



**FIRST STATE DETACHMENT
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DEC/JAN 2011-12 NEWSLETTER

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MARINES, I FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE for it to be winter and the New Year just around the corner. 2011 has been a year that will not be remembered as year of great deeds and noble accomplishments. That is unless you are a member of the First State Detachment of the MARINE CORPS LEAGUE. Our "star" has shown brightly this year. Our membership remains strong. Most organizations need to spend so much time finding new members that they often lose sight of the original mission; what ever that mission might be. I am not suggesting that recruiting is not a challenge for us, but we seem to be keeping pace with our goals and addressing that issue. I am pleased that so many newer members are finding it comfortable to participate in our bevy of activities. We must always to remember to make them feel welcome and to invite them into our various circles of friends and Marines. The fact that we often have as many attendees at our monthly meeting as many Detachments have members is amazing. Let's look for new sources of interests to keep our meetings active, informative and enjoyable for all of our members.

A continuing source of pride is our fund raising efforts. We have set a standard for non-profits to emulate when we set up our "trade show booth". We continue to meet all of our financial obligations, and we enter 2012 in the strongest fiscal position in the history of our Detachment. Our scope of returning monetary contributions to our community is far greater than we may have thought possible just a few short years ago. The golf tournament has been taken to the next level and we must keep it there. That means we start working now for participants and sponsors. We need to do the right things when we address the men and women of our hometown. Make sure we get a copy of our "Journal" to all the advertisers and our friends. Don't be timid. After all you are a Marine. You need not take the hill, but you better charge the corner store for an ad in the 2012 addition of our book.

TOYS FOR TOTS is a smooth running operation. There have been so many changes over the years. We all remember fondly when all we needed to do was find a TOY and give it to a deserving TOT. Well now days it is a Corporation and we need to remind ourselves that it is 2011 and the rules of engagement have changed. It is important that we change with the rules and support the national directives. We will work hard to insure that 1st State remains a leader in our efforts to make sure than every child in the area has toys for the Holidays.

There is so much we could share with our less than active members. Our participation at the children's activities at Northside Park and at Winterfest of lights. Our proud marching unit during the 4th of July celebration. Honoring our departed veterans each year by insuring flags fly at the gravesites. The Marine Corps Ball, or our Detachments' night of appreciation and installation of officers. The sight of Marines standing together as a unit during Veterans or Memorial Day services; or just a small group of the "Men in Red" that travel a hundred miles to dedicate a sign memorializing Veterans, when no one else seems to have time or interest.

Lastly lets us remember those that cannot be with us as we celebrate a year of accomplishments. Lets remember those we have lost, and find those that may have drifted away. May we continue to proudly serve our nation, our community and our League. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Semper Fidelis.

Fred Wise,

Commandant, First State Detachment.

NEXT MEETING

**IS ON JAN 25 @
OC VFW at 1930
COME EARLY
MEET OLD
FRIENDS – OR
MAKE NEW ONES
NO MEETING
IN DECEMBER**

December Birthdays

Steven Acton
Bill Davis
Frank Del Piano
Al Kessler
Juan Graciano
Robert Rose
Thomas Seitz
John Weinberg

MEMBERSHIP

Members in Arrear/Coming Due: 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 or coming due:

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

June 2011: John J. Gain, Jr.

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

August 2011: William D. Studds

November 2011: Dennis C. Dunkleman

December 2011: John P. Bradford, Robert S. Dodson, Howard T. Fultz, George M. Kellerman, Richard J. Kubiak, Francis W. Machen, Thomas N. McKelvey, George H. Perkins, Jr.,

January 2012: Steven G. Acton, Steven E. Franklin, Gail S. Garner, Robert F. Jowder, Richard H. Lamberson, John M. St. Jean,

Members with Dues Coming Due in October 2011:

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

Chaplain's report:

Please pray for our Marines that are sick or under duress which include; Don Fromm, Jerry Miller, Bob Galvin, Jim McGiniss and the Marines in Afghanistan, especially "Darkhorse" 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines with recent heavy losses.

BLOOD BANK INFORMATION

The Blood Bank Dues are due at the January meeting. Dues are \$5.00 for under 65 and \$2.00 under 65. Applications for new members are available. There are seven paid-up members for 2012 so far, out of 21. If you can't make the meeting, please send me your check to:

**Bob Deickman, 1 Waters Edge Ct. Ocean Pines, Md, 21811
check to "First State Detachment MCL"**

January Birthdays

Vernon Becker - Holly Bennett – Denny Bowers – Alfred Buhr – James Cochran
Don Fromm – Hans Gates – Harry Hopkins – Joseph Matassa – John Niblett
John Tierney – John Tiers – James Wright

National MCL Service Pistol and Rifle Competition, to Afghanistan

~~Men, the 2/6 recently deployed, again.~~
Do any members participate in the Annual National MCL Service Pistol and Rifle Competition? Please let me know by email or by phone. – Frank Mathers

~~want to begin gathering items to ship out. Soap, toothpaste, wet wipes, snacks,~~

~~To all OIC's of Community Service Events:~~
Please remember to complete the Community Service Events Reports for all events and give them to me at the monthly meetings or mail to the Ocean City VFW mailbox or just send me an email.

For more information contact: **Stephen F. Siltman**

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MARINE nominated for prestigious Jefferson Award

Marine Al Kessler nominated for the WBOC Jefferson award for outstanding involvement in the community. He accepted this honor at the Ocean City VFW surrounded by family and friends on Dec. 3rd. Al was surprised and overwhelmed by the outpouring of good feeling. All present agreed that the award could not have gone to a better person.



HOLIDAY REMINDER:

Jan McGinnis would probably appreciate a card for the holidays. His address is:

29449 Charlotte Hall Road

Charlotte Hall MD 20622

2011 Toys For Tots Luncheon Buffets Schedule:

12/10 – The Cove Bar & Grille 31806

Lakeview Dr. Selbyville, DE 1:00PM to 4:00PM

**12/17 – VFW Post 8296 104 66th St. Ocean City, MD
1:00PM to 4:00PM**

**12/18 – Schooners Restaurant & Lounge @
Princess Royale 91st St. Ocean City, MD 1:00PM to
4:00PM**

Donation \$10.00 per person “No Toys”

Mio Fratello’s Italian Steakhouse

38016 Fenwick Shoals Blvd. Selbyville, DE.

Tues. Dec. 13 -- 6pm to 9pm

Tickets: \$15.00 per person -- NO TOYS

Entertainment by Bryan Clark

Web Sergeant Report

Tips for seniors to stay safer online

Never trust a link sent to you by someone you don’t know. By clicking the link you may be taken to a site that may look like your bank or credit card company, but isn’t. One thing a criminal can’t fake is the actual Web site address of a company or bank. Instead of clicking a link in an e-mail, search for the Web address using a search engine to find the real one. Use that to ask the company about the message you received, or call using the number listed on your statements. Mark the real site as a favorite in your browser so that one click brings you there safely every time.

- **Never trust an e-mail** that asks for your personal or account information (called a phishing scam). These usually seem convincing (the shabby ones have spelling errors, but the high quality scams look impeccable). No bank or reputable company is going to send you an e-mail asking you to correct your information, validate your identity, re-enter your password, and so on.
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- **The smarter scams** often contain text warning you against fraud. They do this because many people believe that an e-mail that warns them to be careful must be legitimate. That is not always true. This also extends to sites that claim they

- have protections in place for your privacy and security. Anybody can make these claims, but only certain sites protect you.
- Never respond – or even open an e-mail with a deal that is too good to be true unless it is from a company that you know well and expect to get these kinds of offers from them. Scammers want you to react without taking time to think things through, so their e-mails frequently sound urgent, such as:
 - ...“if we don’t hear by tomorrow your account will be closed” (and you’ll notice that the date of “tomorrow” never is listed).
 - ...”this offer won’t last, order now to ensure”...
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 - **Never believe** that someone you don’t know is going to give you money.
 - Do not believe a person from another country who just needs you to “help transfer funds” and they need your bank account number to do so. Such scammers promise to give you a huge amount of money for helping them out. The result is an empty bank account.
 - **If you never entered a lottery**, you did not win the lottery. Such scams ask you to provide your information and bank account number so they can transfer your prize money. Don’t. The result is an empty bank account.
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 - **Don’t believe** a really rich, famous person just wants to help you out... and that the celebrity also mysteriously needs your address, phone number, bank account information to do so. The result is an empty bank account.

Guard your information well. It is better to be rude than to be ripped off, so demand validation, verification, and authentication before giving your information to anyone. If you still feel uneasy, say no or check further.

Source: Washington State Attorney General Office

Public Relations/Information Officer Report

If you are contacted by the media for information on our organization or any of our programs, please let me know who contacted you and the subject of their inquiry and/or if any information was provided to them, by whom and when. If the media attends any of our functions please get the name of the person and the media company name. Please request copies of any articles and/or photos and have them sent to me at my e-mail address. Please feel free to provide my name to any media source for follow-up on any and all requests. My phone number – C.301.520.8051 and/or my email address – usmc-semperfi@mediacombb.net . We are trying not to have overlapping contacts with the media. I am trying to ensure that the media speaks with the proper person within the First State Detachment. Once I am contacted, I will notify our Detachment Officers reference the request(s) and solicit a response.

Additionally, I encourage all Marines and FMF Corpsmen to speak with the media outlets about your military service for our country. If you would like me to assist please contact me or if you make direct contact, just let me know the info as requested above.

Semper Fi!

Frank Mathers

Public Relation/Information Officer - First State Detachment - Marine Corps League

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FIRST STATE DETACHMENT, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES FOR WED, 26 OCT 2011

Meeting convened at 1930, called to order by Commandant Wise, followed by all present being eligible, colors posted, Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, opening prayer and singing or Marine Corps hymn. Roll call of officers/appointees resulted in following being absent: JV Siltman, PC Stevenson, Paymaster Tanner, and Chaplain Deickman. New member William Jackson, Viet Nan veteran, sworn in and welcomed by members. No new applications for membership at this time. Minutes being posted in newsletter waived reading by vote of members. No correspondence received. Adjutant Rine gave the Paymaster’s report, which was accepted by the members Reports of members and family members in distress/ill, etc. Adjutant Rine reported on visiting Don Fromm while in Arizona with a brief report of his health at that time and that PC Tanner was currently out in Tucson with our ailing Marine. Don is in our daily thoughts and prayers for a full recovery. Report from

Commandant Wise. The following remarks came from our Commandant at various times throughout the meeting rather than one report at beginning of meeting. Several topics are therefore mentioned. First, came his thoughts on a "new" logo, based on our Challenge Coin, to replace the current logo on golf shirts and other gear. The members voiced their many thoughts, ideas, dissatisfaction, etc. Outcome being the suggestion was tabled with the limited possibility of it being mentioned again in the near future. Commandant then reported on our Marine Corps birthday ball, scheduled for Saturday, 5 November 2011. He thanked Marine Sachs for his great job in working with the Clarion Hotel, keeping a head count and collection of \$40 each to attend. Wise then talked about the appropriate attire to wear and stated, "I'd rather see you there than worry about what you will appear in" or words to that affect! Events of the evening will being at 1800, followed by the

normal ritual, i.e. Adjutant's Call; Posting of Colors; Introduction of Past Detachment Commandants; Introduction of Guest of Honor, MGen Stewart, USMC Retired, etc., etc. Wise then mentioned our involvement on 11 November at the Ocean Pines, Veterans Memorial Park where those "Marines in Red" will escort aging vets when necessary and assist in the program where needed. He stressed the official MCL uniform is the piss cutter! Do not sweat not having the red blazer, etc. Our Commandant then thanked the "call team" for their efforts in contacting members and reminding them of the monthly meeting. He announced the Departmental meeting is on Saturday, 29 October 2011 in Dover. He also mentioned the "Swing for you" golf tournament, which we donated too, is scheduled for the same date. Report from the Judge Advocate. JA Strickland reported members desiring a MCL vehicle license plate must be a Detachment member and that Delaware and Maryland differ in their requirements in order to obtain. He is available for more information on this subject. No reports were taken from other officers/appointees with exception of the following. SAA Conlon stood in for the absent Chaplain and read the opening and closing prayers. Good job, Frank. Newsletter editor, Sushinsky

hopes all received their newsletter, if not, let him know. Good job, John Web Sgt/PR Mathers encouraged members to volunteer for the various events and activities taking place during the coming weeks and months. More hands are needed... Toys for Tots Chairman Carey reported they have received thus far about 900 toys that are stored at the River Road Storage. Boxes and posters and related materials are ready for pick up in a few days with 1 November being start date for this "operation". Only three luncheons this year with no toys accepted, however, a \$10 donation will be accepted. A special luncheon at Mio Fratello (spell may be incorrect) restaurant, charge \$15 with limited seating for 125 persons. This restaurant is location in Selbyville on Rt 54. It should be another good year for this program. Thanks to Jack, good job,

Marine Reports from Conlon. Flags will again be put on gravesites at the Delaware Veterans Cemetery on Rt 113 on 9 November. Volunteers are to be there at 0830 and your help is appreciated. The journal had another good year considering the state of the economy. Publications will be distributed at the Birthday Ball to attendees and copies will also be given to the donors at some point in time along with a thank you letter. Marine Davis reported and requested help for the "Spookout" on Sunday, 30 October, at Northside Park, OC. There will be a hayride and games for the kids. Hours are from 1300 to 1500. Volunteers needed report by 1230. Marine Pantone reported on the 11 November, Veterans Day at OPVMP and it being dedicated to the Viet Nam era veterans. Special "pins" will be given these veterans and reserved seating will be provided. Marine Kline reported on the 28-30 October Home and Garden Show at the OCCC and our booth. Help needed to man this station. Member Disbow reported there would be Veterans Day events at the local VFW and AL. Chow will be available. Also, on 5 November at OPVMP there will be a "flag burning" of mucho flags that have been collected for proper disposal. There was no "New Business". Under "Old Business", the Commandant recognized Past Commandants (PC) in attendance at the meeting and apologized for not doing so earlier during the meeting. Under "Good of the League". Member Disbow mentioned that the AL will hold a memorial service for a deceased veteran and although the veteran is nonMCL member, all are welcomed to attend. Marine Davis announced that hot chocolate will again be served at "Winter Fest" and volunteers are welcomed in the booth to help. Commandant Wise announced a change to the meeting of members during November. The meeting will be on 16 November, the third Wednesday, instead of the normal fourth Wednesday of the month. No meetings will be held during December 2011. Thirty-one (31) members present. Closing ceremonies conducted with adjournment taking place at 2030.

Respectfully Submitted Jack Rine, Adjutant

FIRST STATE DETACHMENT, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES FOR WED, 16 NOV 2011

Meeting called to order by Commandant (Cmdt) Wise at 1930. All members present eligible to attend. Colors posted, pledge to flag cited followed by opening prayer and singing of Marine Corps hymn. All officers/appointees present with exception of Past Commandant/Quartermaster (PC/QM) Stevenson.

Currently there are three (3) applications for membership floating around out there reported by Paymaster (PM) Tanner. We await the return of their forms for processing.

Place at 1100 on 6 December 2011.

There were no balloting on applications for membership.

Minutes for last meeting have been/will be posted in newsletter, thus, motion to waive reading made and passed by membership.

Cmdt Wise read letter from MC Birthday Ball guest, MGen Stewart, thanking Detachment for the great evening. This was followed by reading of an invitation from General Gray, Past CMC, to attend at MCB, Quantico, the 9th annual "Tree of Lights" and "open house" sponsored by the USMC Youth Foundation. This will take

PM read finalcial statement which was approved by the membership.

Chaplain (Ch) Deickman reported the following: Jim Wright's wife will be undergoing heart surgery. Bob Rau and spouse are not too healthy and appear to be failing. Marines Miller, Fromm and McGuiness, along with the aforementioned will be receiving cards, prayers, and thoughts for recovery. The Ch then gave a brief notice pertaining to the "Blood Bank" and participation therein.

The Cmdt reported on the following: 1) this past Detachment Birthday Ball and ceremony. 2) Conducting of an educational event at local school 3) the putting of flags

At veterans cemetery 4) Cmdt hosting a luncheon on 10 Nov 11 at local watering hole/restaurant 5) Detachment participation at OP on Veterans Day and at OC VFW 6) Removal of flags at vets cemetery and 7) Detachment's assistance of Dept of MD MCL with Blue Star Memorial at a Welcome Center in Centerville, MD. Cmdt then recognized PC's present. This followed by discussing what if anything the Detachment should do to help a non-Marine family having difficulties. It was determined that if individuals wanted to follow up on their own, that would be their decision. The Toys for Tots (TFT) Chairman will donate some toys if appropriate. The Newsletter and Web Site will be a means to pass the word to members. Cmdt then announced that next years Birthday Ball will be on Saturday, 10 November 2012, at the Clarion, same prices as this year's. This was followed by information from Marines, Conlon, Watson, Tanner and Kline who participated in the "Blue Star Memorial" event. Cmdt Wise then gave much praise to the Detachment for their time spent on various programs/projects and for what members do because they are Marines! Cmdt concluded his report by seeking volunteers to work with League Boy Scout program involving the promotion of a scout to Eagle. He stated the duties were very limited. There seemed to be no takers...

There were no reports from the SV, JV, JA, Adj, or Editor.

SAA Conlon, gave a brief report on the Semper Fi Fund account and sending of \$2,000. He then suggested we consider the producing of a LARGE CHECK to be used as appropriate for public relations purposes. This was made into a motion that passed without any debate. Marine Billy Wagner stepped forth and volunteered to pay for this "item".

PM Tanner reported on the mishap involving our TV and a needed replacement. An unknown person is going to donate a replacement in the near future. A sincere thank you from the membership was given.

Marines Kline and Kessler talked about the past OCCC Home Show and the donation of \$100 and \$1,000 from the same individual whom they met at the show. He was a "guest" at our ball due to his generosity. The larger sum goes for the TFT program.

Marine Davis reported on the success of the OCNSP Halloween Party. He could have used a few more hands to help with the 600 attendees. The "Winter Fest" festival of lights at OCNSP begins Thursday, 17 Nov 11. Volunteers needed to help at the Hot Chocolate Booth.

Marine Kline asked for volunteers to work the next OCCC event "Holiday Shoppers" scheduled for weekend after Thanksgiving.

WebSgt/PR Mathers reported that we need to pay attention to our e-mails; will help if anyone wishes to make presentations to media/organizations and is available to assist with publishing of events in the area.

Birthday Ball Co-Chair Sachs reported several things that disturbed him about this year's event, i.e. not receiving monies and names in time; cold spuds, etc. a

TFT Chair Carey reported that 3,100 kids would be recipients of toys this year. Needs help at "Pavilion" on 17/18 November where toys are stored. The calendar for luncheons has been posted on the Web and in newsletter as well as mentioned at previous meetings.

New Business/Good of League/Announcements: Glasses left from Ball on sale for \$5 each. Anyone interested in the MCL rifle/pistol shooting completion contact Frank Mathers. Department Commandant/PM Tanner gave report of interest from other MCL local Detachments regarding possibility of a "combined" MC ball next year. Limited discussion followed with idea being tabled for future thought.....

Closing ceremonies conducted, 32 members present, broke ranks at 2045. Next meeting Wed, 25 Jan 12.

Respectfully submitted

Jack Rine, Adj

