



Newsletter August/September 2008

Commandant's Corner

The Detachment membership is continuing to grow, keep up the good work of recruitment. Our growth is the responsibility of all members and the more active we get the better we become. We have had a busy two months, the M1 rifles have arrived and are ready for action, the Color Guard has been busy, and the raffle for the rifle has gone very well so far. I want to remind you that as your Commandant, I'm here to represent you and to be your advocate in Marine Corps League affairs. If you ever need to discuss something or to just talk, feel free to call me anytime.

Some of our goals for the rest of this year are:

- Continue to grow membership
- Successful and rewarding Marine Corps Ball
- Successful Fundraising season
- Professional and personal appearance at requested veterans themed events and programs
- Raised awareness of the Marine Corps League within the community
- Detachment social events with members and family

The Marine Corps Ball is slowly approaching and Jim Basey has been working feverously to make sure it's a huge success. Invitations and more information will be forthcoming soon. Uniform for the Ball is MCL formal evening dress or Red blazer, business dress (coat and tie, evening gown for the ladies), and/or Dress Blues (for those authorized to wear the Dress Blues according to MCO 1020.34F Marine Corps Uniform Regulations, this is a earned privilege not a right).

Suzanne and Al Dilthey have put our donation to good use as always. She has sent out another batch of boxes and I have received several emails that she received from recipients of these boxes. We need to continue to help in the community when and where we can. If you ever wonder what we do or what the MCL is about, just take a moment and read the mission statement.

If you have anything you would like on the agenda for the October 7th meeting get it to me by noon, October 6th.

Marine Corps League Mission Statement

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, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines 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.

Along with this we should strive each and every day to present ourselves in a manner that will not bring discredit on the Marine Corps, Marine Corps League, the Detachment, it's membership, nor ourselves. Wearing of the Marine Corps, and Marine Corps League uniform is a privilege we each earned that first time we were called Marines. With that privilege comes responsibility in regards to conduct, appearance, and attitude. The Marine Corps League nor it's Detachment's are a unit of one, it's a unit of many and it takes all members working together as professionals to succeed.

Detachment / Color Guard Dates

November 11th Veterans Day Parade

Franklin High School Home Football Games:

Oct. 3rd, 24th

Nov. 7th

If you have not paid for and received your challenge coins, then now is the time to take care of this financial obligation. We will be ordering a second round of 100 soon, so if you want more, begin to think about it.

The raffle sales for the Henry Big Boy .45 Colt Rifle is going great. We have raised enough to pay for the rifle and am now in profit mode. The table setup schedule will be announced as we go. I will email or call with schedule for Wal-Mart set up dates. Remember the majority of the money we get to fund our activities and donations come from raffle sales, so we need everyone that's able to participate at the setup table to sell raffle tickets. The drawing will be conducted at a breakfast on 11 November (MC Birthday), time and location to be announced.

All hands are needed on deck to assist.



VA Veterans Service

We have earned 168 VAVS hours for 2008 as of September 17th. Anytime you participate in any event that serves Veterans up to 3 hours per Detachment member participating can be credited. This includes parades, funeral details, memorials, volunteering at the local hospitals, hospices and nursing homes.

PRAYER CORNER

Remember those in need, sick, and in distress

- Skip Howells
- All those that have gone unmentioned but are still in need of prayer and special thoughts