



# Buckeye Marine News

Winter Newsletter  
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## Commandant's Message

*Marines,*

*The Department meetings are going to be run according to the bylaws. Officers' reports are due, Committee reports are due and Division Vice reports are due. I was very disappointed by the attendance at the October meeting.*

*I sent out to each committee member a list of names so you know what committee you are on. You agreed to be on a committee during the Sunday staff meeting after the June 2017 Convention. You agree to do the job, now get it done.*

*The Department has been involved with several issues in the past several months that have been hanging around for several years. I hope to have them resolved before my term in office ends in June. New ones have come to my attention and will be addressed. Detachment EIN problems have been taken care of. One detachments charter was placed on suspension. Another detachments paperwork was close to being suspended now they are up to date. There are several detachments that have fewer than the required 15 members. All detachments are required to operate as cooperation and according to the MCL Bylaws.*

*I hope to see everyone at the January meeting in Newark Ohio.*

*In the meantime stay safe and warm*

***Semper Fi,  
John***

## Paymaster Message

### 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. Come and join us at this and future meetings to see what **YOUR** department is doing to improve the league.*

*I will be seeking the office of Department Commandant at the Department Convention in June and will be looking for you and your support.*

**Semper Fi,  
Mike**

### Jr. Vice Commandant's Message

*Just as our 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. I will be seeking to advance to the office of Senior Vice at the upcoming Department Convention.*

*I will be seeking your support for that office.*

**Semper Fi,  
WoJo**

*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.

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

*Woof-Woof,*  
**Ellen**

## Winter Meeting Information

13 Jan 2018

The Winter Department meeting is January 13, 2018 in balmy Newark, Ohio at the VFM Post 1060. The address is 469 Forry St, Newark, Ohio 43055. It is our understanding that the ladies of the "Land of Legends" will prepare a lunch buffet for a very low cost.

## Youth Committee

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

*Semper Fi,*  
**Ron**

## Ways & Means

Several ideas were presented to the Members present for review and selection for this year. However, not a single member indicated they would support any one, or did they present an alternate suggestion.

Just about every member of this Department demands that we donate to some cause. It takes funds to do this. For an extended period of time, we raffled weapons of various types. M1s Rifles, M1 Carbines, 1903 Springfield. These cost money, most of the time we managed to sell the required number of tickets, but more often than not we fall short of what should have been made, but manage to cover expenses and make a small profit.

The best fund raiser ever conducted by the Department was the raffle of the Classic Mustang several years ago. The car was purchased and restored for \$ 6,000.00. We **did not sell** all of the tickets but managed to cover expenses and raise \$15,000 in profit and only **about half the tickets were sold.** If all of the tickets had sold we would have raised about \$ 24,000 in profit. We, as a

Department need to support our fund raisers. We tried a professional fund raiser a few years back and was just starting to turn the corner, when some of the Detachments demanded the we drop this method of fund raising. In retrospect the Department should have continued.

The Licking County Detachment is holding a fund raiser to help cover the cost of the Department Convention, which must be held each year. Conventions are not covered by the ads sold, or funds charged for the banquet, or other fees for Convention. The Department agreed to make available \$ 2,000 for expenses of the convention. If we support the fund raiser, convention ads, and register your max voting strength Licking County Detachment will not need the committed backup funding.

As Barrie Delp, a former Department Paymaster, once said "it is your money and we, the BOT, will do as directed, but remember we need to replenish those funds". For years this department was able to operate in the black, with a surplus on hand that was due to the membership ensuring we replenished those funds.

We complain that we don't get a Buckeye Marine anymore. Why? The cost of producing and mailing it grew without additional funding being allocated. I remember, when the BOT would ask me, if I needed all the funds allocated to the Buckeye Marine. Most of the time, I did not and the BOT would move the funds from the Buckeye Marine line item to general fund line item. As the cost started rise for the Buckeye Marine, the editors at that time did not ask for a re-allocation of funds so the line item went negative Regardless of how important it is, if the department doesn't have the funds, you still want to donate to cause that you believe is necessary. No one wants to say "NO", instead we make the donation, without any ideas of how to replenish the funds. Each and every member complains about the fees the department has to charge. We need to cover the cost of meeting

rooms, the social/hospitality room including food and drinks.

The members of Licking County 602, are needing your support of the Raffle they as holding in an effort to hold the line of spending at the Department Level as well as their detachment.

**Semper Fi,  
Gary, Mike & Darrell**



## League Membership

Detachment	#	City	Div	17-18 Mbrs	16-17 Mbrs
Chesty Puller	269	Akron	NE	35	42
Montezuma-Cincinnati	270	Cincinnati	SW	46	65
Dayton	271	Dayton	SW	59	71
Lou Diamond	272	Toledo	NW	61	81
Walter Kildow	273	Zanesville	CE	11	11
Major S J Logan	275	Cleveland	NC	30	24
McKinley	277	Canton	NE	45	61
PFC Russell Mook	279	Fremont	NW	8	19
Leathernecks	393	Batavia	SW	55	64
Lofton Henderson	474	Lorain	NC	40	40*
Tri-State	494	Youngstown	NE	109	148
Lancaster Leathernecks	497	Lancaster	CE	12	19
Belleau Wood	508	Columbus	CE	136	148
Richland County Marines	527	Mansfield	NC	20	28
Col Justice M Chambers	555	Mentor	NE	160	196
Medina County	569	Medina	NC	36	47
Beirut 241	576	Elyria	NC	23	26
Licking County	602	Newark	CE	19	35
Gung Ho	650	Brook Park	NC	65	72
Cpl Tim Bauer	720	Portsmouth	SE	8	15
Herman Hesselschwartz	758	Defiance	NW	47	58
Pvt Henry Kalinowski	782	Ashtabula	NE	17	27
Circleville Leathernecks	830	Circleville	SE	16	20
Elton E Mackin	837	Norwalk	NW	25	44
Oh Leatherneck	845	Dover	CE	16	31
Western Ohio	923	Sidney	SW	22	22*
Bobby D White	953	West Union	SE	18	20
H. Eugene Doak	963	Springfield	SW	15	15*
Chosin Reservoir	968	Mason	SW	34	44
Robert B Crites	995	Wilmington	SE	11	19
PFC Leonard F. Mason	1063	Lima	NW	30	37
James J McClelland	1148	Findlay	NW	40	48
Col William E. Barber	1191	Middletown	SW	9	15
Firelands	1192	Sandusky	NW	29	37
Terrace C. Graves	1330	Oxford	SW	4	8
Wayne County Marines	1343	Wayne	NC	3	18
Cleveland Police	1410	Cleveland	NE	12	16
Sgt Bob O'Malley	1436	Marietta	SW	26	89

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

Totals 1357  
1799

\* 100% Detachment

## **President Report**

Greetings members!

I would like to thank each and every member who made the Fall Meeting. It was a productive meeting, even though we did not have the required number of elected officers. Perhaps, we can cure that at the Spring Meeting, followed by a great Central Division Meeting, Department Convention and the National Convention.

I would like to appeal to all members to make every effort to attend the Spring Meeting. 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 spring auxiliary will be scheduled on Saturday only. Our business meeting will directly follow the joint opening on March 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 9<sup>th</sup> –11<sup>th</sup> 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.

VSO Barry Ryan is back after surgery, and VSO Donna Gleason is back after a rather large spill of Mercury in the area next to the VSO Offices.

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. See all of you in October.

**Semper Fi,  
Thom**

## *Reminders*

Reservations: 740-788-1200

### **March 1, 2, 3, 2018**

National Mid-Winter  
Fredericksburg Virginia  
Fredericksburg Hospitality House and  
Conference Center  
2801 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg, VA, US, 22401  
Reservations: 844-228-4125

### **August 12 – 18, 2018**

National Convention  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Two fountain Plaza  
Buffalo New York 14202  
Reservations: 716-856-1234

### **March 9, 10, 11, 2018**

Spring meeting  
Department of Ohio  
Quail Hollow Resort  
11080 Concord-Hamden Road  
Painesville Ohio 44017  
Reservations: 440-350-3508  
Reservation code (MCL)

***Now hear this. As of 30 Nov 2017  
your VSO have recouped about  
\$ 1,277,522.00 for veterans in the  
State of Ohio. Look for this number  
to keep growing as the year  
continues.***

### **April 5, 6, 7, 8, 2018**

Central Division Convention  
Radisson Hotel  
111 North Grand Ave.  
Lansing Michigan 48933  
Reservations: 517-482-0188  
Reservation code (MCLA18)

***Semper Fi,  
Pete, David, and Darrell***

### **June 7, 8, 9, 10, 2018**

Department of Ohio Convention  
Cherry Valley Lodge  
2299 Cherry Valley Road  
Newark Ohio 43055

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## Meeting Schedule

### Saturday January 13, 2018 \*\*

0900 – 1200 MCL Meeting

1200 – 1300 Lunch (Support the Ladies of Newark)

1330 – ??? MCL Meeting

\*\*Subject to change/approval by the Commandant and President

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