



**FIRST STATE DETACHMENT
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Greeting, Marines.

Happy 234th Birthday, Marines. No, none of us look that old, but our beloved Corps has attained this milestone in its' illustrious history, and you need to enjoy it. Fred Wise has planned a great celebration to be held at the Clarion Hotel on 7November2009 beginning with cocktails at 1800. He and his committee have worked hard, and we all need to support it and show our appreciation to him and Chuck Sachs for their hard work. The Detachment will also be placing flags on gravesites at the Delaware Veteran's Cemetery in Stockley, DE on November 6 beginning at 0900. And then on Veteran's Day, our own Jack Rine will be the keynote speaker at this year's Veteran's Day observance scheduled for November 11, 2009 beginning at 1100. Special honorees at this event will be all recipients of the Purple Heart Medal. If you have received one you are cordially invited to attend and be a part of this ceremony.

There have been some personnel actions taken this past month that you should be aware of if you don't already know. Our good friend and Adjutant/Paymaster, Don Fromm, has relocated his command post to Tucson, AZ. He has been an integral part of this Detachment ever since he joined it 2 years ago. His presence is already sorely missed. He promises to come back and visit us, but in the interim, we all want to wish him fair seas and trailing winds. Secondly, one of our long time Associate members, William H. Breedlove, passed on a couple of weeks ago. He wanted a simple funeral ceremony with no fanfare, and his wishes were honored by this Detachment. He was a very active member as long as his health was good, and he will be sorely missed. Finally, our good friend, Jim McGinniss, has finally decided that it's time for him to move into an assisted living facility, as he is no longer able to care for himself. So two weeks ago he moved into Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Charlotte Hall, MD. A long time personal friend, Mr. Ed Smith, took it upon himself to assist Jim in this major move. He did a magnificent job single handily, and the Detachment and Jim is in his debt. Ed reported that Jim is well and happy at his current location. If you wish to contact Jim he can be reached at 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. I'm sure he would appreciate hearing from many of you with a note or visit.

The Finance Committee adopted the current policy with regard to assisting members with their dues. Upon adoption of a motion at the October 2009 Members Meeting, a \$300 fund has been set aside in the bank account to assist members in distress in making their dues payments. In order for this to occur, the member seeking such assistance must first approach any current officer in the Detachment and let that official know of the circumstances. The officer will apprise the Finance Committee who will then make the determination of how best to aid this individual. It could be as simple as paying the current year's dues or it could expand to pay a life membership for that individual. However, nothing will occur until the distressed Marine approaches a Detachment officer.

Here's wishing each and every one of you a happy Thanksgiving holiday. If you are planning to travel to visit family or friends over the holiday, just remember that the roads or airways will be busy so be alert for any unusual traffic conditions, be it weather, crowds, or whatever. Have a great day with your family, and we'll see you in December.

Semper fidelis, Marines,
Dick Tanner, Commandant

**NEXT MEETING will be the third Wednesday
19:30 on the 18th of November @ VFW**

PAYMASTER

MEMBERSHIP 140

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

NOVEMBER - Dates in Marine Corps History

- 10th 1775 - The Continental Congress authorized the creation of the Marine Corps.
- 11th 1918 – Armistice Day. WWI ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year.
- 15th 1950 – Elements of the 1stMarDiv reached the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea.
- 25th 1958 – The Marine Corps grade structure was revised to make room for additional ranks (E8/E9).
- 27th 1950 – Chinese Communists launched an attack, surrounding Marines at Chosin Reservoir, North Korea.



Bill Davis receiving Air Show Flag
From Commandant, Dick Tanner

Are you eligible for a VA Pension?

This pension is a benefit paid to wartime veterans with limited income, and who are permanently and totally disabled or age 65 or older.

THE AID & ATTENDANCE PENSION

The Aid and Attendance (A&A) Pension provides benefits for veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular attendance of another person to assist in eating, bathing, dressing and undressing or taking care of the needs of nature. It also includes individuals who are blind or a patient in a nursing home because of mental or physical incapacity. Assisted care in an assisting living facility also qualifies.

To qualify for A&A it needs to be established by your physician that you require daily assistance by others to dress, undress, bathing, cooking, eating, taking on or off of prosthetics, leave home etc. You DO NOT have to require assistance with all of these. There simply needs to be adequate medical evidence that you cannot function completely on your own.

The A&A Pension can provide up to \$1,632 per month to a veteran, \$1,055 per month to a surviving spouse, or \$1,949 per month to a couple*.

Eligibility must be proven by filing the proper Veterans Application for Pension or Compensation. (**Form 21-534 surviving spouse**) (**Form 21-526 Veteran.**) This application will require a copy of DD-214 (see below for more information) or separation papers, Medical Evaluation from a physician, current medical issues, net worth limitations, and net income, along with out-of-pocket Medical Expenses.

A DD-214 is issued to military members upon separation from active service. DD-214s were issued to separated service members beginning in the 1950's. The term "DD-214" is often used generically to mean "separation papers" or "discharge papers", no matter what form number was used to document active duty military service. If the VA has a copy of a DD-214, it is usually because the veteran attached a copy (or sometimes, the original) to his or her application for disability or education benefits. If you've lost your original DD-214 or a copy and you are receiving (or applied for in the past) disability or education benefits from the VA, they may have a copy (or the original, if you gave it to them) on file. At the very least, if you are currently receiving benefits (or did in the past), they should be able to provide a Statement of Service, which can be used instead of a "DD-214".

To request a copy of a DD-214 visit www.vetrec.archives.gov.

For more general information about the Aid & Attendance Pension, please see our FAQ Section at www.veteransaid.org

SPECIAL EVENT - ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

ON FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER OUR DETACHMENT WILL MEET AT 0900 AT THE DELAWARE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL CEMETERY IN MILLSBORO, DE. TO DECORATE THE VETERANS' GRAVES WITH AMERICAN FLAGS IN PREPARATION FOR VETERANS' DAY, 11 NOVEMBER.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! THIS IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE.

SHOULD YOU NEED DIRECTIONS, PLEASE CALL FRANK CONLON AT 302 541 4517

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE who participated in the motorcycle raffle held by the VFW Post 8296. The raffle winner is Captain Dave from Cape May NJ. Again, thanks for your support.

Veterans Day Ceremony: This ceremony will be held at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, beginning at 1100. Arrival time should begin around 1030 that morning. The ceremony will honor all veterans who have served or are serving, with especial honors made to all veterans who have been the recipient of the Purple Heart Medal. Jack Rine will be the keynote speaker and several other Detachment members will play a pivotal role in this ceremony. The Detachment has been requested to provide a group of Marines to assist in escorting the detail responsible for the laying of the wreath at the foot of the center flag staff as well as escorting this same detail to the bench to be dedicated to all Purple Heart recipients.



VFW Post 8296 has postponed their Veterans Day ceremony until 1400, November 11, 2009 to allow the Detachment members to come over and participate in their ceremony.

“Once a Marine, Always a Marine”



FIRST STATE DETACHMENT
2009 LUNCHEON BUFFET

House of Welsh 302/541-0728
Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009

Magnolia's 302/539-5671
Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009

VFW Post 8296 410/524-8196
Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009

Princess Royale 410/524-7777
Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009

Time: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Cost: \$10.00 donation per person or
new unwrapped toy of equal Value.

Music by *Imagine* (John & Gail)