



**FIRST STATE DETACHMENT  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

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**OCT/NOV 2011 - NEWSLETTER**

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Marines,

THE COOL WEATHER, the Saturday and Sunday football games, and the ability to drive from one end of our Detachment's territory to the other, with out the need to stop for the rest room, tells me it is the fall of the year. This is truly one of the best times of the year to be here on Delmarva. For Marines however it is about to become "our" busy season.

On Saturday, 5 November the Detachment will celebrate the 236th Birthday of our beloved Marine Corps. We are convening in the Crystal Ballroom of the Clarion Resort in Ocean City. The Marine Corps Ball is a highlight of our year and we will celebrate the Marine of the Year, reflect and remember those that we have lost and applauded all we have achieved. The Ball is Mess Dress/Black tie optional. The festivities start at 1800 and will include cash bar and hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner and entertainment by Fox and Company. The price is once again at \$40.00 per person. I hope you will join us as we maintain all of the traditions associated with our annual event.

Toys for Tots have developed into a near corporate undertaking. We are fortunate to have our own resident expert leading our effort. Jack Carey has developed a T4T business model emulated by many, matched by few. It is imperative that we support the Detachments effort, and I know once again First State will be leader in securing toys for the many less fortunate in our area.

A reminder to all that Journal sales produce a fund raising arm that will allow us to achieve our many charitable objectives. Since it's inception this publication managed by our Sgt at Arms, Frank Conlon has allowed us to reach farther and offer more support to more organization than we would have though possible a few years ago.

Just as we start to announce to the world how proud we are as Leathernecks we offer our softer side as we help the local Recreational Boosters produce their Halloween program, and dispense hot chocolate at the Winterfest of Lights.

Lets not forget a day dedicated to all Veterans. The Men in Red will participate in the Veterans Day program at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial. The program is still under development so I am not able to offer details at this time. This year the theme is the Vietnam Veteran. Please reach out to all Veterans and encourage the participation that this day so richly deserves.

Thanks to the members of the First State Detachment it is a great time of year to be associated with our League, and to be one of the few, the proud, the United States Marine Corps.

Semper Fi,  
Fred Wise  
Commandant  
First State Detachment

# NEXT MEETING

**IS ON OCTOBER**

**26 @ 06 VFW at**

**COME EARLY**

**MEET OLD**

**FRIENDS OR  
MAKE NEW  
ONES**

## 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

**A few good men are needed**  
ON OUR BOOTH AT THE HOME & CONDO SHOW, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28, 29 & 30 Hours FRIDAY NOON – 6 p.m., SATURDAY 10a.m., -6 p.m. SUNDAY 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 at The Convention Center, 40<sup>th</sup> St. OC.  
Members in Arrear with their dues.  
We need Marines to volunteer shifts to collect donations for the Semper Fi Fund and recruit new members. Will have a sign up at Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> meeting or call Dave Kline 302-436-5975... Thanks Dave.

December 2010: Charles E. Tarbrake, Robert L. Thornton

June 2011: John J. Gam, Jr., John R. Niblett

July 2011: Brian P. Leyden, John H. Tierney

August 2011: William D. Studts

September 2011: James E. McGinnis, John J. Sauer, Jr.

Members with Dues Coming Due in October 2011: Robert L. Rau, Alexander Sledge, Jr., David W. Smith, James E. Trummel,

**ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

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 for expedited servicing.  
R. T. Tanner  
11 Fort Sumter North  
Ocean Pines, MD 21811

**AT 9 A.M. MEMBERS OF OUR**

**DETACHMENT WILL PLACE**

**FLAGS ON THE GRAVESITES AT**

**THE DELAWARE VETERAN'S**

**MEMORIAL CEMETERY IN**

**MILLSBORO. PLEASE ARRIVE AT**

**08:30 A.M. IF ANYONE NEEDS**

**DIRECTIONS OR HAS ANY**

**QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL**

**FRANK CONLON AT 302-541-4517.**

**THIS IS A SPECIAL OCCASION**

**AND ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**MANY THANKS,**

**SEMPER FI, FRANK CONLON**

## October Birthdays

- Ruben April – James Bergold
- Jordan Bird – John Bradford
- Courtany Browne
- Frank Conlon – Gail Conlon
- Dennis



# SPOOKY SPOOKY

## Volunteers Needed

For the annual SPOOK OUT at  
Northside Park in Ocean City on  
October 30 from 1 pm – 3pm.  
For more details call Bill Davis  
at 410-524-3139  
Come a 12:30 for assignment





## **The First State Detachment Marine Corps League**

Will celebrate the

### **236<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday Ball**

On Saturday Nov. 5, 2011, in the Crystal Ballroom at the Clarion Fontainebleau 101<sup>st</sup> Street Ocean City, Maryland.

A special invitation is being extended to all Marines and FMF Corpsmen to join us in celebrating the 236<sup>th</sup> birthday of our beloved Corps. An open invitation is being extended to the public.

Social hour will be at 1800 followed by dinner at 1900. Black tie/Evening Mess Dress optional. Price is \$40 per person and includes buffet dinner, and entertainment. Cash Bar. RSVP required to Marine Chuck Sachs, 410-213- 7069 and Commandant Fred Wise, 410-289-2800.



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**VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD ON 11 NOV**



At 1100 at the Ocean City VFW. It will be combined with the Ocean City American Legion.

All Marines are welcome.

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Also at the same time, ceremonies are being held at the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial at Ocean Pines. If you served in the military during the Vietnam Era (1961-1975) Please call: 410-641-7736, 410-600-0219 or 410-208-0376

ALL VETERANS WILL BE HONORED BUT VIETNAM ERA VETERANS WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED

### November Birthdays

John Carey – Richard Kubiak -- Cornelius MacFarlan -- Thomas McKelvey -- Stanley Randall  
Jack Reed -- William Strickland

# **THE NOVEMBER MEETING IS ON THE 3<sup>rd</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 16th @ OC VFW at 1930**

## MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES FOR WED, 24 AUG 2011

Opening ceremony kicked off at 1930. During roll call, all officers & appointees present with exception of Chaplain Deickman.

A new member, Ron Wilson, former FMF Corpsman from the Viet Nam War was sworn in as a regular member, then welcomed by the membership. An application for membership from Savannis Peoples, who was not present, was reviewed by Paymaster Tanner and presented to the members. Mr. Peoples application for membership into the Detachment was approved, now we await his presence so that he may be sworn in.

Commandant Wise requested a waiver of reading of the minutes. So approved.

Past Commandant Stevenson read a notice about suicide prevention per veterans from the current wars and stated he had details should anyone be interested.

The Paymaster's report was read and approved. Period covered for these figures is 01 Aug to 31 Aug 2011.

Under "members/family members in distress" various members reported the following: Jerry Miller is hospitalized for leg surgery/problems; Ed Lewis passed away, no details; and PC Bob Galvin's illness is taking it's toll and he is not doing well.

Under Reports the following is noted:

Commandant Wise - Detachment leadership is considering a "new" logo. Commandant then called out the various standing committees and noted the name changes, i.e. Golf Tournament, Chairman, Bob Rose who will have Frank Conlon as Co-chair with members Jack Watson and Billy Wagner on the committee. The Awards Committee will consist of the Adjutant and the two (2) past recent commandants. The OC Convention Center events Chairman will be Dave Kline. Wearing of blue trousers in lieu of black trousers can be the designated uniform for these events, however, it is not necessary. Banners and signs are being ordered and produced to be used at these events for the purpose of better informing the public as per donations and our being present.

No reports from the Senior Vice; Sgt at Arms; or Adjutant.

Junior Vice Siltman reported that 2/6 @ CLNC would deploy in November 2011.

Judge Advocate Strickland reported he awaits info from National before further action is taken regarding Detachment By Laws and possible changes/updated. Also, a few ribbons earned are still available, although the supply is limited.

Quartermaster Stevenson reported his last Golf Shirt in the inventory has been purchased by our newest member, Ron Wilson and that he only has two (2) ball covers remaining.. Replacement items will not be ordered until a new logo is decided upon.

Editor Sushinsky reported the newsletter would contain minutes from our monthly membership meetings.

Web Sgt/Public Relations Officer Mathers reported he is available to assist anyone who needs help with their PC. He also encouraged members to view what is available via the Internet information from National, other Detachments, the various Web sites, etc.

Reports from Standing Committees:

Birthday Ball - Scheduled for Saturday, 5 November 2011 at Clarion Hotel, OC. An open invitation is being extended for all Marines in area to join us in celebrating the birthday of beloved Corps, per Commandant Wise. The costs per individual is \$40, same as last year, a cash bar will be available as well as a remembrance for each attendee.

Chairman Carey gave a concise Toys for Tots campaign for 2011 report noting the buffets as an event to gather toys and monies in years past had run it's course, no longer do we have the numbers to support continuing with this endeavor. Only three (3) sites will have buffets this year. He will need help in certain areas and requested those interested please see him.

No report from Chairman Wright regarding the youth physical fitness program.

Chairman Rose of the Golf Committee introduced himself and told of his experience in such tournaments and thanked the Detachment for their upcoming participation on the Ocean Pines tourney. He announced our annual tournament would be at the OCGC on 21 June 2012, same course as this year. Frank Conlon will co-chair this committee and will be assisted by the same Marines who worked and made the 2011 event a huge success.

Journal Chairman Conlon reported and gave a rundown aimed at new members and those unaware of this project the importance in getting going with purchasing ads for this year's journal. Forms for ads and other info are available and will be distributed immediately.

Convention Event Chairman Kline announced two (2) upcoming events and requested assistance and help in manning the Detachment booth beginning with the first week end in September at a Craft Show. Sign up sheets were provided.

Old Business: None of significance. -- New Business: None of significance. -- Good of the League: None of significance. -- Announcements: None

Closing ceremonies with salute to colors and prayer followed by SV giving announcement of next meeting for 28 September 2011 at 1930 at VFW, OC. Thirty two (32) members present. Commandant adjourned meeting at 2040 with concerns his conducting a "short" meeting would indicate something had been left from the agenda and/or he was just proficient in conducting his duties. Members seemed appreciative of the short meeting, after which they socialized with beverage.

Respectfully submitted:

Jack Rine, Adjutant

