



FIRST STATE DETACHMENT MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Commandants Message

Commandants Message #1

I am deeply honored to have been chosen as Commandant of the FIRST STATE DETACHMENT. As an FMF Corpsman I grew to have a special feeling for the Marine Corps and Marines. My father, was a Marine in both WW1 & WW2, so that admiration started a long time ago. During the last several years I have enjoyed my association with Marines of this Detachment, enjoyed the humor, the camaraderie and the commitment that you all have to our mission of support to our Country, the Marines, and in the civic and charitable programs we are engaged in within our communities.

The FIRST STATE DETACHMENT, in my opinion is a vibrant and constantly changing organization and with due respect to other Detachments in the State of DE, the best in Delaware. We have experienced great growth in the last few years and must continue to put our efforts into attracting our neighbors, friends and all who we come into contact on a daily basis who are Marines or FMF Corpsmen or from other services who can become associate members to join us in our mission.

I extend my congratulations and appreciation to our outgoing Commandant Dick Tanner and his team of Officers for their leadership, commitment, and success in bringing our Detachment forward this past year. I also wish Commandant Tanner success in his goal of seeking further leadership roles at the Department of Delaware

level. I likewise welcome and congratulate those new and returning Officers and invite them to join with me in expressing our commitment to continue to serve the members of our Detachment and communities in promoting and building on their success and the efforts of prior Commandants and members to bring this Detachment to the next level. This of course cannot be achieved by just the Officers alone but by the involvement of all the members in any way that they can serve. There is a wealth of experience within our ranks that I will call on to continue our efforts in the important Toys for Tots program, IMF Fund to name a few.

I ask you to join me in welcoming two new faces and one not so new to our Board of Officers this year. Marine Bob Hughes, a fairly new member has been elected our Jr. Vice Commandant and Marine Steve Siltman, a brand new member who has accepted the position of Adjutant. We welcome Warren Disbrow Assoc. Member as our new Chaplain and thank Marine Bob Deickman for his service as Chaplain this past year. Marine Jack Carey will continue to lead our important Toys for Tots program and work with Marine Bob Hughes on the Recruiting and Retention team. We will have more information on our leadership team as we move forward.

Again thank you, members of this Detachment for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Commandant. I hope to see you at the next meeting SEMPER FI!

Wallace J. Stevenson, Commandant

Past Commandant's Message

Greetings, Marines.

It's with great sadness that I sit down and write my last letter as your Commandant. This past year has been a tremendous experience, and one that was made even more so by the work, support and enthusiasm each of you displayed during my tenure. I have told many friends that this is the best unpaid job I've ever had—a lot of work, a lot of fun, but the pay is lousy. Of course none of this would have happened if it had not been for the outstanding staff that worked with me. My hat goes off to each and every one of them and you.

As you know our elections were held this past Wednesday and the new line up looks like this:

Commandant: Wally Stevenson, Senior Vice Commandant: Fred Wise, Junior Vice Commandant: Bob Hughes, Judge Advocate: Bill Strickland, Adjutant: Steve Siltman, Paymaster: Dick Tanner, Sergeant at Arms: Frank Conlon, Chaplain: Warren Disbrow, Editor: John Sushinsky, and Web Sergeant/Public Affairs Officer: Frank Mathers. This is an outstanding line up, and I encourage each and every one of you to give them the support you gave me these past 12 months.

The Installation/Appreciation dinner will take place at Bear Trap on Friday, May 7, 2010 beginning with Happy Hour at 1700, followed by the installation of new officers at 1800, followed by dinner. Please get your reservations into Frank Conlon at mefecon@aol.com or 302-541-4517 if you have not already done so

On a sadder note, we learned of the passing of one of our own this past Friday, April 30, 2010. Marine Floyd H. Tunis died at Atlantic General Hospital. He was a Life Member of the Detachment and a loyal supporter. Floyd will be missed.

In closing don't forget the goals we established for this calendar year: Recruit at least one new member each month, and continue with the work of getting yearly members renewed on a timely basis. To date we have recruited 5 new members and renewed 30. Keep up the good work. It's been a pleasure serving as your Commandant.

As always, we look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings.

Semper Fi,
Dick Tanner, Commandant

NEXT MEETING 1930 – MAY 26 @ 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:

June 2009: Charles J. DiPino

October 2009: Howard J. Burton

November 2009: Donald Clagett

December 2009: John P. Bradford, Robert S. Dodson, Thomas N. McKelvey

February 2010: Stanley J. Cygan, Harry E. Hopkins

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

Members with Dues Coming Due in May:

Joseph E. Camaradese, Richard L. Furman, Joseph M. Kessler, John R. Wingate, Fred R. Wise

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

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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.**



The official birthday of Marine Corps Aviation is May 22. From its first tentative steps in 1912 it has grown into the tough, experienced, capable and proud entity it is today. It is the air arm of the United States Marines. No other military service or air arm in the world includes such a dedicated group!. Semper fi

“Once a Marine, Always a Marine”

Marines of the 1st State Detachment

We are going to honor the Armed Forces of the United States Saturday 15 May at 1100, North Side Park, 200 125th Street, ocean City MD. We should muster by 10:30 at the flag plaza. For those participating in the program there will be a mini rehearsal at 10:00 to make sure the flags fly and the music works. The program in detail is as follows:

10:30 Music from the American Sprit.

11:00 Welcome by Fred Wise, Chairperson & Sr Vice Commandant Marine Corps League.

A. Prayer by Rev George Godfrey, United Methodist Church, OC.

B. Post the Color Guard and pledge of allegiance

C. Mayors Address and Proclamation

D. Legion Riders parade of flags.

E. Posting of the V.S.O. Flags. (POW flag, American Legion, Am Legion Aux, SAL, VFW, Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Purple Heart, DAV, Am Vets,). F. F. Laying of the Veterans Wreath by the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion.

G. P.O.W./MIA Ceremony

H. Raising of the American Flag and the National Anthem.

I. Raising of the Services Ensigns with the Service Hymns. The Boy Scouts America laying the wreaths at each of the military flags.

J. This Ragged old Flag.

K. Color Guard rifle salute

L. Taps w/ echo sounded.

M. God Bless America.

N. Color Guard Retires and strike the VSO flags

O. Thank you and Good Bye. Stars and strips Forever.



Uniform of the day will be Red blazer or white shirt black trousers. Those on the flag detail: American Flag (Blue trouser red strip, white shirt) USMC flag Red Blazer. Fore and aft cover encouraged.

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

28 May at 09:00 -- Delaware Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Patriots Way, Millsboro, Delaware.

Our detachment will place American flags on gravesites of our fellow veterans. All members are welcome.

Directions: From South - Take Route 113 North beyond Millsboro. After crossing junction 113 and 20 look for green sign on right "VA CEMETERY" Follow sign directions to cemetery. From the north cemetery sign will be on left prior to junction 113 and 20. Anyone having questions, please call Frank Conlon at 302 541 4517. Please note: Meeting time is 0900. Come a little early. There may be coffee.

Dress: casual, red covers (hats) and red golf shirts if you have one.

Again, all are welcome. See you there.

The Youth Physical Fitness
testing will take place at the Most Blessed Sacrament School

located at 11242 Racetrack Rd Berlin, MD near Ocean Pines. The Time is 0900 –1400 both days.

For more information call Jim Wright @ 302-436-8887 or Dick Tanner @ 410-208-3939.

Plan on coming -- It's a lot of fun

Calender of Future Events:

13 –14 May – Youth Physical test at MBS School

15 MAY – Armed Forces Day, Northside Park, O. C., MD

26 MAY – Monthly Meeting

28 MAY – Placement of Flags at Veterans Cemetery

31 MAY -- Multiple Events, Worcester County Veterans Memorial, Ocean City VFW

In addition to the above listed events, members will be involved in raising funds for Wounded Marines and the Marine Corps Memorial. This will be in the Ocean City Convention Center.

These events will be held on:

20 - 23 MAY -- CRUISIN' OCEAN CITY

29 - 30 MAY – SPRING ARTS and CRAFT SHOW

5 - 6 JUNE – O. C. CAR and TRUCK SHOW