



**FIRST STATE DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

P. O. Box 434 – Ocean View, DE 19970

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**Marines & Members of First State Detachment,
MCL....**

While I sit in front of the word processor pondering the "subject" of this article it finally comes to me! What drives our members to attend monthly meetings in adverse weather conditions; when they have other commitments and cancel them; when their spouses have other plans which include them, etc, etc.? Sometimes we give in and miss a monthly League meeting, however, I believe this is rare. Usually when we are in town we make the effort to join our "brothers" on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Could it be our Marine training and dedication kicking in that brings us to these meetings? I've heard on countless occasions, "I feel real comfortable when in the company of Marines." Our meetings do just that!! It has been said by our members more than once, "We have good attendance at our meetings." Other organizations lack participation that our Detachment has shown. Let's keep up this pace in 2008.

Our membership is comprised of many talented individuals. Their skills and abilities need to be utilized. Therefore, for some of you who have not previously stepped up to the plate, now is the time. Marine Al Kessler, for example, could use your help at the Ocean City boat show attending the Detachment booth on 15-17 February 2008. We also are in need of a replacement for the Detachment Quartermaster position. The past Chairman of the Toys for Tots program is stepping down, so next time we kick off this program a new Chairman will be needed, along with much needed help.

Efforts to have a group participate in the Ocean City St. Pat's parade on 15 March 08 have gone nowhere...this is a missed opportunity to let the public see our Detachment in action, display our banner and have some fun. It would not take a lot of effort, only member participation to get something going. Any takers?

Referring to various bumper stickers, I believe the following ones state the way I strongly feel about members taking part in Detachment activities and programs. These words can be applied to various goals we have set for the coming months. Read on, digest and proceed accordingly:

"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference. Marines don't have a problem."....."Lead, follow or get the hell outta the way."....."Not as lean, not as mean, but still a Marine."....."It's not an attitude problem, we are that good!"

Will get off the soap box with these parting words. Our membership numbers could be increased if recruiting efforts were put forth. How's about increasing our numbers to 150 members by the end of 2008? This is a challenge...each of us is a Marine Corps League recruiter.

Good night Chesty, where ever you are....

Semper Fidelis,

Jack Rine,Commandant
First State Detachment

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MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, 27 February 2008

1930 - V.F.W. Ocean City

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new members:

Robert Dodson, Richard Lamberson and Robert Short

Total Membership 138 Members in Arrears – 7

Charles Buxton, Robert Jenderk, Antoinette McCauley
Charles Meadows, Nickalas Pisano, James Trummel and John Webster

MEMBERS IN ARREARS - Please mail your dues (30.00) with **Renewal**
Notice to: Marine Corps League -- P. O. Box 434 – Ocean View, DE 19970

Report any address change to Stan Randall – 302-4360-9884

PLEASE include the **RENEWAL NOTICE** with your check.

This notice is my back up.

Thanks, Stan



NEW MEMBERS SWEARING IN

Two new members, Mike Siwinski and Dick Lamberson, were sworn in as members of the 1st State Detachment, MCL by Commandant, Jack Rines.





At our January 23 meeting the detachment presented a framed print of the famous Rosenthal photo of the Iwo Jima flag raising. This was presented to VFW Commander David A. Schaaf and VFW Quartermaster Bob Bosse. This presentation is in appreciation for the VFW's generous cooperation with our detachment over the years.

Future Dates:

February 15-17 – Boat Show

O C Convention Center Call Al Kessler @ 410-208-1947

March 15 --St. Patrick's Day Parade, Ocean City

April 9 – Annapolis trip to The Naval Academy

April – May – Youth Physical Fitness Activity dates to be determined.

Northside Park Boosters Easter Activity, Saturday before Easter

June 14 – Golf Tournament at Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club

“Once a Marine, Always a Marine”

Annapolis Trip Information

Chaplain's Report

There have been no reports of any distressed members

If you know of any member who is sick or distressed Please contact me at 410-641-6394, or my cell at 301-325-0394

God bless you and Semper Fi

Chaplain,

Richard Ocheltree

Quartermaster Report

Comrades I am still looking for someone to take over the Quartermaster position. Please think about, and I will work with you until you feel comfortable in doing it yourself. See me at the next meeting or call me at 410-641-6394, or my cell at 301-325-0394 and we can talk about it
thanks

Richard Ocheltree
Quartermaster

Blood Bank Report

If anyone of you does not already belong to a Blood Bank, please consider joining our Marine Corps League Blood bank. Call me at 410-641-6393 or my cell at 301-325-0394 and I will go over it with you.

Thanks
Richard Ocheltree
Blood Bank Sponsor



THE PROGRAM

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

- 7: 00 AM- Depart Municipal Safety Building Parking Lot, Route 1 and 65th Street, Ocean City. PLEASE BE IN AREA BY
- 6:45 AM.
- On route to the Annapolis area via the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. “Light” refreshments will be served.
- Arrive (at about 9:00 AM) United States Naval Academy, Annapolis
- 9:30 AM- Military Veterans Tour. Designed for participants in U. S. military operations. Focuses on USNA’s role in supplying naval and marine officers in various conflicts. Includes Lejeune Hall, Dahlgren Hall, Bancroft Hall, Tecumseh Court, Herndon Monument, Chapel and crypt of John Paul Jones. This will be a walking tour and includes an audio-visual presentation. Approximately two and half hours.
- 12:00 PM- Lunch at the Drydock Restaurant, Dahlgren Hall---Pick your sandwich selection from menu included with reservation form below.

After Lunch on your own on to further visit campus including gift shop and USNA museum. In addition, Annapolis downtown and waterfront are a few blocks from visitor center

- 3:45 PM- Regroup to attend the USNA full dress parade. Except for graduation ceremonies this is one of only two such parades annually. We’ve been told if we promise to all be in step we might be able to bring up the rear....in front of thousands in the stands!!!!

* 5:15 PM (Approximate) Cocktails and dinner at the Officers and Faculty Club. Guest Speaker-Two tour Iraq USMC Infantry Officer now a USNA Leadership Professor.

After dinner back on the bus to Ocean City---should arrive before 10:00 PM

NOTE 1 – The package fee for the trip includes the bus trip, bus driver’s tip, refreshments on bus, tours, Drydock Restaurant Lunch, and the Officers and Faculty Club Dinner.

NOTE 2 – Suggested Dress Code-“Dressy Casual” is order of the day. Marines’ cover will be MCL pisscutters or baseball caps. Please wear your MCL golf shirts. Walking shoes!

The trip, based on 40 participants, will cost \$75 per person. This includes all items in Note 1 above.

The Detachment is taking reservations NOW. Since the trip is only few months away and we do need to make our minimum numbers to make the trip work financially we will allow members, from the getgo, to invite guests to join us on the trip. We would need to have the entire payment with your reservation, mail it in NOW. or you may if you wish bring it in at our MCL meeting.

Make checks to: First State Detachment, MCL. First Come, First Served.....

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

BOB DOHERTY
4315 SPRUCEMONT
WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23188

RESERVATION FORM

NAME _____ GUEST _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

DRYDOCK SANDWICH SELECTION (NUMBER NEXT TO SELECTION)

COLD CUT SUB ___ ROAST BEEF ___ TUNA SALAD ___

TURKEY ___ HAM ___ TWO PIZZA SLICES ___

ALL INCLUDE CHIPS, DESSERT, AND DRINK

COMMENTS _____

February - Dates in Marine Corps History

- 16th 1953- Marine Capt Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox legend, crash landed his F9F Pantherjet after his aircraft was shot up during a bombing raid on North Korea. Williams walked away from the wheels-up landing.
- 19th 1945- The 4th and 5th Marine Divisions stormed ashore at Iwo Jima
- 20th 1962 Š Marine LtCol John Glenn made three orbits of earth in a manned space capsule.
- 23th 1945 Š Five Marines and a Navy corpsman raised the American flag on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima.
- 25th 1861 Š The Confederate Marine Corps was organized in Richmond, VA.

Feburary Birthdays

Bob Balzer – Richard Batchlor – John Heiger – Dave Jacobs – George Mangan
Charles Miler – George Perkins – Pete Redina –Len Rothlingshofer

