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Commandants Message

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I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY to once again congratulate SVC Fred Wise on the successful execution of the 2nd Annual ARMED FORCES Day program and celebration held on 15 May 2010 at the North side Park in Ocean City. Present that day along with members of other Veteran and Service organizations was seventeen Marines of the 1st State Detachment, MCL, who it was reported looked outstanding in their RED BLAZERS. Together they added 34 more volunteer hours to our growing total. Well done Marines!! It was a weather perfect day, the American Legion Post #166 Color Corps was present along with their motorcycle members who rode in carrying the Flags of the services to be raised on the flagpoles at the memorial site and watched by a good crowd of spectators. The Mayor of Ocean City read a proclamation from the City Council.

This event could not have occurred without the dedication and skills of SVP Fred Wise who pretty much single handily took on this project last year for the first time and enlisted the participation of all concerned. Our own Chaplain, Warren Disbrow, also did a great job. So **BZ (BRAVO ZULU)** to SVC Fred Wise and our Marines. This event has taken on a life of it's own and will obviously be an Annual Event in Ocean City, thanks to SVC Fred Wise. Important reminder. Recently, the Attorney General of Connecticut appeared on TV apologizing for "misspeaking" about his Vietnam combat time as a U. S. Marine. He did not serve in NAM but did serve in the Marine Reserves during that time.. Surrounding him at the podium were what appeared to be several MCL members in MCL jackets, hats, etc who shared hugs with him, obviously supporting his situation.. Their appearance with him as MCL members supporting him should not have occurred as it is expressly prohibited by the By-Laws and Rules of Conduct for members of the MCL to support or endorse political candidates or political programs as members of the MCL. The National BY-Laws clearly state that that the MCL shall never take part in any labor or management dispute or issue, and it shall ever be non-sectarian, non-political and non partisan;

nor shall it be used as a medium of political ambition or preferment. Certainly we can and are encouraged as good citizens to exercise our right to support candidates of our choice for political positions, but only as private citizens. Please remember this and never participate in any activity that would discredit our Detachment or the Marine Corps League.

Congratulations to the Marines and their families who participated in the Memorial Day Events at the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial in Ocean Pines and at the VFW Post 8296 in Ocean City. The Marines looked sharp as they served as escorts at the WCVM for the Women Vets, the POW's and the Gold Star Mothers. They carried on our Detachments' tradition of the MEN in RED serving our communities with professionalism and honor. Thanks also to Past Commandant Tanner for his fine speech at the VFW Event and of his rendering of Taps. Thanks also to Marine Frank Conlon and all the other Marines who placed flags on the graves at the Veteran's Cemetery in Millsboro on May 28th. We had a large turnout for this event that gave us the opportunity to honor our veterans' for their service to our country.

Reminder to Delegates and Alternates to the Department of Delaware Convention. Meeting starts at 1000 at the American Legion Post #28, located on RT#24 in Millsboro. Coffee and doughnuts are usually available prior to the meeting. 1st State Det uniform for the meeting is white ss shirt, black trousers, socks, black belt, shoes and pisscutter. DOD or MCL ribbons, badges if rated. Remember, we have a candidate for Dept Commandant and it is Past Commandant Dick Tanner. .Any questions, please call me at 302-253-0533 or my cell #410-726-1509.

Please refer to an article by Marine Pete Rendina in this issue regarding the upcoming 4th of July parade and celebration in Bethany DE. **on 5 July 2010.** Try to support his marching group of Marines as they show the Colors that day.

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Wallace J. Stevenson, Commandant

NEXT MEETING 1930 – JUNE 23 @ 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

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: Sapia Anthony F

April 2010: Bohn, David H

June 2009: Charles J. DiPino

October 2009: Howard J. Burton

May 2010: Camardese, Joseph E, Wingate, Jr., John R

February 2010: Stanley J. Cygan

March 2010: Richard A. Koller, Albrech Krannebitter, Carl R. Thomas

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:

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.**



Would YOU like to go out to eat out, play golf or go fishing in Ocean City at reduced prices. If the answer is yes get in touch with Al Kessler at 410-600-0193 to purchase a DINE AND FUN DISCOUNT BOOK. The price is ONLY \$10. Profits go for the restoration of The Marine Corps Iwo Jima Memorial in Washington , DC.



Men, What are you doing to celebrate the 4th of July. How about joining us at the Bethany Beach Parade:

The Bethany Beach 4th of July Committee sponsor a parade each year to celebrate Independence Day. Members of the 1st State Detachment have been invited to march in the parade; this year being held on July 5, 2010.

The 1st State Detachment of the Marine Corps League will march proudly; displaying our duty of citizenship and honoring our tradition of observing this important anniversary of American history.

As of today, 2 June, twenty-one men have made a commitment to march. The parade is approximately one mile long, consisting of four left turns and an eyes left when passing the reviewing stand. We will then stop ,face the reviewing stand and sing one verse of the Marine Corps Hymn. After the parade, our detachment and wives have been invited to have lunch with parade officials and guests at the Bethany Fire Hall.

We have been asked to assemble at St. Ann's Church in Bethany Beach at 1000 hours. A trolley will shuttle our group to the parade assembly grounds. There we will be assigned our place in the parade. Two men in the front of our formation will carry the Marine Corps League banner. We will line up in size order, columns three abreast, hopefully 5 deep. I, Pete Rendina, will call cadence. The uniform of the day will be a white shirt, starburst emblems on collar, American Flag and MCL Patch on sleeve, blue trousers with red stripe, black shoes, black socks and a fore-aft cover.

Mr. Philip Rossi is the parade chairman. His address is The Bethany Beach 4th of July Committee, P.O. Box 800, Bethany Beach DE 19930. The phone number is 302-539-8011.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SELL TICKETS ON THE BOARDWALK IN OCEAN CITY

Maybe you could spend 4 hours to help raise funds for the VFW. For more information call Michelle at 410-524-8196

June
Marine History

1 June 1918: "Retreat Hell! We just got here," said the 5th Marine Regiment in France.

12 June 1946 Truman authorized first women Marines in the regular Marine Corps.

12 June 1961: President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, "at all times during the day and night." Discussions between the Attorney General's office and Marine Corps officials earlier in 1961 on improving the visibility and appearance of the monument led to the proposal to fly the Flag continuously, which by law could only be done by Congressional legislation or by Presidential proclamation.

20 June 1946: 2nd Marine Division left Japan.

20 June 1951: 1st Marine Division reaches "The Punchbowl" in Korea.

20 June 1993: The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit returned to Mogadishu, Somalia, to stand ready to assist United Nations forces in maintaining peace in the war-torn country. Earlier that month, the 24th MEU had been ordered to cut short Exercise Eager Mace 93-2 in Kuwait to respond to possible contingency operations in Somalia.

21 June 1945: The Battle of Okinawa ended as LtGen Roy S. Geiger raised the American flag.

22 June 1954: President Eisenhower authorized the use of the first official Marine Corps Seal.

25 June 1950: Shortly before dawn, eight divisions of the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th Parallel and invaded the Republic of Korea. Within three days, the South Korean capital city of Seoul had been captured. On 30 June, President Harry S. Truman ordered a naval blockade of the Korean coast and authorized the sending of U.S. ground troops to Korea. Two days later, General Douglas MacArthur, the Commander in Chief Far East, formally requested that a Marine regimental combat team be deployed to the Far East.

25 June 1966: In Vietnam, Operation Jay began about 30 kilometers northwest of Hue, and lasted nine days. The 2d Battalion, 4th Marines landed north of the North Vietnamese 812th Main Force Battalion, and the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines landed south of the enemy's position. Caught in between the two Marine units, the enemy suffered over 80 dead in nine days of fighting.

25 June 1971 - Last Marine ground troops depart Vietnam.

30 June 1834: Congress placed the Marine Corps under Navy jurisdiction.

“Once a Marine, Always a Marine”

Photos of some May activities



Election Night April Meeting



Installation 7 May



Armed Forces Day 15 May



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Placing Flags at Vet's cemetery May 28



Veterans Cemetery -- May 28



Memorial Day at VFW -- 31 May