

MARYLAND MUSTER

From the Commandant - Craig P. Reeling

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Hello Marines! The Department is off to a great start this summer. We had a successful Convention in May and I want to congratulate all of my newly elected and appointed Dept Officers. We held a Board of Trustees/Staff Meeting on 6 June to define our goals for the Dept this year. The Officers had some great input and we came up with an ambitious set of goals. Many of the Dept Officers have a responsibility to interact with the local Dets. I encourage the Dets to provide them with any assistance they may require. We have also increased the number of Districts to 5. This will allow our District Vice Commandants to focus on fewer Detachments and improve their interaction at the local level.

We want the Department website www.deptofmdmcl.org to be your first stop for Information about the Dept. If you cannot find what you are looking for, then I want to know about it. We want to pass the word down to the lowest level, so everyone is invited to join our email distribution list.

We have already visited some Detachments and am I am looking forward to getting around to EVERY Detachment this year. Please include me on your Newsletter distribution and event listings.

I still work full time and would prefer to be reached by email, but your calls are always welcome.

Now for some background on my USMC and MCL service:

Proud member of the MCL for 17 years.

I am currently a member of 4 MCL Detachment's (in this order):

Corporal Philip A. Reynolds Det 203 – Freehold, NJ

Past Commandant 2006-2007 & Life Member

Jersey Shore Leathernecks Det 1313 – Long Branch, NJ

Chartering Officer 2008 & Past Commandant 2008-2010

Harford County Det 1198

Member since 2010.

Maryland Marines M-A-L Det 1371

Chartering Officer 2011 & Commandant 2013-present

I have held numerous Detachment elected and appointed positions throughout my MCL career. I am very proud of my Detachment Teammates as each local Detachment has seen our share of successes in the community and has been recognized at the MCL Dept level and National level. I became involved at the Department level serving as Membership Chairman and a District Vice Commandant in New Jersey prior to my move to Maryland five years ago (summer of 2010). I was elected your Dept Judge Advocate in 2011, Junior Vice in 2013 and Senior Vice in 2014. My MCL awards include the Dept of NJ Marine of the Year.

My Marine Corps service totaled almost 8 years. Four years as an active duty Combat Engineer (1371) with 9th Engineer Support Battalion (9thESB) on Okinawa and then with Marine Wing Support Squadron 274 (MWSS-274) at Cherry Point. I finished out my service with the Marine Corps Reserve's 6th Motor Transport Battalion (6thMTBN) in Red Bank, NJ. I joined the MCL while still serving with 6thMTBN.



Sr. Vice Commandant - Evelyn Remines

Fellow members. I am hoping that during my term as Sr. Vice Commandant I can streamline the convention planning process and set up a precedent for others to follow. It is my hope that the next convention and subsequent ones will run smoother with less expenses incurred. I will also assist the Commandant to the best of my ability in preparation for my eventual role in that position.

I joined the Marine Corps reserve in 1990. I completed boot camp at Parris Island and then went to Admin school at Camp Johnson, NC. I moved to the Co C, 4th CEB reserve unit in Lynchburg, VA while I attended college. At the beginning of my second semester, the admin personnel at Co C were activated to come and support the H&S Co of the 4th CEB in Baltimore. We were then attached to a unit in Camp Pendleton. I stayed in CA for 4 months while we were inoculated and trained in order to go to the Middle East. However, Operation Desert Storm ended and we instead returned to Baltimore. I met my first husband while in California and ended up completing my USMCR time with the 4th CEB in Baltimore due to my move here.



I grew up in a small town called Normalville in western PA. I have been married to Rick for 19 years. I have a son from my first marriage, Allan. He is currently enlisted in the Air Force and stationed in Korea. My youngest son, Isaac, has just graduated high school and is hoping to joining the Coast Guard.

I am a Charter Member of the Harford County detachment and although I wasn't too involved in the beginning, I have held several positions in the Detachment and am currently the Commandant. I enjoy the Marine Corps League; it has become my hobby and I hope we can grow and better it over the next several years.

Jr. Vice Commandant - Bill Kelly



Marines! It is truly my pleasure to serve you as the Department Jr Vice Commandant. I will do my best to support the Department Commandant and Sr Vice Commandant in the performance of their duties as well as improve new member recruitment and retention. I have been diligently working on putting a package together by researching other philanthropic organizations to see what tools and processes they are using and evaluating their success. Hopefully through some new approaches we'll be able to recruit more Marines into the fold as well as keep the ones we have focused and interested.

I enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1970 and served a little over seven years on active duty as an aviation maintenance technician. Following my active duty time, I served as a Reserve in H&MS-41, H&S Co., 4th Combat Engineer Bn, and finally MTU-2 in Phoenix, AZ before family and work commitments forced me to put it aside. Over the years I earned a BS in Electronics from Chapman College and an MA in Military History from Norwich University, the first for the job and the second for my passion.

My wife and I grew up in Baltimore, but we've lived in AZ, PA, and VA before moving back to Maryland in 2005. While we were living in Virginia, I joined the MCL in Chesapeake, but was not very active. I did however, remain current on my dues and when the Patuxent River Detachment 1305 started, I was the 2nd line signer on the charter and served as Sr Vice Commandant for two years. Following that I served as the Historian and finally as Commandant from 2013-2015. I have been married for 35 years to my lovely wife Carol and we have one son who was also a Marine that currently lives in Phoenix. I work for the Navy at Patuxent River Naval Air Station on the E/ F-18G "Growler" Program.

Judge Advocate- Gerard Devlin

Gerard has stepped up to fulfill the roll of Department Judge Advocate. This is a role that he is familiar with as he also holds the title of Northeast Division Judge Advocate. Gerard is also on the National and Department Legislative Committees and the Vice President of the Marine Corp League Foundation.

Gerard served as Department Commandant in 2006, was the 2011 Department Marine of the Year and is a PLM of the Free State Marine Detachment in Bowie, MD.



Mideast Division News

The Mideast Division conference is 26-28 June; hosted by the Department of Virginia. It is being held at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House in Fredericksburg, VA.

The National Convention will be August 9-14 at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort, Scottsdale, AZ. Room rate is \$94 plus tax. Room rates include Wi Fi and parking. Phone 480-948-5000. Shuttle from the airport to the resort is available for \$10 per person. RV parking available without fee.

Check in is 3 p.m. POC is John Walker, mcsniper@frontier.com (928) 855-2105

Modern Day Marine Expo will be September 22-24 at Quantico, VA. The MCL will need volunteers to help out at this Expo. Contact Neil Corley at ncorley@mchsi.com if you can help out.

The 2016 MCL National Convention will be August 7-13, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency in Tulsa, OK. Tele: 918-234-1234. Room rate is \$91.00 per night plus tax. No RV parking. Good Samaritan's RV park is located approximately 7 miles from the hotel.



District One Vice Commandant - Ed Elder

After serving 20 years in the USMC, I retired at the rank of Master Sergeant. I served with the 2nd MarDiv. (Mar Bn Ln Team Bay of Pigs - 1961, Cuban Missile Crises on GITMO in foxholes - 1962), 3rd Mar Div Vietnam with the Civic Action Group later named Marine Combined Action Program (CAP). I also served at MCB Quantico, two tours at the Marine Barracks 8th & I, Washington DC; one year with the 1st MAW Vietnam, one tour at MCRD San Diego (1971-1975), and MCB Camp Pendleton. I retired from the Marine Corps at the Marine Barracks in Washington DC in 1980. After my first job at Montgomery College, where I worked six for years, I became a professional Substance Abuse Counselor for the State of Maryland until my retirement in June 2003.



I joined the League's Bull Dog Detachment 1999 and in 2004 transferred to the Delmarva detachment which is now the SSgt Cohee Detachment. I served two years as Chaplain, three years as Jr. Vice Commandant, one year as Sr. Vice Commandant and for the last two years I have been Commandant.

I am 74 years of age and come from a family of Marines.

I will be glad to be of service my home detachment - the SSgt Cohee Detachment in Salisbury, the Choptank Detachment in Cambridge and the Sgt. Mileo Detachment in Centreville.

District Two Vice Commandant - Donald Benson, Sr.



It is always a pleasure to serve as a Department Officer.

I have been in the Marine Corps League for 10 years, holding many different elected and appointed positions in the Harford County Detachment #1198.

I have been a Department officer for a little over two years. In that time, I have had the pleasure of working with all the officers of the Department and the Detachments to which I have been assigned as District Vice Commandant. In my position, it is my job to foster a good working relationship with each Detachment in

my district and improve communications between the Detachments and Department. I have been serving as the Southern District Vice Commandant, but now as the District Two Vice Commandant I will be working with the LCpl Copenhagen Detachment in Elkton, my home Detachment - the Harford County detachment, the Baltimore Detachment in Baltimore city and the Anne Arundel Detachment in Glen Burnie.

I joined the Marine Corps while attending Baltimore City College High School in the delayed entry program. I served from 1965-1993 with seven years of broken time. I retired as a MSgt while assigned to Headquarters, Henderson Hall.

I wish all of my former Detachments the best of luck and that they work with their new District Vice as well as they have worked with me.

Semper Fi

June 2015

District Three Vice Commandant - Tim Hoernig

Hello and Semper Fi, I am Tim Hoernig the newly appointed District Three Vice Commandant for the Department of Maryland. As District Vice Commandant I am tasked with providing guidance and direction to three of the Maryland detachments; Patuxent River Detachment 1305, Southern Maryland Leathernecks Detachment 119 and Free State Marine Detachment 544. Along with providing guidance I report to the Department of Maryland Commandant with the status and activities of each detachment in my district.



My goal is to meet with each of my detachments at least once a quarter and try to provide assistance and guidance when needed. I would like to attend functions that the detachments hold when possible. One of my goals is to get the Southern Maryland Leathernecks back to an active and prosperous detachment

A little bit about who I am. I am a life member of Patuxent River Detachment. I joined in August 2008. I am also a member of Pax River Dawgs Pound 344. In April 2009 until March 2014, I was appointed the Adjutant/Paymaster for the detachment. Other positions I have held were Pound Dog Robber and Administrator for St. Mary's County Toys For Tots. I was awarded the Detachment Marine of the Year in 2010.

I am looking forward to serving our Maryland Marine Corps League members.

District Four Vice Commandant - Marc Fisher



Marc grew up in Maryland, and graduated from Calvert Hall College. He earned a Bachelor's from Towson University and a Masters from the College of Notre Dame of MD. In 1985, he joined the Marine Corps. He has served the Department for the past two years as the Central District Vice Commandant and is continuing in his role as District Four Vice Commandant.

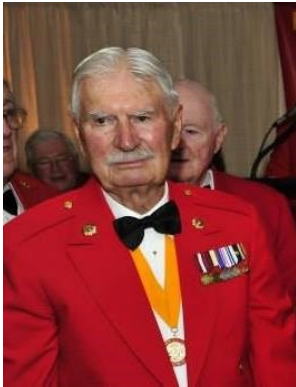
Marc is fluent in German and taught High School German and Latin for several years. He has also coached lacrosse, swimming, wrestling and cross country. Marc lives in Westminster and is a member of the LCpl Deane Detachment.

Along with the MCL, Marc is also a member of the NRA, Knights of Columbus-Westminster Council 1393, Sons of American Legion-Squadron 31, the German Society of Maryland, and the National and Carroll County Association of Realtors.

Marc's detachments of responsibility are his home detachment, the LCpl Deane Detachment, the SSgt Taylor Detachment in Jessup, the Carroll County Detachment in Mt. Airy, the Shangri-La Detachment in Frederick and the soon to be chartered Sgt. Jack Hettchen detachment in Germantown.

Marc has performed well in his role as DVC and hopes to continue this with his new detachments.

District Five Vice Commandant - Bud Raines



Bud Raines has taken the position of District Five Vice Commandant. Bud is a PLM of the Mountainside Marines Detachment in Cumberland. He was the Mideast Division Vice Commandant from 2011-2013 and Department Commandant from 2010-2011. He was awarded both the Mideast Division and Department Marine of the Year in 2013.

Bud's detachments include his home detachment, the Mountainside Marines, the Garrett County detachment in Oakland and the Antietam detachment in Hagerstown.

Bud's primary job as the District Five Vice Commandant is to act as liaison between the Department staff and his Detachments. If you need assistance from Bud, he is available to help.

Department Adjutant - Paul Taylor

I served in the USMC for 30 years (1958-1988), retiring as a Master Gunnery Sergeant. My entire 30 years was in cryptology (reading other people's mail, making and breaking codes). My duty stations included Parris Island, Camp LeJeune, Fort Devens MA (school), Camp Pendleton (survivor training and Vietnamese language school), Defense Language Institute-Monterrey CA (Spanish language school), The Philippines, Okinawa, Cuba (six years), Key West and Homestead FL, Fort Meade MD, Headquarters FMFLant-Norfolk, and Rota-Spain.

Going into my 10th year as Department Adjutant, I think I have it down pretty good. I will continue to provide the best administrative support to the Department Commandant and staff that I can.

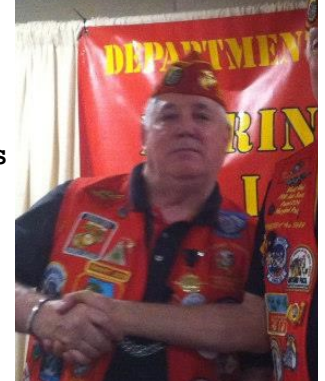
I have to report that being Adjutant for the Department isn't my only position. I am also the Dog Robber (18 years) for the Maryland Pack, and Dog Robber (17 years) for Pound 204 of the MODD, Quartermaster of VFW Post 160, Secretary of FRA Meade Branch 212, Secretary for the Fort Meade E-9 Association, and a member of the Marine Corps Cryptologic Association.

If you are interested, I was married for 36 years before becoming a widower, have two children, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Just to let you know, the MCL isn't the only thing that keeps me busy .



MODD MD Pack Leader - Jim Brady

During my second year as Pack Leader for the Dogs of Maryland (Mer-Lin) it is my intention to continue on with the fun and honor society antics we have started in my first year. In addition, one of the major things that the Maryland Pack has accomplished is to be the largest "Bone Collector" of all other Kennel Devil Dog Packs. This is quite an honor and I hope to instill the competitive Esprit-De-Corps mantra with the unveiling of the Kennel Trophies for Pack and Pounds at our National Convention this August.



I joined the Corps at the ripe old age of 17 back in 1969 under an agreement at that time called Air Wing guarantee. What that meant was after taking a battery of test at Parris Island I was then selected to attend an air wing school that best suited my test results. After graduating PI as a PFC (not house mouse) I went to Jacksonville FL, Naval Aviation Base and attended Aviation Electrician School. After graduation, now as LCpl, I asked for the furthest base possible from my home state of New Jersey (do you blame me) and went to Yuma, AZ Naval Station. While at Yuma I was able to hone my skills as an electrician on fixed wing aircraft and was on the Marine Team testing the Harrier's desert capabilities. After working in the desert for a year I volunteered to help out the USMC Military Police (MP) at Yuma as they were extremely short handed at the time. While there, I was promoted to Cpl. In the fall of 1971 I signed up for overseas duty. After finally getting to Japan I was assigned to VMFA 115 and went immediately to work, drinking sake and finding out about the Japanese orphanage that VMFA 115 supported.

While touring such sites (missile runs) at Subic Bay (Olongapo City), Okinawa, South Korea and Taiwan and finally was one of the first Marines of VMFA 115 in March of 1972 to go from Okinawa to Viet Nam. While doing that run I was on a crew that worked for 56 hours straight going from Okinawa and then staying on at night in Viet Nam to get the F4B Phantoms up and running on their very first day at Viet Nam. While with VMFA 115 I was promoted to Sergeant and finally got mustered out in February 1973.

I'm currently assigned to Elaine, my CO since 1986. Besides the Marine Corps League and MODD I've also been a Commander for both the VFW and American Legion Posts. Another favorite military organization that I'm very proud to be a member of is the Military Order of the Cootie. I'm a Past Grand of Maryland Seam Squirrel, Grand Quartermaster, 4th Supreme District Treasurer/Adjutant and Tomb Trek Treasurer. If you do not know what a "Cootie" is be sure to ask me at our next meeting. I'll be sure to tell you all about it and will be careful as I just might infect you with the Cootie Bug, helping Veterans out in Hospitals.

I'm currently employed at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum as their Director of Procurement and hope to retire on December 31st, 2015.



Department Appointed Positions

The following are a list of the Appointed Department Officers. Highlighted Positions are VACANT. Please contact the Commandant at Craig.Reeling@MarylandMarines.org if you would like to serve in one of the vacant positions.

Adjutant	Paul Taylor, Baltimore Detachment
Paymaster	Ed Dahling, Anne Arundel County Detachment
Sgt-at-Arms	Howard Koontz, Baltimore Detachment
Chaplain	Tony Begenwald, Free State Marine Detachment
Chief of Staff	Jack Severn, LCpl Deane Detachment
Historian	Jack Severn, LCpl Deane Detachment
Photographer	Paul Gunther, LCpl Deane Detachment
Chapel of Four Chaplains Chairman	Ray Chatary, Free State Marine Detachment
Public Relations Officer	Vacant
Web Sergeant	Mike Hadley - Anne Arundel County Detachment
Legislative Chairman	Gerard Devlin, Free State Detachment
Charlotte Hall Chairman	Bruce Vanden Bos, Patuxent Rive Detachment
Perry Point Chairman	Buzz Taylor, LCpl Copenhaver Detachment
Young Marines Liaison, West	Joe Clemente, LCpl Deane Detachment
Young Marines Liaison, East	Bruce Vanden Bos, Patuxent River Detachment
VAVS Chairman	Gary Roundtree, Baltimore Detachment
VAVS Deputy Chairman	Dan Donnelly, Baltimore Detachment
Veterans Service Officer	Gary Roundtree, Baltimore Detachment
Fallen Marines Program Chairman	Vacant
Marines Helping Marines Chairman	Tony Begenwald, Free State Marine Detachment
Newsletter Chairman	Evelyn Remines, Harford County Detachment
Newsletter Co-Chairman	Don Benson, Harford County Detachment
License Plate Chairman	Craig Reeling, Maryland Marines M-A-L
Eagle Scout Chairman	Charlie Warns, Harford County Detachment
Toys for Tots Chairman	Marian James, Baltimore Detachment
Marine for Life Chairman	Vacant

USMC/USMCR Liaison

The Commandant would like to have liaisons from detachment located near all the USMC/USMCR centers in the Department. If you would like to be a liaison, please contact the Commandant at Craig.Reeling@MarylandMarines.org

4th Combat Engineer Battalion, Baltimore - Harry Hiestetter, Baltimore Detachment

Recruiting Station, Baltimore - VACANT

Marine Aviation Detachment NAS Patuxent River - Bill Kelly, Patuxent River Detachment

CBRNE Indian Head - VACANT

Marine Corps Detachment, Fort Meade - VACANT

Bravo Company, 4th LAR, Fort Detrick - VACANT



The Young Marines of Carroll County receive a plaque from Jr. Past Commandant, Stuart Blair in appreciation for presenting the Colors at the Department Convention.

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The members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorable discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marine and former Marines and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.



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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