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Greetings Marines.

It's that time of year where we all sit down, gather our financial records and begin the drudgery of preparing our tax returns. What a drag, but unfortunately, there aren't any good alternatives as far as I can tell.

The year started off with a good members' meeting a few days ago. At that meeting I announced a couple of goals for the Detachment for this year. First and foremost, I want the Detachment to get serious about recruiting new members. Over the last few months we have had two motivated members, Don Fromm and Richard Ocheltree, move out of state. They retained their memberships in the Detachment, but we have lost their strong participation in our programs. We also lost two members through transfers this past year as well as several members through their deaths. It's important that the Detachment maintain its strength so I am asking each and every one of us to get out and recruit new members. The goal is to bring at least one new member on board each month. That's not a difficult task, but we have not done that in the past. Hand in hand with recruiting new members, we need to ensure that all of our current non-life members are retained. We have a number of members who are behind in their renewals, and we will be pursuing them vigorously throughout the year. Each member who is due for renewal will be listed in the monthly newsletter. Monitor that listing, and if you know that member contact him and encourage him to get his renewal dues of \$30 into me. We have a strong Detachment with a lot of excellent members, and we keep busy with a lot of activities. We need all of you to participate in order to do the job correctly.

Frank Mathers, our Public Affairs Officer and Web Sergeant is doing an outstanding job in

getting our Web site updated, maintained and displaying information relevant to our organization. One of the things he needs our support with is providing photographs of our Marines in action on a timely basis so that he can upload them onto the Web site. When we have an event and someone shows up with a digital camera and takes snapshots, email those photos to Frank at usmc-semperfi@comcast.net. It's important that the photos be taken with a digital camera rather than sending him hard prints of the shots. The other thing that Frank does to support the Detachment is keep track of the volunteer events and hours for the year. He has developed a new, yet simple, report format for all of us to use. This new report format will be listed on our website at www.FirstStateMarines.org in the near future. Please start using it.

Finally, at the January meeting, it was announced that our monthly meetings will still kick off at 1930, but all attendees are encouraged to arrive around 1900 for 30 minutes of catching up with old friends, relaxing, grab a beer and be ready to begin the regular meeting on time. This will begin with our February meeting. We also have a short social hour following the meeting and all are encouraged to take part in that as well.

Remember, there are a lot of Marines and FMF Corpsmen in our neighborhoods that are not affiliated with the Detachment. Seek them out and encourage them to join. All that is required is an application which is available on the website, their Form DD-214, and a check for \$30. The recruiting individual signs the application as the Sponsor and invites the applicant to the next monthly meeting to be sworn in. There's nothing hard about it, but it's vital that we all do it.

Semper fidelis, Marines,
Dick Tanner, Commandant

NEXT MEETING 1930 – 24 FEBRUARY @ 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



Sandy

Immediately Prior To The January Meeting we were treated to a presentation of the 4STEPS THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM given by Sandy Winner. Therapeutic horseback riding is a means of helping and improving the lives of the disabled. Recently, the concept has been adopted by the U.S. military as a means of enhancing the rehabilitation of amputees and other disabled servicemen.

Additional information is available at 410-835-8814



New member, Robert Rose, being sworn in by Commandant, Richard Tanner

“Once a Marine, Always a Marine”

MEMBERSHIP

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 in Arrears with their Dues:

October 2008: Robert Layton, Jr.

June 2009: Charles J. DiPino

September 2009: Gilberto A. Cano, David W. Smith, Alexander Sledge, John R. Wineberg, Jr.,

October 2009: Howard J. Burton, Jr., Robert L. Rau, Anthony F. Sapia, James T. Trummel,

November 2009: Donald Clagett, Dennis C. Dunkleman,

December 2009: John P. Bradford, Robert S. Dodson, Howard T. Fultz, George M. Kellerman, Richard J. Kubiak, Francis, W. Machen, Thomas N. McKelvey, Charles J. Miller, George H. Perkins, Charles E. Tarbrake, Martin C. Vogt, John Wallis,

January 2010: Stephen G. Acton, Gail S. Garner, Robert F. Jowder, John M. St. Jean,

February 2010: Donald G. Hattier, Harry E. Hopkins,

Please send a check made out to First State Detachment in the amount of \$30 and send it to
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 years billing cycle.

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

FUND RAISER

Marine Al Kessler suggested that five members join him in buying a \$100 ticket from the Optimists Club @\$20 each and if they win the proceeds of \$100K would go to the Detachment. By the end of the meeting eleven Marines had joined Al for the purchase of a ticket. Two tickets were purchased. **Way to go, Al.**

Next Event
BOAT SHOW
At the Ocean City Convention Center
February 12th, 13th & 14th

**WORCESTER COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
AT OCEAN PINES
MEMBERSHIP**

I would like to update you on the Ocean Pines Veterans Memorial Foundation and ask for your support in 2010. The memorial exists through the donations from its members. Our principal events during the year are the Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies; our educational program for 5th graders that instructs our youth about veterans, flag protocol and patriotism; and our smaller ceremonies throughout the year as a veteran's brick or paver is set in place to honor a veteran as requested by family members.

Our major fund raising efforts come from our membership program, donations for our bricks and pavers, and our annual golf outing in September. We would like to ask you to renew your membership, or become a new member so that we may continue to make the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines a beautiful and welcoming place, demonstrating to those who have served America in times of war and peace our heartfelt gratitude.

To become a member the following information is requested:

NAME
MAILING ADDRESS
CITY, STATE, ZIP
PHONE NUMBER
E-MAIL ADDRESS

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$15.00
INDIVIDUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP.....\$150.00
CORPORATE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP.....\$ 100.00
CORPORATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP.....\$300.00

Return to:

Worcester County Veterans Memorial
P.O. Box 1576
Ocean Pines, MD 21811

Marines: Do you receive this as a mailed, printed copy and have an E-MAIL address? If so, please let me have your e-mail address so you may receive this newsletter on line. Send your address to me at

Susprint2@mac.com

Thank you,

John