



Buckeye Marine News

Fall Newsletter
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Commandant's Message

Greetings, Marines. Since the June Convention I have been busy visiting different Detachments. I also attended the National Convention in Overland Park, Kansas. Monday thru Wednesday I went through initiation to be elevated to Pedigree Devil Dog. While I was doing this on Monday and Tuesday others attended the regular meetings where they heard reports from all the National Officers and Committee chairs on what they had accomplished. Thursday was bylaw changes and reports on donations to charities.

The National By-laws rewrite is available on line. It is only 24 pages long. Friday we elected our new National Officers. They are; National Commandant Wendell Web, Sr. Vice Commandant Dennis Tobin, National Jr. Vice Commandant Johnny Baker, National Judge Advocate Warren Griffin, Chief Operating Officer Robert Borka, Chief Devil Dog CDD Leonard Spicer, and National Central Division Vice Commandant Ray Dailey.

The October Department meeting is October 13-15, 2017 in Dublin, Ohio at the Crown Plaza. The address is 600 Metro Place. N. Dublin Ohio 43017. Use this phone number for reservations 877-227-6963. The group code is MCL Convention. Do not say Marine Corps League as they will not connect that to MCL. Several people have called using Marine Corps League. We have always used MCL as the code.

I called today to make reservations for the National Mid-Winter meeting and was told they are all booked up. I even went on line to reservations and this hotel is booked from February thru March. In talking to Ray Dailey he said to keep trying as people cancel reservations. There is a Quality Inn on Plank Rd that has rooms available.

In case you have been out of touch and not receiving the Buckeye Marine, I haven't been Chaplain for over a year now. I am still receiving Notice of Death forms. Please send Notice of Death forms to David Yehl, as he has been the Chaplain in that time.

When I was first elected as Department Commandant I stated my mission was to enforce the by-laws and bring detachments current with EIN's and related paperwork. At this time we have one detachment on a twelve month suspension for not having filed 990's and other requirements to keep a detachment in good standing.

Please check and make sure your 990 has been filed yearly. If not you will have a fine to pay to get reinstated and your EIN number will be revoked. Also, you have to have your charter renewed every five years. This is done with the Secretary of State and costs \$25 at this time. Please fill out your ROI'S completely. **NO LINE IS TO BE LEFT BLANK.**

Look forward to seeing you in a few weeks. I am working on the meeting place for March. Enjoy our weather till then. We are lucky to live in Ohio with no hurricanes and massive flooding. Keep the people in Texas and Florida in your prayers.

*Semper Fi,
John*

Sr. Vice Commandant's Message

As the Senior Vice, one of my duties is to conduct the Commandants Council. This is the time and place to address issues and introduce suggestions to improve the communications between the Department and **YOUR** Detachments. Other detachment, can hear ideas and suggestions you have in place that helped to improve your detachment. We don't have all the answers. If we did, there would be no need to have meetings. Come and join us at this and future meetings to see what **YOUR** department is doing to improve the league.

*Semper Fi,
Mike*

Jr. Vice Commandant's Message

Just as Senior Vice has duties I too have one. I am responsible for membership. Not just new members, but retention of members as well. This has a direct effect on each detachment as well as the department. Awards are available to detachments at the Winter Meeting and Department Convention. We also have awards that are presented on behalf of National and Department for those members who recruit at least five (5) members. I know that each and everyone of you will strive to promote growth as well as retention of members. See you soon.

*Semper Fi,
WoJo*

Paymaster Message

I have to tell you that a lot of times these articles I write are written on the fly and there are sometimes I go back and read over them and think I can wish I would have done a little better and other times I think what it an a** hole. So much so that if it wasn't me writing the article I'd like to give that guy piece of my mind. But since my mind only has one piece left, (and I know I have around here somewhere), I should probably just spend more time trying to be a little better at giving you the information you need as I'm given the opportunity to present it.

This past year we have transitioned from Anniversary renewal dates to a single renewal time each and every August. I'm sure the hope was to make it easier for everyone to remember when they need to renew their dues and also to eliminate the cost for national in providing annual reminders.

There are some detachments that are still struggling with other required reports such as installation reports, filing 990s with the IRS, and annual life member audit reports, as well as Statements of Continuing Existence to the Ohio Secretary of State, (required every five years) in order to keep legal in Ohio. Commandant Harkness, Adjutant Dearth, and myself have tried everything that we know of to inform, encourage, and persuade those detachments as best as we could. Unfortunately, there have been one or two that have had to face the most serious consequence for their failures. It is our sincerest hope that no others will have to lose their charters whether they be suspended or revoked.

If you have any questions or need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact any officer and if we don't know the answer we will find someone who does, all we ask is that you understand that we too are volunteers and sometimes patience is needed for us to get you the information you need. And I guess I should also mention that some of us are a little bit older than we admit and occasionally misplace a note. So none of us would be put out to be reminded in a nice way that you are waiting for something that you asked us for.

As you have served and continue to serve, so do we. And our hope is that we can all share the accomplishments of our mutual efforts every time we

meet at the department meetings and events. Hope to see you there.

*Semper Fi,
Thom*

Jr. Past Commandant

Everywhere we go in this world we have a responsibility, an obligation, a necessity, and that obligation is to deliver our message as best as we can in a way that it can be received and understood. That message is to insure that the sacrifices of our brothers and sisters is never forgotten. One great way to get that message across is the next time and every time you are in the presence of someone that is providing a service for you whether it be a waitress, a cashier, a bus boy, valet someone who has performed a kindness for you, or maybe even someone who the mood strikes as you are passing on the street or in the mall. Wish them a great day and here's the quote you should use;

"I just want you to know that someone, a Marine, a Soldier, a Sailor, Airmen or Guardsmen fought a terrible fight and died to protect you and your freedom, so that you could have the freedom to become the very best you can possibly be. Please, please honor that sacrifice, use the life that you have to become the very best you can. Devote yourself to achieve everything you can possibly achieve, and when you have become so successful that your idols are your rivals. Then look back and remember that you have honored their sacrifice as best as you possibly could and share that memory and devotion with those you know and love so they can do the same. Can you do that for them?"

If they don't answer wait and if you have to repeat "Can you? For them, for what they did for you? Can you honor their sacrifice by becoming the best you can?"

Practice this, in front of you mirror, your dog, your cat and then deliver it. As often as you can to as many as you can, and don't worry if someone hears it more than once because the message needs to be not only heard, understood, remembered and more importantly honored. And hopefully, when enough have heard it, and believe it, the streets will be lined to overcrowding on Memorial and Veterans Day the say way they are when a sports team wins a championship. Because we know, without the

Brothers and Sisters we have served with, there would be no champions to celebrate.

*Semper Fi,
Frank*

MODD Pack of Ohio



TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PACK

Dues for the Order starts for everyone on 1 Sept. of each year. All members, except Life Members of the MODD, must renew their membership by 31 December 2017 reinstatement fee is paid. I have many complaints from members they weren't notified. You are responsible to pay your dues on time, do not blame someone else.

REMEMBER IF YOUR DEVIL DOGS DUES AREN'T PAID YOU SHOULD REMOVE YOUR DEVIL DOG PATCHES FROM YOUR CAP AND UNIFORM SHIRTS.

Any Marine Corps Leaguer or Detachment interested in becoming part of MODD please contact me at (440) 840-1775.

We have great times at our Growls at our Department meetings and hope all of you will make a greater effort to attend. Remember most of our funds go to the Childrens Hospital or Ward in the city where we have our Department Convention.

We hope more members of the Marine Corps League will become members of the order.

*Woof-Woof,
Ellen*

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Youth Committee

Department "YOUTH COMMITTEE" program is to support groups of young people, up to age 18, for their Moral and Physical values.

This is the first meeting for the year. A lot of items will be discussed as we plan for this year. Want to know more about the Youth Committee attend the next meeting on 14 October 2017 at 0900 Dublin Crowne Plaza located just off I-270 and US 33/ OH 161 in Dublin, Ohio as part of the Fall Department Meeting.

*Semper Fi,
Ron*

Ways & Means

Several ideas will be presented to the Members present for review and selection for this year. Plan to attend and voice your pleasure or displeasure with the suggestion. Cleveland Police sold the winning ticket for IPAD, and it was presented at the Department Convention. You could be the next winner.

*Semper Fi,
Gary, Mike & Darrell*

Historian

Your Historian is requesting newsletters, articles, bulletins, photos and any items pertaining to your Detachment to be included in the Departments History. Please forward same to Chris Dearth, Dept of Ohio Historian, 2024 Oak Grove Extension Road, Saint Marys, West Virginia 26170. Thanks you. Remember, without your input the history book remains empty.

*Semper Fi,
Chris*

League Membership

Detachment	#	City	Div	17-18 Mbrs	16-17 Mbrs
Chesty Puller	269	Akron	NE	42	
Montezuma-Cincinnati	270	Cincinnati	SW	65	
Dayton	271	Dayton	SW	71	
Lou Diamond	272	Toledo	NW	81	
Walter Kildow	273	Zanesville	CE	11	
Major S J Logan	275	Cleveland	NC	24	
McKinley	277	Canton	NE	61	
PFC Russell Mook	279	Fremont	NW	19	
Leathernecks	393	Batavia	SW	64	
Lofton Henderson	474	Lorain	NC	40	
Tri-State	494	Youngstown	NE	148	
Lancaster Leathernecks	497	Lancaster	CE	19	
Belleau Wood	508	Columbus	CE	148	
Richland County Marines	527	Mansfield	NC	28	
Col Justice M Chambers	555	Mentor	NE	196	
Medina County	569	Medina	NC	47	
Beirut 241	576	Elyria	NC	26	
Licking County	602	Newark	CE	35	
Gung Ho	650	Brook Park	NC	72	
Cpl Tim Bauer	720	Portsmouth	SE	15	
Herman Hesselschwartz	758	Defiance	NW	58	
Pvt Henry Kalinowski	782	Ashtabula	NE	27	
Circleville Leathernecks	830	Circleville	SE	20	
Elton E Mackin	837	Norwalk	NW	44	
Oh Leatherneck	845	Dover	CE	31	
Western Ohio	923	Sidney	SW	22	
Bobby D White	953	West Union	SE	20	
H. Eugene Doak	963	Springfield	SW	15	
Chosin Reservoir	968	Mason	SW	44	
Robert B Crites	995	Wilmington	SE	19	
PFC Leonard F. Mason	1063	Lima	NW	37	
James J McClelland	1148	Findlay	NW	48	
Col William E. Barber	1191	Middletown	SW	15	
Firelands	1192	Sandusky	NW	37	
Terrace C. Graves	1330	Oxford	SW	8	
Wayne County Marines	1343	Wayne	NC	18	
Cleveland Police	1410	Cleveland	NE	16	
Sgt Bob O'Malley	1436	Marietta	SW	89	
Sgt Justin F Hoffman	1437	Delaware	NC	19	

At-Large: NA at this time. Dated 30 June 2017

Totals

* 100% Detachment

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President Report

Greetings members! I would like to thank each and every member who made the June Convention for the 2017th year.

I would like to appeal to all members who can make the first Department meeting for the 2018th year. We will still be using the Tri-Meeting schedule to avoid the January problems in the winter due to the snow, ice and cold weather. Each and every member has something to give because of their dedication and support of the Auxiliary at the Unit level. Also, our current League Officers are more in tune with us and hope that everyone can work more closely together.

The auxiliary has meetings scheduled on Saturday only. Our business meeting will directly follow the joint opening on October 14th at 1:30 pm (You may put your necessities in our room between 1:00 to 1:30 PM). There will be a social on Saturday evening for all to enjoy. Please bring a small gift for the Social.

The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza, Dublin, OH. Please see the first page of the Buckeye Marine. Parking is free.

The January 13, 2018 is a one day meeting for the Marines only, at the VFW Post. We will decide on an extra meeting if necessary.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Tri-Meet. Date & time will be sent when decided!

Remember to put aside the weekend of June 9th –11th 2018 for the Department of Ohio Convention at Cherry Valley Lodge. Information will be forthcoming.

*Semper Fi,
Judy*

VSO Report

The VSO's would like to thank the membership, the Department Officers, and Department VADs for the continued support of your VSO program.

We have been extremely active since our Annual Convention. The claims we filed early on in regards to Camp Lejeune Water Claims are being resolved

at the VA. New claims for those who were stationed at MCB Camp Lejeune are also being filed and working their way thru the VA System. Remember you must have 30 days of service between 1 Aug 1953 to 31 Dec 1987, and suffering from one or more of the diseases associated with the Contaminated Water. Check with your VSO for any questions or concerns. Even if you are not suffering at the present time, and you were stationed at Camp Lejeune, you should at least talk to a VSO. This could save time and effort on your part later, if a claim needs to be filed in the future.

Don't forget that as a VSO, we will service any and all veterans dealing with the VA Health Care System.

*Semper Fi,
Don, Donna, Barry, Dan and James*

Adjutant Report

It's been a very good last quarter for the Dept. of Ohio as we've been able to help several detachments get current on their paperwork and direct other detachments on how to get updated. Remember, if you haven't sent in a current ROI for your detachment please mail it to me at address listed below, I will get it recorded with the Dept. of Ohio. If you have any questions as to whether you're legal or not please contact me and I will get that information for you. Remember, the October Quarterly meeting is October 13-15 at the Crown Plaza in Worthington Ohio. Everyone needs to attend, if you cannot attend please email me your detachment's quarterly report, everyone is required to file this report whether you attend or not. See all of you in October.

*Semper Fi,
Don*

Chief of Staff

I have to be honest with you when I first took this job I didn't think that I was going to be holding it for very long, I thought I was just going to be a seat warmer. My predecessor John Cook is one of those uniquely qualified Marines whose abilities have few, if any limits. To put it another way. I know John Cook. John Cook is a friend of mine, (I hope), and I am no John Cook. (Lloyd eat your heart out). It was my hope, that John would return to this job before the October 2017 Department meeting.

Unfortunately for us, knowing his potential and abilities John was sought out by other groups and quickly recruited to fill necessary positions of responsibility they had. That was good for them, not so good for us.

I recently spoke with John, and after having conferred with other Department officers, I shared with John our desire for him to run for Department Commandant in 2018. But before I did that I asked Senior Vice Mike Kirk if we could sit down and discuss the future of the department together. When we did sit down, it was almost as if we had one mind, (maybe that's the piece I was looking for earlier). Because before I could mention it, Mike said, "You know if John Cook ran for Commandant I'd be happy to stay Senior Vice." In the last week I've reconfirmed that sentiment with both Commandant Harkness and Sr. Vice Kirk. So. Using this is my bully pulpit I would like to ask John Cook if he would consider seeking the Office of Commandant for the Department of Ohio, Marine Corps League. Now on to issues at hand within our Department. Despite efforts of Commandant Harkness and Adjutant Dearth, as well as other Officers from the Marine Corps League, to encourage Detachments with a history of unresolved issues, National has instructed charters to be surrendered to Commandant Harkness. This is not good.

I am compiling procedures for Division Vice Commandants so they have the information at hand to assist every detachment with the information they need to begin the process of correcting issues that are the result of former failures. I need to be clear. I am not pointing fingers, I am establishing a protocol to be followed as I am given guidance by the Commandant, Adjutant, Paymaster, and Marine Corps League National. Discussing who did what when accomplishes nothing. Identifying problems, and working to resolve them is and will be the only topic of discussion.

Hopefully no other detachments will lose their charters. But we need to be clear. We are Marines. More is expected of us, and we have proudly accepted and exceeded every challenge. I see no reason for this to be any less.

Semper Fi,
Thom

Reminder

The Department Meeting Consists of three meetings (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) for the Staff, the Staff should also be prepared to give their reports to the Leaguers on Saturday afternoon. Detachment Commandants should attend the Commandant's Council and have Detachment Reports to present at the Saturday MCL meeting, if the Detachment Commandant cannot make it, a member of the Detachment should be there with the report. If no one from the Detachment can make it the report should be sent to the Department Adjutant in time so the Adjutant can read the report at the meeting. Also note there will be a training session at each Department Meeting this year.

Past President Report

I had the privilege of attending the National Marine Corps League Convention in Overland, Kansas. Debbie Evens and Dee Kirk from our new Unit in Newark, Ohio also attended. On Friday, we were called on stage for them to receive their charter. It was presented by Central Division Vice President Judy Blackmer and National President Karen Aune. They were excited to finally receive their charter.

During the opening ceremony for the National Marine Corps League Auxiliary. The National officers all walked down the isle with flags along the way to the front. We will have a transmittal form changes coming and they also voted to do bylaw changes yearly instead of every three years.

We found Friday to be especially interesting and a lot to learn. Monday and Tuesday was reports from committees and officers. Wednesday was the Auxiliary Flea meeting. That was very interesting and fun. It is a totally different from a regular Auxiliary meeting. They have a theme every year and this year it was red, white and blue. Next year in Buffalo it will be the Great Gatsby. Thursday was Operation Little Angel Project and they made several hundred peanut butter sandwiches for another organization. You can go to the National web site to see pictures of the convention.

The Devil Dog pictures are really interesting. They had an OZ theme this year. On August 23rd, I had the privilege of installing the officers of Land of Legends. Then the officers initiated the rest of the

unit. At last count they have 22 members and still recruiting. The ladies had sandwiches cookies and punch that were shared with the detachment also to celebrate their charter.

On the flip side of this, five or six of the ladies that formed the Land of Legends were originally in the Pvt. Kalinowski Unit in Ashtabula. Their leaving was going to cause a hard ship and possible closing of the Kalinowski Unit. President Maxine McMurray however advertised in the local paper and

challenged her Ladies to recruit. I am proud to say they have surpassed that number of ladies they needed to keep their charter and are near 20 members strong. Congratulate both ladies for a job well done.

Thank you ladies for the last two years as your Department President it was a pleasure serving you.

Semper Fi,
Lynn

Editor Note: PDP Harkness had forwarded photo with her article. They would not correctly format and load correctly from Adobe. I will forward the article to the FACEBOOK team. Darrell

Now hear this. As of 31 July 2017 your VSO have recouped \$ 577,522.00 for veterans in the State of Ohio. Look for this number to keep growing as the year continues. VAD Committee.

Marine Corps League (MCL/MCLA) Meeting Schedule

Friday October 13, 2017

2000 – 2200 MCL Staff Meeting

Saturday October 14, 2017

0700 – 0850 Breakfast

0900 – 0950 MCL and MCLA Youth Committee Meeting

1000 – 1050 Commandant's Council

PDC Meeting w/Dept. Commandant

1100 – 1150 MCL Training (position of Detachment Commandant)

VAD/VSO Meeting

1200 – 1330 Lunch (On own Note the Hotel's Restaurant will be open)

1330 – 1345 Joint MCL/MCLA Opening

1345 – 1700 MCL Meeting

MCLA Meeting

1700 – 1900 Dinner on your own

1900 – 2000 Ohio Pack Growl

2000 - ??? Social (don't forget the gifts)

Sunday October 15, 2011

0900 - ??? MCL Meeting

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