



## FIRST STATE DETACHMENT MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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I SOMETIMES THINK that one of the most difficult things about serving as your Commandant is writing this article. The editor announced to the officers that any information that was going to be published needed to be to him by the 1st week in August. I knew this and yet I put it off. Then I thought, what if the golf committee put off their duties until the last minute? Would our tournament be successful? Would we have raised as much money for our causes as we do? What about the 4th of July? Yes, it's hot to march, but what if the majority of us thought to let the other guys march? Could we do this with just a couple of people? Sure we could, but it wouldn't be the same. What if Al and Dave said we can put off our fund raising work at the Convention Center? What if things weren't taken care of until Friday, and we merely hope folks show up on Saturday? Why do we have the same 20 or 30 Marines at our meetings when we have 125 members? Granted some may live miles away and unable to attend, but what about the 65% of our members we never see? What can we do to make our Detachment valuable to all 125+ members and not just a few? When we have a project, goal or mission, we know that 10 to 20 or even 30 Marines can always be counted on. In any organization there are those that do, and those that do less. In our Detachment, we're fortunate to have many that step forward and can be counted upon for the service to our League. But that's not fair. It's not fair to those that miss the pride of marching with their fellow Marines on the 4th of July. It's not fair that just a few feel the joy when someone we don't know gives us a hug, because we're collecting a toy for a child that might otherwise receive nothing on Christmas Day. They miss the smile we get when someone donates a dollar or two and thanks us for our service. We enjoy our May dinners and summer picnics without all our members. In November there are 40-50 Marines and their guests who will celebrate the birth of our Corps. What about the other five dozen Marines that belong to our detachment? They don't know what they're missing, but we are missing them. I'm a proud Marine who is just as proud today as I was 40 years ago. I'd be more proud if this article encouraged non active members to become active, and join us in our celebration and the pride of earning the title of a United States Marine. Semper Fidelis.

Semper Fi,  
Fred Wise  
Commandant  
First State Detachment

***NEXT MEETING IS ON AUGUST 24 @ OC VFW at  
1930  
COME EARLY  
MEET OLD FRIENDS – OR MAKE NEW ONES***

#### **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:

**December 2008:** Anthony F. Sapia – Dropped did not pay dues

**June 2009:** Charles J. DiPino – Dropped did not pay dues

**October 2009:** Howard J. Burton, Jr. – Dropped did not pay dues

**December 2009:** John Wallis – Dropped did not pay dues

**July 2010:** John H. Tierney – Dropped did not pay dues

**August 2010:** John R. Wingate, Jr.- Will be dropped if dues not paid

**September 2010:** Gilberto A. Cano – Will be dropped if dues not paid

**December 2010:** Charles E. Tarbrake, Robert L. Thornton

**June 2011:** John J. Gain, Jr., John R. Niblett

**July 2011:** Brian P. Leyden, John H. Tierney

**August 2011:** William D. Studds

**Members with Dues Coming Due in September 2011:** Cornelius J. Callahan, James E. McGinniss, John J. Sauer, Jr., John R. Wineberg

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 for expedited servicing:

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.**

## **A few good men are needed . . .**

TO MAN OUR BOOTH AT THE ART & CRAFT FESTIVAL, Friday, Saturday and Sunday—Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. Hours 10 – 5 at The Convention Center, 40<sup>th</sup> St. OC. We need Marines to volunteer in 2 hr shifts to collect donations for the Semper Fi Fund and recruit new members. I will have a sign up at Aug, 24<sup>th</sup> meeting or call Dave Kline 302-436-5975... Thanks Dave.

**MARINES:** The First State Detachment now has Challenge Coins for sale. The price is just \$10 each or 3 for \$25.



They may be purchased at the monthly meetings from our  
Quartermaster, Wally Stevenson  
302—253-0533  
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## **Please pass the Word that we are here to help**

We would like to introduce ourselves. We are a new Veteran Center open in Sussex County, DE. We are currently working at a temporary location in Lewes, just off of route 1.

The location is diagonal to the Red Mill Inn, and across from the Delaware Guidance Program. The address is 16287 Willow Creek Rd, Lewes, DE 19958.

The Vet Center permanent location will be located on route 113 in Georgetown, next to burger king. This location should be available to you in Fall 2011.

### **WHO ARE WE?**

We are the people in the VA who welcome home War Veterans with honor by providing quality Readjustment Counseling in a caring, understanding, and confidential manner. Many of the counselors are also veterans who take great pride in helping those who served.

### **WHAT DO WE OFFER?**

Readjustment counseling provides a wide range of psycho-social services to eligible veterans and their families. The efforts are to help veterans make a successful transition from military to civilian life. Included are individual and group counseling on such issues as PTSD, depression, sexual trauma, substance abuse screening and treatment. Additionally, we help veterans with anxiety, mood, anger management problems, support and referral services for benefits, medical, and other related post military issues.

**IS THERE COUNSELING FOR FAMILY MEMBERS?** Yes, Family members are eligible for readjustment counseling services which include individual, groups, family sessions, support, and education.

Please contact us for more information or to schedule an appointment  
Phyllis Perrine, MSW 302-824-0856 or Ted Smith, MSW 302-824-8291



## *Discount Prices at Disney World*

*Open Eligibility to ALL Veterans September 2011 & January 2012*

Shades of Green® on Walt Disney World® Resort is pleased to offer our “Salute to Our Veterans” Program, which is designed to give all military veterans who have received an honorable discharge (verified by current DD-214), the opportunity to vacation at Shades of Green during the months of September and January. Please review our [eligibility requirements](#) before proceeding.

### **September Birthdays:**

HOWARD FULTZ – RICHARD HOLMES – RICHARD KAUFMAN – GERALD MONAHAN  
RICHARD OCHELTREE – JOHN ST. JEAN – RICHARD TANNER – ROBERT THORNTON  
JACK WATSON – JOHN WHITE

**THE SEPTEMBER MEETING IS ON SEPTEMBER 28  
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residents are aware, these men are members of the

### **ATTENTION MEMBERS . . .**

Do you have copy of the First State Detachment Guide Book?  
How about MCL ribbons? Are you aware which ones you are qualified to wear?

If you answered **NO** to either question, get in touch with Bill Strickland, our Judge Advocate at 302-436-9361 or [duckystrick@comcast.net](mailto:duckystrick@comcast.net)

Marine Corps League. They are aptly given that

I sadly report that one of our life members, Edwin Lewis has passed on, pray for his wife and family. Also, Bob Galvin, one of our former commandants, in nursing care, needs our prayers.

“Who are the men in red?” That was a question my daughter asked at a recent ceremony at the Worcester County Memorial. As most local

moniker since they wear red blazers, red covers (hats), white shirts, black trousers, and black shoes. This group actively participates in many of our area’s patriotic events; such as Memorial and Veterans Day

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## **Betty's Corner By Betty Cianci**

celebrations held at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial; marching in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Bethany Beach or providing a color guard and guest speaker at the Fenwick Island Memorial Day celebration. What is this organization's origin and purpose? Their history is interesting and inspiring.

The Marine Corps League was first established by the 13<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the Marine Corps, General John A. Lejeune in 1923. He is known as the "father" of the modern Marine Corps. He felt it was necessary to establish this kind of organization as a way of preserving the tradition, values and esprit de corps. The first State detachment, Delaware Department, Marine Corps League, was the first detachment established in the state of Delaware. It received its charter April 14, 1989 as the result of the work of 16 founding members. The First State Detachment spans an area beginning in lower Sussex County, DE, crossing the Maryland state line extending into Northern Worcester County, including Ocean City and Ocean Pines. Within the Delaware Department, there are four additional detachments located in the Wilmington, Dover, Bethany Beach and Laurel/Seaford areas.

As General Lejeune envisioned, the First State Detachment preserves the traditions and promotes the interests of the U. S. Marine Corps (USMC). It bands together those who are now serving and those who have been honorably discharged in order that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy. These members are able to carry out this mandate by rendering aid and assistance to all active duty Marines, FMF Corpsmen and Marine veterans and their widows and children. The Detachment also perpetuates the history of the USMC by participating in fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

Besides their active participation in patriotic events, The Detachment also participates in numerous events; such as decorating gravesites with flags prior to Memorial/Veterans Day; conducting recruiting and fund raising activities at numerous sites in the Ocean City area during the year; Attending monthly Detachment and leadership meetings at the Ocean City VFW post 8296 on 66<sup>th</sup> Street; participating in the Delaware Department's quarterly membership meetings and sending delegates to the MidEast Division and/or National Conventions each year.

The Detachment also collects Toys for Tots at numerous locations and restaurants throughout the area; provides personnel to run various stations for the OC Boosters during Halloween and Easter seasons; operates the hot chocolate booth one night a week during the Festival of Lights program; hosts a golf tournament each year; hosts a USMC Birthday Ball; conducts fund raisers that support the injured Marines Semper Fi Fund (during the past six months the Detachment has donated \$3,000 to this fund). Additionally, the Detachment has donated \$2,000 to help support the program responsible for the Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima Memorial) in Arlington, VA; The Detachment has also provided \$1,500 to the USO in Jacksonville, NC, to assist those Marines and family members who sustained damage to their homes following the recent tornado that struck the base (Camp Lejeune). Another undertaking of the detachment, along with help from the parents and students of Broad Run High School in Ashburn, VA, was providing in excess of 3,000 stockings filled with candy and goodies, plus 1,700 signed Christmas cards to Marines assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment during their recent deployment to Afghanistan.

Those interested in joining the Marine Corps League can contact the Detachment's Junior Vice Commandant, Steve Siltman. He can be contacted at [pavulonprn@comcast.net](mailto:pavulonprn@comcast.net). The applicant should provide his/her\_name, address, phone number, e-mail address, a copy of his/her DD-214 Discharge showing a honorable discharge and answering "yes" or "no" question concerning any conviction on a felony charge. Dues are \$30 a year, renewable on the individual's anniversary date. Life memberships are also available.

Their motto guides lives –  
"Semper Fidelis – Always Faithful".

***"Once a Marine, Always a Marine"***

