

Smoky Mountain Detachment 973

In the Heart of the Smokies



Newsletter
June 2008

Commandant's Corner

We are moving forward and things are really coming together for the Detachment. We will soon have possession of enough M1's to equip a full Honor Detail, we are up to date with our Corporation papers, and membership is looking good (the Detachment got runner up for Department membership with a 5% increase of new members this past year). The Detachment is being asked to participate in a lot of events throughout the community, this is a salute to our members and the professionalism you exhibit in and out of uniform. I feel honored to represent the Detachment and each of you throughout the community, at the Quarterly meetings, and especially recently at the DoNC Convention. My main goal as Commandant is that we continue to look forward and look back only to reflect on our accomplishments. Continue to recruit new members, and don't forget Associate members as well. Let's see if we can increase our membership by 8% this year, it can be done, that's only 5 new members. If I can be of assistance to you in anyway, don't hesitate to let me know.

If you have anything you would like on the agenda for the July 1st meeting get it to me by June 27th.

If you have anything you would like included in the monthly newsletter get it to me by the 15th of the month

It's almost that time, drawing the winner of the Henry Golden Boy Rifle. The drawing will be on Friday, July 4th at 5 pm. We will set up the table in the Veterans Park at 9:00 am. A sign up sheet will be at the July 1st meeting and we'll be doing 2 hour blocks of time. The more signing up the less others will have to do. Also, start thinking of what the Detachment would like to do for the next fundraiser and bring your ideas to the next meeting.



Detachment / Color Guard Dates

July 4th @ 10 am — Parade Downtown Franklin

August 21st (time TBA) - VA CBOC

Franklin High School Home Football Games:

Aug. 15th Scrimmage - Sept. 5th, 19th - Oct. 3rd, 24th - Nov. 7th

(we need more volunteers for the Color/Honor Guard details, especially funeral details. Let me know if you would like to be included on the call roster, everyone is welcome and invited to participate)

VA Veterans Service

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

Museum of the Marines at Jacksonville

(3 memory zones – Detachment can have name engraved on outside of zone wall if 100% of Detachment membership donates \$25 per year for three years)

MCL license plates

no fee required, need 300 applications to start pressing them out

2008/2009 Quarterly meeting and

DoNC Convention schedule:

20 September 2008 – Sandhills Detachment 1001, Pinehurst

17 January 2009 – Davidson County Detachment 1103, VA Hospital in Salisbury

18 April 2009 – Tri County Detachment, Rocky Mount

4-6 June 2009 – DoNC Convention, Burlington

Here is the final proof of the Detachment Challenge Coin. We



need a minimum of 100 to place a order. So far, we have not reached that minimum requirement. Once we do, an order will be placed and the turnaround time is estimated at 14 business days.

PRAYER CORNER

Remember those in need

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