

Department of Maryland



25 August 2018



MEETING REPORT'S and Handout's

This is a collection of the Officer Report's, Committee Report's and Important Handout's that were distributed at the August 2018 Department Meeting.

ALL Members and Associates are encouraged to attend the Dept Meeting's.



Fellow Marines,

Since the Department Convention, we have hosted the MidEast Conference in Hunt Valley. I want to thank everyone who attended. The Department of Maryland easily had the most members in attendance. Also thank you to Mike Hadley, Nila Caulder and Jim Brady for taking on the responsibility of manning the hospitality room. Also thanks to Alison Noger, Allen Noger, and Don Benson who assisted with the planning and registration during the conference. I know there is concerns about the cost that was put out for this event. I am going to be blunt about this. I had few people help me, but many people complain. It's my opinion that unless you're part of things, you don't really have a right to give input after the fact. I made the decisions that I felt was best to put on a good conference. If you do not feel that they were good decisions then I encourage you to participate in planning the next time so we can come up with more satisfactory solutions.

Many Department members just attended the National convention in Buffalo, NY. I felt that even though there were some communication hiccups, it went over well. We had four of the Devil Dogs from the Pack go up to Pedigree as well.

One of the biggest changes approved is the adoption of the National Bylaw rewrite. This will be posted online at the National Library website for all of our Judge Advocates to review. The following changes were also approved at the National Convention:

- Wearing of the Marine of the Year medallion with the short sleeve undress uniform. Now MOYs can wear their medallions with either this uniform, the red blazer, or the formal dress uniform. **DO NOT** allow anyone to wear the medallion with polo shirts or other casual wear!!! If feel that the membership was generous in allowing this change and don't want members to take advantage of that generosity! Police your members to ensure uniforms are worn correctly. We did in the Corps, we can do it in the League!!
- Honorable Chief Devil Dogs, such as Jack Severn, are (officially) authorized to wear the gold cover with black crown.
- Medallions for Chapel of Four Chaplains, Legion of Honor – Humanitarian or Bronze award, are now authorized to wear with the Red Blazer, short sleeve undress, or formal dress uniforms.

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- The last National change that could affect Detachments is the authorization of Navy Corpsmen or Chaplains to join as regular members if they received the FMF Combat Operation Insignia. This is important because it acknowledges that the Navy personnel worked with and fought with Marines, but were not attached to the Marine unit. This change now allows the Corpsmen and Chaplains who were engaged in active combat with Marines to qualify for regular membership in the MCL.

If you have any questions about the Bylaw changes, or need clarification, please speak with the JA Gerry Devlin.

I want to thank everyone for adapting to the change in venue for the meeting today. I also would like to encourage future hosts to ensure that they are able to acquire a meeting location well before your turn to host comes up. (You must be able to accommodate the Auxiliary with a separate meeting room and provide lunch in case no eateries are close by) I understand that some things are out of our control, especially when it comes to using another organization's building. We post the Department meeting dates and locations well ahead of time on the Department Website and although I also understand that we have other things going on, I also do not feel it is that difficult to set aside 4 days out of your entire year to attend the Department meetings. Information is passed on that may be of value to the Detachments, plus it gives members a chance to meet and get to know members from other areas within the state.

Last thing to bring up is annual dues. National is converting to a new database and any members who are not paid by 31 August will lose their current MCL membership number. Please get your annual members to pay ASAP!!!

Semper Fi,

Evelyn F. Remines
Commandant
Department of Maryland



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Date August 25, 2018

Department Jr. Vice Joe Fay

Greetings to all!!! I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer. The end of summer also brings on the task of renewing our annual dues. Please reach out to all your members to keep our membership strong and get renewals done as soon as possible.

The strength report is based on the June 30, 2018 National roster. The Department is down 12 members from this time last year. We have 9 Detachments showing a decrease in membership with 10 Detachments remaining the same or showing an increase. If you see or have concerns regarding my numbers, please feel free to contact me.

Remember every member is a recruiter for the League.

Semper Fidelis,

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Report of the Young Marines Liaison – West

From: Joe Clemente, Young Marines Liaison – West

Thru: Adjutant, Department of Maryland

To: Commandant, Department of Maryland

Report: Department Meeting, August 25, 2018

I continue to encourage units to have members recruit classmates now that school has reopened.

Will remind units to consider Young Marines who would be candidates for Young Marine of the Year. There should be one from each unit.

Duly Submitted: August 25, 2018

Joe Clemente

Joe Clemente, Young Marines Liaison - West



FROM: Stuart Blair, PDC
MCL Commissioner
Maryland Veterans Commission

THRU: Adjutant, Department of Maryland,
Marine Corps League

TO: Commandant, Department of Maryland,
Marine Corps League

SUBJ: Report - Maryland Veterans Commission

Marine Corps League
Department of Maryland,
2018 Summer Meeting

MVC Quarterly Meeting

On Tuesday 17 July the Maryland Veterans Commission held their quarterly meeting at *Helping Up Mission Baltimore MD*. Commissioners representing veteran organizations of Maryland were in attendance. Representing the Marine Corps League was Commissioner Stuart Blair, PDC and Bernadine Blair, MCLA DM PP

Agenda

- A Tour of Helping Up Mission which provides hope to veterans experiencing homelessness, poverty or addiction by meeting their physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs.
- *Deputy Secretary Bob Finn presented an overview / update on programs of the MDVA*
- *Outreach and Advocacy / Denise Nooe*
 - ✓ *Honoring Korean War Veterans - Annapolis*
 - ✓ *Request of event proclamations / Declarations*
 - ✓ *Event Briefs timely report*

MDVA Commissioner Reports

- *Presentation / discussion on forming The Maryland Military Coalition consisting of 75 VSOs.*
- *Discussion: VSOs participation in National POW / MIA Recognition Day, 21 September with appropriate flags presented and ceremonies.*
** Info Attached*
- *Commissioner Blair presented an update on Camp Lejeune Toxic Water Study.*
** Info Attached*

*Next Maryland Veterans Commission meeting
Tuesday 16 October 2018,
Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Charlotte Hall, MD*

REPORT DULY SUBMITTED: 25 August 2018



Stuart P. Blair, PDC
Commissioner, Marine Corps League
Maryland Veterans Commission

National POW/MIA Recognition Day

Observances of National POW/MIA Recognition Day are held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools and veterans' facilities. It is traditionally observed on the third Friday in September each year. Many Americans take the time to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families. This observance is one of six days throughout the year that Congress has mandated the flying of the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag. The others are Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

The flag is to be flown at major military installations, national cemeteries, all post offices, VA medical facilities, the World War II Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the official offices of the secretaries of state, defense and veterans affairs, the director of the selective service system and the White House.



Camp Lejeune Toxic Water Study Report

Submitted by Stuart Blair , PDC,MVC

On April 24, 2018, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) released its completed "Morbidity Study of Former Marines, Employees, and Dependents Potentially Exposed to Contaminated Drinking Water at USMC Base Camp Lejeune: A Summary of Agency of Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Study Design and Results." The enclosed information, prepared by ATSDR, provides a summary of what was studied and features of the study, as well as conclusions and key results. ATSDR will follow up on these findings in a cancer incidence study that will involve state cancer registries nationwide, as well as federal cancer registries.

This study shows that contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune was linked to increased risk for bladder cancer, kidney cancer, and kidney disease.

- Exposure to both TCE and PCE was associated with an increased risk for kidney cancer in both Marines and civilian employees
- Exposure to both TCE and PCE was associated with increased risk for bladder cancer and kidney disease in civilian employees

Exposure to PCE was associated with increased risk for bladder cancer and kidney disease in Marines Risk increased with increasing levels of exposure to the contaminants for kidney cancer (TCE and PCE in Marines and TCE/PCE in civilian employees) and kidney disease (PCE in Marines and TCE/PCE in civilian employees).

These results are consistent with results found in previous studies.

The results of this study add to the scientific literature on the risk of cancer and other diseases associated with TCE and PCE in drinking water. ATSDR will follow up on these findings in a cancer incidence study that will involve state cancer registries nationwide, as well as federal cancer registries.

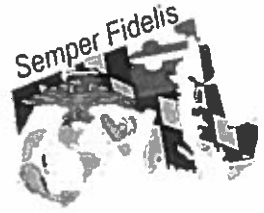
Benefits for Camp Lejeune Veterans and family members include health care for 15 conditions listed in the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012. In addition, Veterans can receive disability and health care benefits for eight presumptive disease conditions associated with contaminants in the water at Camp Lejeune.

Veterans, National Guard and reserve members, and family members who lived on the base for at least 30 days (cumulative), between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987 are eligible.



Antietam Detachment, Inc.

Marine Corps League, # 113
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Hagerstown, Maryland 21742-4674



None.

VETERANS SERVICES:

Performed honors at over two dozen veterans funerals.

Provided grant for books to local Marine attending Hagerstown community college.

Made liaison with Veterans Resource officer at the community college to provide similar help to veterans in the future.

TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM STATUS:

Local T4Ts coordinator as changed. Antietam Detachment looks forward to improved relations between the Detachment and T4Ts.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEPT. OF MD NEWSLETTER:

None.

Report duly submitted:
Jeffery Mangum
Commandant
Antietam Detachment, #113
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



**Quarterly Report
Baltimore Detachment 565, Marine Corps League
May – August 2018**

Report of information, events and activities for the Baltimore Detachment Number 565 for the period May to August 2018:

Membership:

For this period the Detachment recruited no new member and no member renewals. Membership status as of this date is:

	<u>PLM</u>	<u>PAID</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PAID</u>	<u>UNPAID</u>
Regular	134	33	167		7
Associate	5	5	10		0
Multiple	5	0	5		0
Totals	144	38	182		7

Member Deaths:

Marine William J. Berger passing was announced while we were at the state convention and his ceremony was performed when we returned to Baltimore. Since that time, we have had two (2) deaths Marine Roos Edgar Nippard, Colonel and Marine Bernard Balog - back-to-back funeral services were held for these members.

Additionally, Earl and I visited Marine Bruce Harrington at University Hospital because there was no room for him at the VA. Marine Harrington's last request was that he be visited by Marines in uniform. Earl and I wore our league uniform and visited him but he was too ill to know that we were there but his friends and family took pictures. He was not expected to last through the night but he hung on for days after our first visit. Nurse Meshondra and I visited him again and several days after our visit his suffering ended. We would also like to note that our Adjutant Paul Taylor lost his bother in Kentucky and we let his family know that they were on our minds and in our prayers

Activities:

Prior to Memorial Day members of our Detachment went to Latrobe Park to make sure that the area was clean and ready to hold our annual ceremony. On May 28th, we performed our program with the assistance of the Navy Cadets and members of the neighborhood were also in attendance. After our ceremony, we attended the Memorial Day Program of the Korean War Veterans at the Boston Street Memorial which was well attended by members of our Detachment and the general public.

We presented awards to the top three (3) students in the 5th and 8th grades of Frances Scott Key Elementary and Middle School. The 8th grade students had a ceremony in the auditorium and we presented their awards on stage. Present were Jack Colleran, Dick Lantz, Earl Ruff and myself. The 5th grade students had a cookout and we presented their awards outside and the parents were



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Date August 25, 2018

To: Commandant Evelyn Remines & Department Membership

Subject: **STRENGTH REPORT– August 25, 2018**

HIGHLIGHTS

Total membership is **1266** with **12 less** members since May 30, 2017. We have **105** delinquent members or **8.3%** of our Department total and **57.9%** are Life Members.

Detachment	Total 30 June 18	Past Due	Paid/Life Members	Total 30 May 17	Change + / -
Anne Arundel County	126	10	116	126	0
Antietam	53	5	48	56	-3
Baltimore	191	8	183	207	-16
Carroll County	32	4	28	49	-17
Choptank	24	2	22	37	-13
Jason D. Mileo	39	7	32	41	-2
Free State Marine	104	2	102	110	-6
Garrett County	38	7	31	36	2
Cpl Pete Arnold	104	9	95	99	5
LCpl Gregory S. Copenhaver	22	0	22	21	1
LCpl Robert W. Deane	96	9	87	93	3
Maryland Marines M-A-L	59	1	58	44	15
Mountainside Marines	99	17	82	102	-3
Patuxent River	88	4	84	74	14
Sgt Jack Hettchen	41	3	38	41	0
Shangri-La	54	8	46	53	1
SSgt Walter Cohee III	45	7	38	46	-1
SSgt Karl G. Taylor	51	2	49	43	-12
Department Total	1266	105	1161	1278	-12

Info taken from National Rosters.

Highlighted entries have had positive growth.



**DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND
TOYS FOR TOTS AND VAVS REPORT
AUGUST 25, 2018 – FOREST HILL, MARYALND**

Many Detachments have been having various types of fundraisers this summer to support their 2018 Toys for Tots program and we hope that they were all successful. We are looking forward to another successful year for our State and Detachment Programs. There are many parents who have children but can't afford to give them toys to brighten their Christmas Day or as some now prefer to say holiday. We want to be able to help these families so I am sure that every Detachment will work hard to make their programs more successful than last year. It will be greatly appreciated if you would keep as accurate records as possible and e-mail your reports to me at ehpierce@comcast.net or you may call me at 410-736-9673. Also, please provide me with information as to the individual name, address, telephone number and e-mail address where I can send information regarding the 2018 Toys for Tots Program.

VAVS COMMITTEE

We were informed at the June 19, 2018 meeting that all nine (9) units of the completed HELP Veterans Village at Perryville are now occupied. It is anticipated that around 15 more veterans will have housing by July. HELP USA is in the process of trying to identify veterans for the Homeless Veterans Program. Building 364 at the Perry Point locations is being removed to accommodate the residential care programs. Bids are being let for the new Perry Point Community Living Center and the estimated cost is \$70.00 million dollars.

The new VA Outpatient Clinic is located at 5335 King Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland; this location is close to the White Marsh Mall and Franklin Square Hospital. The facility is currently in the design phase and it is anticipated to open by the end of October 2018. The Summer Youth Program is coming to a close and the young volunteers will be back in school after having completed their volunteer hours. Annual training is currently going on and the remaining class schedule is as following:

August 29, 2018 – Glen Burnie
September 5, 2018 – Perry Point
September 11, 2018 – Loch Raven
September 17, 2018 – Cambridge
September 25, 2018 – Fort Meade
October 3, 2018 – Baltimore

Amanda Andrews got married and she is now Amanda Tuwalski and she has been selected to replace Dallas Renninger as Volunteer Service Specialist at the Baltimore VA Medical Center. A search is being conducted to hire a new Program Specialist for Baltimore. The Gold Star Mothers will have their fundraiser on September 5, 2018 at American Legion Post #60 and the ticket cost is \$55.00.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Marian C. James'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Marian C. James, Toys for Tots and VAVS Chairman



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Shangri-La Detachment MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

21 August 2018

TO: Dept of MD, Officer and Staff
FROM: Commandant of Shangri-La
SUBJ: 1st Dept. Staff Meeting

The Shangri-La Detachment, Marine Corps League of Frederick, Maryland is doing well. The detachment membership is growing, but slow.

We are working hard on getting our members renewals up to date now that national is not sending out renewal notices. We have a real good renewal notice to mail out to the membership. We just completed our annual Life Membership Audit and mail it to our Department Paymaster. We have thirty (30) life members. Our paymaster has mailed out our annual renewal notices.

July we set up a tent at the Golden Gear Car Show for membership and donations of fund for the Fisher House and local scholarships. We also helped and supported the members of the Car Club.

Our First Saturday downtown Frederick is going good. We collect fr Scholarships and the Fisher House and Cancer Fund. We also recruite on that event.

We did a 8th & I Trip on the 17th of August. It was wonderful and enjoyed by everyone.

We give out five (5) scholarships to local Marines kids.

Our Pistol and Rifle Team had a good time a Indiantown Gap in June and had a practice in July and August.

We have a group of marines going up to the Medal of Honor Grove at Valley Forge, PA for a clean up detail.

"Once A Marine, Always A Marine"