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CONGRATULATIONS
MARINE GEORGE OWINGS

George has just recently been selected by Gov. Ehrlich to fill the position of the Secretary of the Maryland Veterans Administration. George has been a member of our detachment #1049 for the past 3 years. A better choice could not have been made.

COMMANDANT
MANNY AIREY

Marines, those of you who did not show up for the last meeting missed out on some good food. Jake Jahelka, Mike Hadley, Danny Fischio and Rich Gonzales cooked up a great meal of chuckers, squirrel pie, deer roast and deer stew. A big OORAH goes out to those Marines.

I would like to see a good turnout for the Department Convention in O.C. May 6, 7 and 8. We have our 13 allotted delegates going. It takes more than delegates to make a great success of this meeting. It is held for everyone's benefit. You can go for 1, 2 or all 3 days. \$5.00 pays your registration fee for all 3 days. There will be a hospitality house during the evening on Thursday and Friday. This is open to your family.

A banquet will be held Saturday evening at which time the newly elected officers for the Department will be installed following a dinner. For cost and menu and any other info please call me.

As of now I hope everyone knows that our own Marine George Owings has been appointed by Gov. Ehrlich to fill the position as the new Secretary of Veterans Administration for the State of Maryland. George will be sworn into office 1 June 04.. Since he is a member of our Detachment it would be great if all of us would be there for this ceremony which will take place at the State House in Annapolis donning our red hats in support of this momentous occasion. He will also be the guest speaker at the convention in O.C. There will be more info forthcoming on this in the next newsletter.

CHAPLAIN
LES BATES

It is sad to report the passing of Karen Bailey, wife of Marine Wyman Bailey, 3 time commander of VFW Post # 160. Karen had been suffering from a long bout with cancer. She died 3 April 04. Karen Joined the Women's Army Corps 1971. She served at Fort Ben Hamilton, Ind. After an overseas stint she served at Kimbrough Army Hospital, Ft. George Meade. She was an auxiliary member and Past Sr. Vice President of VFW Post #160. She was currently an auxiliary member of VFW Post # 7404 Grasonville, MD. She also belonged to American Legion Post # 196 Queenstown, MD She was also a member of the Women's Army Corps Foundation. There will be a celebration of life service from 1600 to 2000 hrs. 1 May 2004 at VFW Post #160.

It is also sad to report that Karen Cline, wife of MCL Associate member Tom "Skip" Cline has passed away. Private services were held 21 April at Glen Haven Cemetery. A memorial service will be held 23 April at the VFW post from 2000 hrs to 2030 hrs. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Both of these extraordinary ladies will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved them.



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ADJUTANT
GUY HALL

Please attend this April meeting, 26 April. This is the night of our election for new officers. It is also a time when you have the opportunity to step forward and volunteer to accept an appointed position within the detachment. This detachment belongs to all of you, not just the officers and committee/staff people.

I will be stepping down as Adjutant. Marine Earl Parker will be filling this position and I know he will do a great job and bring some new ideas into this office.

I will still be involved with the newsletter. Auxiliary Sr. Vice President, Terry Stevens will be involved also. She will be responsible for the layout and printing. I believe she has some great new ideas on improving this newsletter to make it a more professional type correspondence. With her experience and a woman's touch we should have a newsletter that we can enter into the national MCL editorial contest for detachment newsletters.



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We were honored with a new member this past meeting night. Give a big OOOORAH welcome aboard to Marine Gerald Grimes of Odenton.

Also initiated into the detachment was a hard working friend and supporter, Army Warrant Officer, Richard Gonzales as an associate member.

Marines, there are more like us around the county just waiting to be asked to join up with the detachment. When you go out wear that eagle, globe and anchor proudly. Let them know who we are. Show them who you are.

I would hope each of you would make a commitment this month to recruit just (1) one new member. Just one.

We have 50 life members. You can also become one. Take the hassle out of those yearly dues to be paid. The MCL has the least expensive life membership dues structure of any of the military related service organizations. Call me at 410-672-3305

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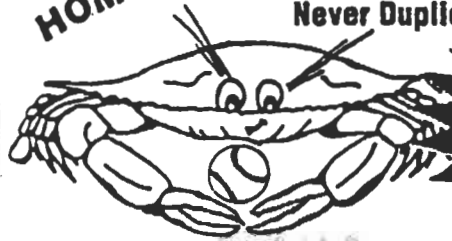
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AHHHH!!! The great game of golf. We (some members of our golf club) participated in our 1st club outing on 19 April. We really had a great turnout. Marine Woody Bowman and his foursom won the best score and collected \$160.00 for there labors. Congratulations. All who played stated they had a great time. Marine Vic Halme said he sprained, stretched or threw something out of whack in his back. I really think he has been this way since he changed over to Army life from the Marine Corps several years ago Some stated it starts at the top of his head. Someone also seen him teeing off from the ladies tee's on a couple of holes. Jim Brady wanted to take a picture of him but afraid if he showed it around no one would ever again play golf. You also can get involved. The membership is free. Our next encounter will be sometime in October so get signed up ASAP.

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VIC HALME
HISTORIAN

Next month, May, being the dedication of the WW II Memorial in Washington, D.C. I am dedicating this column to all those WW II vets including my late father for the great sacrifices they made gallantly serving this great nation during war time.

Following is a citation, The MEDAL OF HONOR awarded to Cpl. James Day , USMC.

While in sustained combat operations against Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryuka Islands from 14 May to 17 May, 1945 Cpl. Day for three days and nights with just a few of his squad and remnants of another unit set up a resistance at a critical location of Sugar Loaf Hill. They immediately came under intense fire and shelling losing half of his men. Cpl. Day was at the forefront shouting encouragement to his remaining fellow Marines. They repelled three more assaults and lost another 5 men. Several others were severely wounded. He escorted 4 of them back to safety and again returned to the front line under more intense fire from the enemy. He immediately manned a small machine gun and with the help of another wounded Marine halted yet another attack. His machine gun was destroyed and he was severely wounded by phosphorous and shrapnel but continued using small arms weapons and fought off another wave of Japanese. After the final attack and repulsing it for good there were over 100 dead Japanese surrounding their position. Having yielded no ground around his position Cpl. Day preserved the lives of his fellow Marines and made a significant contribution to the success of the Okinawa campaign. By his extraordinary heroism , acts of valor and battlefield leadership inspiring the efforts of his outnumbered Marines to defeat a much larger enemy force reflecting great credit upon himself and upholding the highest tradition of the United States Marine Corps.



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