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HAVING JUST RETURNED from a two week trip to Spain, with a short 2 day jaunt to Tangier, Morocco, I want to tell you how good it is to be back in the USA. Spain was wonderful; the weather was great; the people were friendly, and the food and wine was good. However, nothing beats what the United States offers. Appreciate what you have, and be grateful that you are able to share a good life with many comforts with family and friends.

As the Christmas season approaches, my wife, Diane, and I want to wish each and every one of you and your families a holy and blessed Christmas. It's my assumption that many of you will be on the road during the upcoming season, and I hope you travel carefully and plan your trip so that you do not have to rush.

With 2010 rapidly approaching, the Detachment needs to begin thinking of what our goals should be. As I see them now they include: (1) Initiate a massive recruiting effort. We have lost several members over the past 3 years and our accessions have not kept up to date. (2) Seek a golf tournament chair. Neither Joe Pantone nor I will be able to handle this event this year. Someone needs to step forward to take it on. It's a major fund raising event for the Detachment. (3) Solicit input from the membership: what is it you expect from the Detachment or for the monthly meetings? (4) Each officer should submit at least one article per year for inclusion in the Newsletter.

I want to extend a special Christmas greetings to one of our members, Jim McGinniss, who recently relocated his CP (command post) from Ocean City to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Charlotte Hall, MD. Jim, we are all thinking of you and wishing you a happy and merry Christmas. The Detachment is especially grateful for the help and assistance you received from a close friend of yours, Ed Smith, who was most instrumental in getting you admitted to this home. We hope you are coping well, are sharing your numerous short stories and jokes with your mates there, and eating heartedly. The Detachment will not forget what Ed did for you. We will be presenting him with a Certificate of Appreciation on Monday, December 7, 2009, at the weekly Ocean City Town Council meeting for the assistance, persistence and care he displayed in helping you gain entry. Keep the faith, Marine, and know that your many friends in the Detachment are thinking of you.

Along these same lines, I would also like to welcome home the Detachment's youngest member, Sgt. Jordan B. Bird, USMC. As I type, Jordan is enroute to the States after completing a 6 month pump in Afghanistan. Jordan we are very proud of you, congratulate you, and wish you fair winds and following seas on your return trip.

As previously announced there will be no membership meeting for the month of December due to the upcoming festivities related to Christmas. We'll get together on the 4th Wednesday of January, the 27th.

Semper fidelis, Marines,
Dick Tanner, Commandant

PAYMASTER

Members in Arrears:

Please mail your dues check and the MCL HQ's **Renewal Notice** 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 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 years billing cycle.

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

QUARTERMASTER

Members can receive Marine Corps League Uniform and Accessories from the MCL's Ship's Store.
www.mcleague.com (800) 625-1775

The **Red Blazer** may be purchased from the following vendor.

Hardwick Clothing P.O. Box 2310 Cleveland, TN 37320-2310
poc: Kaye Buckner (423) 476-6534 x229 Our Detachment #689

The White Short Sleeve Uniform Shirt may be purchased from the following vendor. www.mypilotstore.com
(877) 314-7575

MCL Jackets (Winter and Spring/Fall), MCL Golf Shirts, MCL Covers (Baseball Caps) may be purchased from the following vendor.

O.C. Monogram Co. 9809 Route 611 West Ocean City, MD 21842
poc: Cathy Ritchie www.ocmonogram.com (410) 213-7707

Future Date: December 7th

In addition to being a Date that will live in infamy, it is also the day the Ocean City Council will Declare the month of December, *Toys For Tots month*. Also the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation By the First State Detachment to Ed Smith. Try to be there. These events will take place at 6 pm, the beginning of the meeting. So you can leave whenever you like. So come and give your support.

Remember the More the Merrier.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – December

Steve Acton Bill Davis Al Kessler
Ted Edwards Manny Ortiz Tom Seitz
Frank Mathers Dominick Metallo
John Wineberg Juan Graciano Floyd Tunnis

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DECEMBER

Dates in Marine Corps History

- 1st 1950 –The 1stMarDiv began its bitter withdrawal from Yudammi, North Korea.
- 7th 1941 – The JAPANESE ATTACK PEARL HARBOR, more than 3000 sailors and Marines killed.
- 8th 1941—Japs attack Americans at Wake Island, Guam and the Philippines.
- 10th 1941 –With no weapons larger than the .30 MG, 153 Marines defended Guam until overwhelmed.
- 23rd 1941 –Following a Dawn landing by the Japs and 12 hours of fighting, the battered garrison of Wake Island surrenders. Total Marine casualties during the campaign are 56 killed and 44 wounded.
- 25th 1 – Christ was born in Bethlehem.
MERRY CHRISTMAS



FIRST STATE DETACHMENT

2009 LUNCHEON BUFFETS

House of Welsh **302/541-0728**
Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009

Magnolia's **302/539-5671**
Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009

VFW Post 8296 **410/524-8196**
Sunday, Dec.13, 2009

Princess Royale **410/524-7777**
Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009

Time: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**Cost: \$10.00 donation per person or
new unwrapped toy of equal Value.**

Music by Imagine (John & Gail)

Can't make the buffets, how about breakfast at Layton's

On Wednesday, December 9th.

Layton's 1601 Philadelphia Ave.

Ocean City, MD

"All you can eat breakfast"

8AM-1PM

Donation \$10.00, Kids are Free (no toys) 410/289-6635