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Happy New Year Marines. Can you believe it; we are starting a new year already. Time goes by fast when you are having fun. Just 10 short years ago, many of us were sweating heading into a new millennium because all of the hype that was on the internet about the disaster we would face if we did not correct all of the programs on the computers. What a money maker for some computer geek.

With the start of a new calendar year, we as a Detachment will be facing some issues that we don't normally have to deal with. First off, we need to begin thinking of who your Leadership Team will be for the next year beginning in April. As you know we elect new officers at the April meeting, but the Nomination Committee headed up by our industrious Junior Vice Commandant, Jack Carey, needs to get names from individuals who want to step up to the plate and take the Detachment forward from here. Let me be very clear on this point—there is no position that is currently locked in. If you feel you can make a difference, want to become a leader and not someone who sits in the meetings holding side bar discussions about how bad things are, one who wants to make a difference, then consider running for office. I know there are some mighty talented folks in the Detachment who would make ideal candidates for any elected or appointed office. Right now we need to come up with candidates for 4 elected offices: Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate. Once elected, the Commandant then has the responsibility of seeking additional members to fill the appointed

positions of Adjutant, Paymaster, Sergeant at Arms, Chaplain, Historian, Editor, Quartermaster, and Public Affairs Officer.

Don't be timid. If you feel you can make a positive contribution to the betterment of the Detachment, then let it be known and take the plunge. There are several of us who have filled positions for a number of years. Some may want to continue, some may not. It does not matter. If you feel you have a certain attribute or talent that will improve the Detachment, then run.

Additionally, your current Leadership Team will be meeting to discuss several potential goals the Detachment can pursue over the next year or so. All in all, we feel that 2010 will be a busy year. We have already been locked in for the following events: Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade; Flag Day Ceremony, Veterans Day Ceremony, Marine Corps Birthday, flag placement at the Veterans cemetery, Toys for Tots, etc. There's a lot to do and a lot more we can do. As usual we need volunteers.

Speaking of Toys for Tots, we all owe Jack Carey a huge round of applause for this year's drive. It was extremely successful, well organized and went off with few glitches. He worked very hard on it and was supported by many of you. I'm sure Jack will be thanking many of you individually for your hard work and dedication to this very successful drive.

On a closing note, my wife and I drove over to see Jim McGinniss at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home just before Christmas. He was in great spirits, looked very good and happy to be in such good hands.

Semper fidelis, Marines,
Dick Tanner, Commandant

NEXT MEETING 1930 – 27 JANUARY @OC VFW

PAYMASTER

MEMBERSHIP 138

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

2009 TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN Revised

MONETARY CONTRIBUTION

\$1,852.00	Luncheon Buffet's
614.00	Misc. Donations
1,000.00	Optimist Club
734.00	Donation Boxes
200.00	Delmarva Irish American Club
200.00	Woman's Club of Keenwick
500.00	J. Fagan
440.00	Memory of Sue Ann Meadows
166.00	High Stakes Bar & Grill (Sue Ann Meadows)
200.00	<u>Duffy's Tavern</u>
\$5,906.00	Sent to the Foundation

TOYS

6743	Toys collected/received/purchased
6331	Distributed
412	Toys remaining (storage)
2778	Children receiving toys
2.3	Average number of toys distributed to children

January Dates in Marine Corps History

4 January - 1991 - Marine helicopters evacuate 281 people from U.S. Embassy at Mogadishu, Somalia.

10 January - 1995 - The Pentagon announced that 2,600 U.S. Marines would be deployed to Somalia for Operation United Shield to assist in the final withdrawal of UN peacekeeping troops from Somalia. The decision came in response to a UN request for American protection of its peacekeeping forces serving in the war-torn African nation.

16 January - 1991: Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm as forces of the allied coalition launched an all-out air campaign against targets in Iraq and occupied Kuwait in an effort to liberate Kuwait and enforce the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. Overall, in the theater of operations, the coalition forces included more than 415,000 U.S. troops.

18 January - 1951: Marines of the 1st Marine Division began mopping-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang area, South Korea, following the Division's return from its epic battle with Communist Chinese troops at the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir.

20 January - 1968: The second battle for Khe Sanh began when Marines from the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines attacked a North Vietnamese battalion between Hill 881 South and Hill 881 North. More than 100 of the enemy were killed.

22 January - 1969: Operation Dewey Canyon, perhaps the most successful high-mobility regimental-size action of the Vietnam War, began in the A Shau/Da Krong Valleys when the 9th Marines, commanded by Colonel Robert H. Barrow, and supporting artillery were lifted from Quang Tri. By 18 March the enemy's base area had been cleared out, 1617 enemy dead had been counted, and more than 500 tons of weapons and ammunition unearthed.

29 January - 1991: The first serious ground fighting of Operation Desert Storm broke out when Iraqi troops mounted an attack into Saudi Arabia along a 40-mile front. Iraqi units centered their efforts on Khafji, a port city six miles south of the border. Saudi and Quatari troops, supported by artillery from the 1st Marine Division and attack helicopters and other allied coalition aircraft, recaptured the town two days later.

31 January - 1968 - Viet Cong attacked the U.S. Embassy in Saigon and held it until repulsed by American troops.

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

Marines, Chaplain Bob Deickman is out of pocket for the next couple of weeks. In his absence if anyone knows of one of our members or family members who is sick, distressed or otherwise not doing well, please contact our Adjutant, Wally Stevenson, at suppowjs@aol.com or by phone at 302-253-0533 so that the Detachment can take appropriate action of sending out a card, flowers or assistance. In the event, Wally cannot be contacted, please call Warren Disbrow at 443-783-3838. I hope we do not have to institute this action during Bob's absence.