



**FIRST STATE DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

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Greetings, Marines.

Here's wishing you and your families a Happy Easter. If fortunate enough, perhaps you had the opportunity to celebrate this holiday with your families.

Last month we reported to you the success the Detachment achieved, under the leadership of Marine Al Kessler, while manning a booth at the Optimist Club's Seaside Boat Show. Boosted by that success, Al obtained a copy of the Ocean City 2010 Official Visitor's Guide which contained the calendar of events to be held at the Convention Center through June of 2010. He took the initiative and locked in 3 additional events in which the Detachment can have a booth for the purpose of recruiting new members, for showing the flag, and for raising funds for the Injured Marine fund and the Marine Corps War Memorial. Two of those events took place during March: the Hot Rod and Custom Car Show and the Home, Condo & Garden Show & Arts and Crafts Fair. The Detachment experienced similar results at these two events. Approximately 4 new potential members were recruited and a total of \$1,900 dollars have been raised for the Injured Marine fund. Al, we congratulate you for doing such a super job.

With regard to the goals your Detachment set for 2010. We have now recruited 6 new members, Bob Rose, Rick Holmes, Steve Siltman, Chip Keller, Rick Kaufman, and Frank Del Piano. The Detachment is proud to have these Marines join our ranks. We have also received and processed dues renewals for 21 of our current members. In

addition we gained one new member, Jerry Monahan, and lost one member, Tony Ciuba, through transfer actions.

Elections for your new slate of officers will take place at the April 28, 2010 regular membership meeting. I announced that I would not be running for reelection again this year. The slate of candidates for April's elections is: Commandant – Jack Rine or Wally Stevenson; SVC – Fred Wise; JVC – Bob Hughes; JA – Bill Strickland. This is probably the most important meeting of the year. You are encouraged to attend as you have the right and duty to elect your leadership team for the forthcoming year. The installation of your new slate of officers will be conducted on Friday, May 7, 2010 at Bear Trap in Ocean View, DE. Once again, Frank Conlon has done an outstanding job in planning and arranging for this event. Dinner and one free drink ticket will be covered by the Detachment. Happy hour prices will be available all night for other drinks of domestic beer, rail drinks and wine. Please plan on joining us that evening. Frank will be providing details shortly.

The previously advertised Ocean City Memorial Day Parade has been canceled due to logistical and safety concerns. We still plan to participate in ceremonies currently being planned for the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation and at VFW Post 8296.

As always, we look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings.

Semper Fi,
Dick Tanner, Commandant

MEMBERSHIP

Members in Arrear: Please mail your dues check and the MCL HQ's Renewal Notice (if received) to:
Marine Corps League P.O. Box 434 Ocean View, DE 19970
Or you may give me the paperwork at the scheduled monthly meeting.

Members in Arrears with their dues:

June 2009: Charles J. DiPino

October 2009: Howard J. Burton

November 2009: Donald Clagett

December 2009: John P. Bradford, Robert S. Dodson, Thomas N. McKelvey

February 2010: Vernon F. Becker, Stanley J. Cygan, Harry E. Hopkins

March 2010: Richard A. Koller, Albrech Krannebitter, Neil F. Taylor, Carl R. Thomas

Members with Dues Coming Due in April:

None

Checks should be made out to **First State Detachment** in the amount of \$30 and may be sent to the following address in lieu of the one above:

R. T. Tanner

11 Fort Sumter North

Ocean Pines, MD 21811

Members wishing to become a Life Member: We have to have the Life membership funds to National prior to the end of the month of your renewal date. If this does not occur, it only counts as a yearly renewal, and we have to wait until the next year's billing cycle.

Please notify Dick Tanner of any change in your **Home Address, E-Mail Address or Telephone Number.**

OUR DETACHMENT'S INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DINNER

The detachment cordially invites all members, spouses or a guest to our 2010 Installation of Officers Dinner. The date is Friday, May 7 from 5-9 to be held at DiFebo's Bistro on the Green at Bear Trap Dunes Golf Club in Ocean View Delaware. This is a special complimentary event.

Here are the event details, cocktail reception 5-6 PM. All guests will receive one complimentary drink of their choice. Thereafter, there will be a cash bar throughout the evening. Prices are: house wines, \$5.00 each, domestic beer, \$3.00 each, imported beer \$4.00 each, rail drinks, (house brands), \$6.00 each.

Installation of officer from 6:05 to 6:30 PM followed by dinner.

Music will be provided by "Imagine".

Dress. The proper dress for all officers and appointed officers is red blazer, white shirt, black tie, belt, trousers, socks and shoes. If you wear medals they should be miniature. Do not mix MCL and DOD medals. The standard MCL cover should be worn, but not during cocktail or dinner times. Other than a proper MCL blazer crest, no patches, pins or name plates are to be worn.

All members who have proper MCL dress are encouraged to wear it. Other wise, cocktail party attire is suggested.

If there are any questions or should anyone need directions, please call Frank Conlon at 302 541 4517.

We hope all will be able to attend and ask you to r.s.v.p. by April 28.



Five new members being sworn by Commandant Richard Tanner

NEXT MEETING 1930 – APRIL 28 @ OC VFW
Although the meeting starts at 1930, come early, meet with your friends have some refreshments and a “HAPPY HOUR” before we get down to business

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers is to be held at the April meeting. The slate of candidates is:
Commandant – Wally Stevenson or Jack Rine; SVC – Fred Wise; JVC – Bob Hughes; JA – Bill Strickland. Nominations may also be made at the meeting.

All members, including Associate Members, are eligible to vote.

BE A CANDIDATE FOR:
COMMANDANT
SENIOR VICE-COMMANDANT
JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDANT
JUDGE ADVOCATE

For more info call Jack Carey
302-537-7272



1st State Det. Members at Northside Park Easter Celebration, April 3rd along with the Easter Bunny



Youth Physical Fitness - 2009

YOUTH PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAM

To take place from April 26—29 (4days)

Time: 0900 to 1400

This is a fun program for everyone involved. You can participate for all day every day or 1 day, ½ day or any time that suits your schedule. Try it. You'll like it.

Frankford Elementary School

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Calender of Future Events:

26 – 29 APRIL—Youth Physical Fitness

28 APRIL – Monthly Meeting , Election of Officers

7 MAY – Dinner, Installation of New Officers

15 MAY – Armed Forces Day, Northside Park, O. C., MD

26 MAY – Monthly Meeting

28 MAY – Placement of Flags at Veterans Cemetery

30 MAY -- Multiple Events, Worcester County Veterans Memorial, Ocean City VFW

In addition to the above listed events, members will be involved in raising funds for Wounded Marines and the Marine Corps Memorial. This will be in the Ocean City Convention Center.

These events will be held on:

20 - 23 MAY -- CRUISIN' OCEAN CITY

29 - 30 MAY – SPRING ARTS and CRAFT SHOW

5 - 6 JUNE – O. C. CAR and TRUCK SHOW



"Once a Marine, Always a Marine"

