. I can be reached at jhorensky@yahoo.com, (H) 302-449-1409, or (C) 410-707-3425. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the National Convention in Tulsa.



Eagle Scouts - Bob Rossi



Congratulations to Department of Maryland Detachments. For the fiscal operating year from 1, May 2015 through 30, April 2016, **150** Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Awards were conferred by the Shangri-La, Baltimore, Patuxent River, Anne Arundel County and Antietam Detachments.

It's not only the numbers it's the quality. For example, the Robert Wallace Deane Detachment 770 of Mount Airy conferred 1 award. They absolutely astounded the Scout's parents, scout officials and guests when six Marines wearing full MCL uniforms showed up for the ceremony to shake hands, congratulate everybody and make an Eagle Scout's day. Talk about great public relations for the Marine Corps! Atta Boys to Clark Beall and Breezy Reed and their fellow Marines in the Deane Detachment.

Within 10 months of its inaugural charter meeting, founding the Sgt. John Franklin Hettchen Detachment 1428, Commandant Paul Gunther appointed Chaplain Mike Harting to chair the Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Awards Program. Mike conferred 2 awards including the happy coincidence yesterday July 24th at the Church of the Latter Day Saints in Germantown. Brandon Shott and his father Jim Shott (Sr. Vice Hettchen Detachment) stood proud accompanied by Paul Gunther, Tim Wainescott, and Bob Rossi who photographed the event. See picture left to right: Tim Wainescott, Paul Gunther, Eagle Scout Brandon Shott, Jim Shott and Mike Harting.

Carl Lenhardt, Ray Chatterly, J.D. Beavers, Milt Hazzard, Dan Turner and Jeff Mangum continue to drive the program in their areas. Well done!

Prospects for 1, May 2016 through 30, April 2017 are encouraging especially as more detachments learn how much fun all this is. Make no mistake about it Marines showing up in their MCL uniforms have a highly positive impact and especially reflects well on the Marines. We have outstanding support from Craig Reeling and Charles Minton at the department and division levels. Mike Harting is working with Charles Dobbins of the Area 6 Director for the BSA in Montgomery County, Maryland to broadcast the program. So do good and have fun!



4th CEB Liaison - Harry Hierstetter

I received a request from GySgt Howard in reference concerning a Ladies Night that the Inspector-Instructor Staff of the 4thCEB was holding at the Rusty Scupper restaurant on 20 May 2016. They only had four seats available. Because, Jack Colleran was a past Battalion SgtMaj, I extended the invite to him and his Lady Joan Hansen. Judy Hoffman attended with me, and the four of us had a great time.

The annual 4thCEB Family Day will be held on Sunday, 11 September 2016. There will be an EXPO of resources once again, combined with "Employers Seeking Vets". The event will take place aboard the Marine Corps Reserve Training Center in Baltimore, Maryland



"Love/Hate"



Newest Members of the Department of Maryland

The Department of Maryland would like to welcome the following members to the Marine Corps League!

Antietam Detachment

- ♦ Steve Kreitzer

Baltimore Detachment

- ♦ Andrew Zachary
- ♦ Zachary Slafkosky
- ♦ Loy Oberry
- ♦ Chad Hilton
- ♦ Darrell Truesdale

Shangri-La Detachment

- ♦ Peter Prime
- ♦ John McHleyy
- ♦ Benjamin Icore
- ♦ Brad Geier
- ♦ Christ Garcia

LCpl Deane Detachment

- ♦ Alexander Whitney
- ♦ Scott Martucci
- ♦ Dru Brooks
- ♦ Michele Brooks
- ♦ Thomas Bulanda
- ♦ Gunther Zimmer
- ♦ Martin Westby
- ♦ James Bass
- ♦ Ross Hammer
- ♦ Jesse Wilson
- ♦ Dakota Burdette

Jack Hettchen Detachment

- ♦ John Maisel

Maryland Marines Detachment

- ♦ Paul Scherback

Mountainside Detachment

- ♦ Charles Rodger

Anne Arundel Detachment

- ♦ Tom Maiorana
- ♦ Julio Mazarieos
- ♦ Nila Caulder
- ♦ Christ Stevens
- ♦ Tash Walters
- ♦ Peter Smith
- ♦ Jeremiah Main
- ♦ Roy Troutner

Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment

- ♦ Vince McDonald

SSgt Taylor Detachment

- ♦ Edward Hall
- ♦ Tim Paulin
- ♦ Daniel Paulin

Garrett County Detachment

- ♦ William Williams
- ♦ Louis McCaulley
- ♦ Francis Pepe

Sgt. Jack Hettchen Detachment

- ♦ Glen Murphy
- ♦ Daniel Lane
- ♦ Michael Harting

Pax River Detachment

- ♦ Tom Kelly
- ♦ Cristobal Ceron
- ♦ Lisa McAloon
- ♦ Laura Braunbeck
- ♦ Michael Danko
- ♦ Doug Engel
- ♦ Russell Campbell
- ♦ Daniel Krall

Department Convention Recap 29-30 April 2016

29 April

Department Commandant Craig Reeling opened the Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League, and the Dept of MD, Marine Corps League Auxiliary annual convention IAW MCL by-laws, recognized all National Officers, Natl Marines of the Year, Natl Aux Officers, Honorary Chief Devil Dogs, past Dept Commandants, Dept Marines of the Year, past Dept Auxiliary Pres, and present Dept Aux Pres. The Jarrettsville Young Marines presented the colors and were presented a plaque by Comdt Reeling.

Comdt Reeling introduced our first guest speaker: Secretary of MD Veterans Affairs, Marine George Owens. Upon conclusion of his talk, he presented a Governor's Citation to Comdt Reeling with a promise to get one to the Aux Pres. He was followed by the Dir of MD Veterans Services Program Manager, Phil Mundy. He was followed by Charlotte Hall Veterans Home representative, Carol Lewis. She was followed by Marine Fred Wise, representing the Mayor of Ocean City, who presented a key to the city to Natl Comdt Gore and Mid-east vice Comdt McLaine. He was followed by Marine for Life Kim Robinson, visiting us from Quantico. He was followed by Susan Kern, manager of the MD Veterans Affairs Volunteer Program Services, who presented Leadership Awards to Comdt Reeling and Pres Horensky. She was followed by McVets representative Jeffrey Hendricks who brought several successful candidates with him. Chief Devil Dog Smith thanked us for the hospitality as did Natl Comdt Gore. They were followed by Mid-east vice Comdt Mike McLaine who encouraged everyone to read the Mid-east bulletin distributed by Mid-east Adjutant Roger Ware and also to attend the upcoming Mid-east conference. He also displayed his disappointment of having no nominations for the Mid-east Marine of the Year. He also asked us to support WV's bid to host the National Convention in 2018. Pres Horensky spoke briefly on the affairs of the auxiliary and asked for more members, noting that they accept associate members also. Jr Past Dept Comdt Blair came forward and asked his wife, Bernadine to come join him. Much to her surprise, he presented her with a huge, beautifully framed photograph of them on their wedding day, 55 years ago today! Needless to say, she was overwhelmed. Both received a standing ovation.

30 April

Comdt Reeling reopened the convention IAW MCL rituals and recognized all dignitaries. The Jarrettsville Young Marines presented the colors.

Joint business: The hospitality workers presented \$100.00 to the Marines Helping Marines program from their sale of Jell-O shooters on Friday. The auxiliary was then dismissed to proceed to its meeting location.

The minutes from the March meeting were accepted as distributed.

The Paymaster's report was accepted, pending audit.

A thank you letter was read from the Fisher House for the \$250.00 we donated.

Sick/in distress: Marines Kolich, Donnelly, Miller.

Roll call of officers taken: All present except District Five vice Comdt Raines and Charlotte Hall Chairman/YM Liaison, East, Vanden Bos.

Roll call of dets taken: All present except Carroll Cty, Choptank, Sgt Mileo, So MD, and SSgt Taylor.

The Dept Officers gave their reports. The Dept Committee Chairpersons gave their reports. The Detachment Comdts gave their reports. District Vice Comdts gave their reports.

Department Convention Recap Continued

Old business: Comdt Reeling reminded the members to file Maryland Form 1 and IRS 990s.

New business: Proposed bylaw changes one and two passed.

A motion was made and seconded to donate \$100.00 for a T-box sign for LCpl Deane's golf tournament. Motion failed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to pass the hat for the same cause. This was done and considerably more than \$100.00 was collected.

Senior Vice Comdt Remines announced that she has signed a contract with the Princess Royale to remain here through 2018 and the hotel wants her to sign through 2021. A motion was made, seconded to decline the offer. An amendment was made to delete "decline" and insert "take no action." The amendment passed and then the original motion also passed.

Paymaster Dahling presented a budget for the first time ever in the Dept. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept it.

Good of the League: Natl Comdt Gore spoke briefly, telling us that HQ is now in good shape. Natl Executive Director Hazzlett spoke extensively on exactly what has happened at HQ over the last two years and what is being done about it. He assured us that they are on the right track and taking care of all problems.

Marine George mentioned that while attending the Joint Veterans Committee Veteran of the Year banquet, he saw several Marines who were not MCL members but he could not find a MCL member with an application to distribute.

Senior Vice Remines presented Recruiter of the Year Award to Doc Gunther.

Comdt Reeling presented Marines Guy Hall and Bud Raines with a Distinguished Citizen Medal (Gold) signed by the Natl Comdt for their assistance with the 2015 Modern Day Marine Expo. The Newsletter of the Year award was presented to Anne Arundel County.

North East Vice Comdt Griffin promised \$1,000.00 for the Marines Helping Marines program.

Prior to the lunch break, nomination of officers was taken with the following results:

Commandant: Craig Reeling (Accepted) Senior vice: Evelyn Remines (Accepted)

Junior vice: Bill Kelly (Accepted) Judge Advocate: Jerry Devlin (Accepted)

There being no competition, the Adjutant cast one unanimous vote for each candidate.

Comdt Reeling presented the Det Comdt of the Year to Garrett Cty Comdt Heileg. He also presented Marine Heileg with the Distinguished Citizen Award (Silver). The Garrett Cty Det was also presented with a MUC having achieved ten years of service.

Natl Comdt Gore did the honors of swearing in the 2017 officers.

Announcements:

District Four is sponsoring a five-detachment birthday ball on 12 November.

Dept Leadership College: 7 May at VFW Post 160, Glen Burnie from 0800-1600.

Mid-east convention: 24/25 Jun, Newark, DE. Natl MCL Convention: Tulsa, OK, 7-12 August.

Comdt Reeling closed the convention IAW MCL rituals.

There were 55 members signed in.

Note: At the banquet the Marine of the Year award was presented to Doc Gunther.

Department Happenings & Pictures

The Baltimore Detachment is having a
Motor March to the Marine Corps Museum

Saturday, September 3rd, 2016

Van leaves MCL 565 - 1426 Fort Avenue

On the school's parking lot at 0900

Returns at 1900. Room for 14 passengers

\$20.00 per person. Payment due August 26th

Info: (410) 366-5143 or (443) 756-0886

Driver/Contact: Howard Koontz,

Past Detachment Commandant



Members of the Pax River detachment spent their Independence day at Charlotte Hall Veterans' Home. They cooked for and served the Veterans in order to allow them to celebrate the 4th of July and have a good time.

(No word on if fireworks were set off, but knowing these Marines they probably snuck some sparkler in.)

Department Pictures



Members of the Free State Detachment assisted in the dedication of a Memorial to the men and women of the Armed Forces. This dedication took place on Memorial Day in Bowie, MD.

The Garrett County Detachment's 2nd Annual Golf Tournament.

Top pic: Comdt Rob Heilig thanking participants and going over the tournament rules



Bottom Pic: Members Jim Manning, Harold Harsh, Sr., Charling Pennington, and Bob Johnson handing out swag and selling 50/50 tickets



Department Pictures



Anne Arundel County Det 1049 recruited at Downs Park in June.

Members shown are Bill Collins, Tom Maiorana and Norm Huffman.



SSgt Taylor Det 1084 marched in the River Hill community parade on Independence Day.

Pictured are Mike Betts, Tim Pualin, Kevin Oliver and Bill Swain.

Gordon MacPhee was driving the jeep directly behind them.

Department Pictures



Shangri-La Detachment Sr. Vice Commandant, Meghan Layman poses with member Walter Roney. Walter celebrated his 92nd birthday on July 9th!

Shangri-La Detachment members attended the Golden Gears car show in Frederick. Members shown are: Jerry Warren, Ron L. Layman, Sr., Tommy Grunwell, David Molesworth, Conrad Bangh and Meghan Layman.



Department Pictures



The Anne Arundel County Detachment had five new members join the detachment at their July meeting! Great job to all!



Members of the Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment participated in the Harford County Farm Fair along side the Jarrettsville VFW and Jarrettsville Young Marines.

Department Pictures



GySgt David A. Nunez of the Anacostia Marine Reserve Training Center poses with and presents awards to two new Eagle Scouts



Manny Airey of the Anne Arundel County Detachment celebrated his 90th birthday on 2 August.

Department Pictures



The Mountainside Marines braves high temperatures to work the Allegany County Fair and Ag Expo July 16-23.

Members pictured include:

Lenny Emerick, Ernie Lowery, Ray Cook, Les Matthews, Leroy Smith, Chuck Rogers, Ron Smith, and Jimmie Smith

There was a special appearance by the Froggy 105.3 mascot



National Recruiting Cash Incentive Program

National currently has a recruiting contest/incentive program in place effective October 1, till the close of business prior to next years National Convention. It is a cash incentive, with the drawing to be held at the National Convention in Oklahoma.

1st prize—\$1,000.00 each to a new member and the sponsor

2nd prize—\$ 500.00 each to a new member and the sponsor

3rd prize x 10—\$100.00 each to a new member and the sponsor.

Note- if the new member walked into the Detachment to join and there is no sponsor listed the Detachment will get the sponsor portion of the prize.

Be sure to recruit and maybe you, your recruit or your Detachment will be one of the lucky winners!!

Does your Detachment need its own set of Colors?

The Anne Arundel County Detachment shared information to get your own Detachment flag for \$1000 or under!!

Gettysburg Flag Works can help your Detachment. Go to their website at www.gettysburgflag.com or call them at 1-888-697-3524



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Marine Corps League license plates are always available! As long as you are a member in good standing you qualify for these plates. If interested, please contact Craig Reeling at

Craig.Reeling@MarylandMarines.org

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