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COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Manny Airey



Just returned from the Department Convention in O. C. As usual our Detachment was number one for attendance with 15 members present. Everyone had a great time. To be a member of the M.O.D.D. (Military Order of the Devil Dogs) Honor Society of the Marine Corps League is a prestigious membership by itself. Only those who are thoroughly involved with their respective detachment are accepted into the order by a majority vote from the pound members. Out of 60,000 plus members throughout the world, only less than 3,000 have been initiated into the order. To have the members of your pound select you as the Devil Dog of the Year is even a greater accomplishment as with our own Marine Mike Hadley. MIKE, Congratulations. Mike is also heavily involved in the "COOTIES", the honor society of the VFW. He is also a member of the Fleet Reserve Assoc, Branch #212 which meets here at the VFW. He is a member of our Rifle and Pistol Team and his marksmanship attests to the many awards displayed on our wall at the VFW. He just recently was "raised" to the sublime degree of a Master Mason into Masonic Lodge #209, Odenton, MD. Mike was also elected to the office of Sr. Pack Keeper (1st Vice Cmdt), also elected was Ed Ross as Pack Mad Dog, Danny Fischio as Pack Police Dog (Sgt @ Arms) and Warren Lindgren as Pack Smart Dog (J.A.). Our detachment had 2 "PUPS" elevated to the degree of Devil Dog. Welcome aboard DD's. The Honorable Barking Dog of the National Order, Jimmy Lee Howard of Salisbury detachment was selected as Devil Dog of the Year for the Pack of MD. Congratulations Jimmy. Dept. Commandant Ron Short was selected as the Marine of the Year for the Dept. of MD. Congratulations Ron. Marine Guy Hall was appointed to the Dept. of MD. Sgt @Arms and was also chosen as chainman of the Dept. of MD. Rifle and Pistol Teams. Overall the convention was the best that has ever been undertaken. Many thanks go to Ron Short, Jerry Devlin, Jack Severn and a host of others due to space here will not allow me to name. I also want to thank our newest member Marine Gerry Grimes and his lovely wife for attending the convention. We hope you both enjoyed yourselves. I want to thank everyone for electing me to again lead this great detachment for another year as your Commandant. I hope I and the other officers and chair persons have served you well this past year and with your continued support. I truly believe this coming year will be even greater. We are the only detachment in the State who continues to exceed 40% of our membership at our Detachment meetings. I sincerely encourage you to keep up the devoted attitude you have, without you we are nothing.

Public Relations

Danny Fischio



I am glad our convention only comes around once a year. Here it is a week has passed and I am still not back to normal. One of our DD's lost his yellow DD shirt off his back in a bistro called "Whiskers" located somewhere around 120th St. The last time we seen the shirt it was donned by our waitress who proudly marched around the place very "fully" displaying it as an item of war and she was the conqueror. The many patrons applauded her for her heroic efforts. They acknowledged the Marines (all Eight of us) had landed and the situation was well in hand. One of the patrons from the Dundalk area informed us that her father was a retired Marine of 24 yrs service to his country and damned proud of it and insisted that our illustrious Vice Pound Leader, Mike Hadley spoke with him, Marvin, via the daughters cellular. It made Marvin's day.

Now to a few serious worthy notes and info. We need participants in the Glen Burnie Parade taking place 5/23/04. It Begins at 1400 hrs. and all participants are requested to be at Corcoran Jr. High at 1300 hrs. If you can help out it will be greatly appreciated. We are going to have a great motorized contingent. We will also have our "Miss Marine Corps League Queen", Stephanie Bates, granddaughter of our Chaplain, Les Bates and his wife Jean. Stephanie is also a recent graduate of the Young Marines Unit we sponsor. Contact Bob Mimms @ 410- 974-0445 The Memorial Day weekend will kick-off on 5/28/04 at the new memorial honoring World War II veterans in D.C. They are expecting in excess of 500,000 people to attend this gala function. The Marine Corps League has been authorized to set up a "Kiosk" on the Main Mall so if you go stop by and say hello. Members of the Dept. of MD and National Officers will be on hand to greet you.

Several months ago the Dept. of MD in association with the National MCL organized a unit "Marines Helping Marines". This was to take

care of the wounded Marines returning to The Bethesda Naval Hospital for surgery and rehabilitation. They arrive with only the hospital garb they have on there bodies. No shoes socks or nothing. The Marine Corps League has stepped in and have began soliciting clothing from the national chains of clothing stores in the area, shoe stores, corporations and their executives to donate free air miles, corporations to donate free Oriole baseball tickets to the stadium and other sporting events and naturally cash contributions. At the convention and the banquet, a total of about \$5,000 dollars was collected from detachments and individual donations. The raffle the Department of MD ran at \$20.00 per ticket with (4) \$100.00 and (3) \$500.00 drawings was quite a success. All of the winning recipients donated their winnings back to the above mention project. Marine Ray Chatterley of Bowie detachment and Past Dept. Cmdt won (2) of the \$500 Pots and donated them back to the above project. Many members and non members present at the banquet met the challenge of Fran Kippenbrock, Commandant. of the Howard County Detachment of \$100.00 per person.

The Vice Commandant of the NE Div., Jim Laskey from Boston MA. presented a check for \$1,000.00 to the appeal. He complemented the attendees on such an outpouring of generosity that he has never before witnessed within the MCL or any other group. The Federal Gov. does not supply anything to these kids at the hospital. As you remember when they first started coming to the hospital they were being charged \$7.00 per meal until Sen. Mikulski put a stop to it and got their money returned. Since when have you ever tasted hospital chow that was worth that kind of money? Sounds like the same deal as the \$1,200 crap-per seat for Air Force one several years ago. The cash we are asking for is to bring parents who cannot normally afford the expense to the area and put them up for a week in a motel so they can visit their son or daughter who are in such bad shape that they cannot leave the hospital. Every little bit helps. If you own a

Chaplain

Les Bates



It is with great sorrow that Bertha Downey, wife of Marine Paul Downey has passed away after a few months illness. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the Downey family and many friends.

Members of our detachment attended the funeral and Crownsville Cemetery services for a 32 yr. old Md. State Trooper and a Marine of four years. Although Trooper McCrone was not a member of our detachment he still deserved the same respect if in fact he had been a member. The family was very appreciative of our efforts.

Myself and Marine Ken Rollins have been asked to represent our detachment with the new program called "Marines helping Marines" It is a great brain child organized by the Dept. of MD and 100% sponsored and endorsed by the National MCL Organization. Be sure to read the article of our PR, Dan Fischio in his newsletter. Ken and I are asking everyone for their input and assistance to this great cause. Those young men and women need our help now more than ever. Lets show them they are not being forgotten and swept under the rug. Lets show everyone the true spirit and meaning of SEMPER FI and the attachment of that eagle, globe and anchor. Remember, they could have been one of your children or grandchildren.

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company or have close ties with your boss or anyone who might contribute something to the cause can give a little bit, every amount helps. Let all of us be an ambassador to this worthy cause. The Dept. of MD. Chaplain is heading up this cause and asking for a chair person from each detachment to get involved. Our reps are Marines Les Bates and Ken Rollins. Don't forget our yearly ceremonies at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery on Monday, 5/31/04 beginning at 1100 hrs. Also if you can help with the ceremonies with VFW Post #160 beginning at 0800 Hrs 5/31/04 it would be greatly appreciated. The Defense Dept. announced on 2/9/04 the creation of the Korean Defense Service Medal, authorized by PL 107-314. It is a service medal to give special recognition for the sacrifices and contributions made by members of the U.S. armed forces who have served or are serving in the Republic of Korea. Members of the armed forces authorized the KDSM must have served in support of the defense of the ROK. Eligibility, served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in an area that encompasses all land area of the ROK. And the contiguous water out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land and water areas. Eligibility Dates are 7/28/1954 to a future date determined by the secretary of defense. Korean vets served between 1950 and 53 are not eligible for this medal. The KSM was extended to 7/27/54. For those of you who think you are entitled to the KDSM can contact me and I will provide you with the necessary certification request and specific eligibility criteria. Danny Fischio 443-604-2474

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I think men like him created the Marines First Devil Dogs.

Did you know The Gulf War, Desert Shield, against Iraq involved more U.S. Marines than any single operation in Marine Corps history? There were 92,990 Marines in the theater, organized in 24 combat battalions and 40 squadrons. The 5 month war was climaxed during Jan-Feb 1991 with a 38 day air campaign and a 4 day ground battle. 24 Marines had been killed, 92 Wounded, eight fixed-wing aircraft and 3 choppers were lost. A reporter who accompanied the 1st Bn., 5th Marines (Which fought at Belleau Wood, Peleliu and the Frozen Chosin called it the most lopsided victory in Marine Corps history.



Commandant Alfred M. Gray, Jr. once stated "The reason that the American people support the Marine Corps is credibility. Marines have done what they say they're going to do. And they did it in spades in the Gulf war. The future of the Corps rests in young , Marines' bands. He also stated that only' Marines are a profession. The rest of the services are occupations. Gen. Gray (Ret) He chewed tobacco, talked about, warriors and felt more at home in \.. fatigues than dress blues. He can be seen' at the Mid Winter Conference at Fairfax, . : Va. Every February during the meetings. Yes, he is very approachable and will talk with you on any subject One on One. He has always been Known as a Marines' Marine.

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VAVS
Buddy Cadle

Just got back from the convention in O.C. and had a fantastic time. For those of you who missed the comradeship I hope you will attend next year.

There are a lot of things happening within the VAVS circle. I am asking that you get involved with me to make things a lot easier for those veteran Marines who are not as fortunate as we are.

Our own Marine, George Owings, newly appointed as the Director of Veteran Affairs for the State of MD. was in attendance and addressed our membership at the convention. He gave a most invigorating speech as to how he is going to bring the VA here in MD up to par. Knowing he cannot do it alone, he needs the help not only of Marine Corps veterans but those of all of the services. We as Marines should be the first to stand behind him and support him all the way in this important endeavor. I am asking you to join with me on June 1, 2004 to go with me to The State House in Annapolis with our red hats and show our support as he is installed as the VA Secretary. We will meet at the VFW Post at 1000 hrs and car pool to Annapolis. I hope you will call me (410-761-9098) or see me at our next meeting May 24.

We also have as a MC Leaguer of our detachment, Marine Bill Creager who is an adjudicator of veterans claims at the Headquarters Office in Washington, D.C. We have a diversified group of Marines within our detachment that can be of great assistance to our cause. Bill is also our Toy's for Tot's Chair Person and our Home Committee Chair Person.



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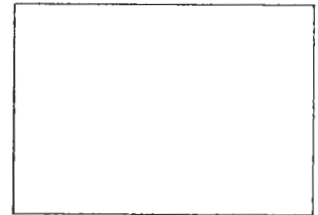
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