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GREETINGS MARINES
OOOOOORAH

The holidays have come and gone. I sincerely hope everyone enjoyed the gala festivities that goes on during these happy and joyous times for the most of us. There are some who are not quite as fortunate as others and that is why most of us are generous to our fellow man at this time of the year. Again, we must be just as abiding during the rest of the year because some things just do not go away.

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Marines, Tom and I really need your support on this. Please bring your neighbors, friends, relatives and anyone else you can think of. The VFW Post #160 as usual is assisting us with the hall and other items. As R. Lee Ermy would say, "BE THERE" Marine or words to that effect.

These are reasons we have "Fund Raisers" at our detachment and I am speaking of the one coming up on Saturday 24 Jan 04 starting at 1300 hrs until about 1800 or when the races end. This is our "DAY AT THE RACES." The entry price is \$7.00 per person and includes, spaghetti dinner, beer and soda. There will be several games of chance, ie; Big 6 Wheel, Black Jack tables, Poker tables and an Over/Under Table for you dice rollers and of course there will be 10 to 12 races for your betting pleasures. As you know April is election month for Officers so that we may attend the Dept. Convention in O.C. 7/8/9 of May fully represented. Nominations will be accepted at the Feb and Mar meetings so it is hopeful we will have a full slate of candidates considering to be involved. Only the Commandant, SR. and JR. Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate are elected offices. All other offices and committee leaders are appointed by the incoming Commandant. If you would like to get involved and I sincerely hope you do, make it known at the Feb and Mar meetings. If you want to be a chairperson of a particular committee let it be known at the upcoming meetings. Some of our chairmen have been on the job ever since the beginning and are burning out. They want to sit back and observe for a while. The detachment should be infused with new blood and new ideas.

I hope to see you at our next meeting Monday 26 Jan 04, 1900 hrs. and by all means. SEMPER FI !!!

LES BATES
CHAPLAIN

I want to thank all of the Marines who responded on such short notice on 8 Jan to attend the memorial service at the Lady of the Fields Catholic Church on Cecil Ave for Marine Jim Hope. He had been ill for quite some time. His brother Tom, a very good friend of mine gave the eulogy. Although Jim was not a member of our detachment I felt it was still the best thing to do under the circumstances and everyone else also concurred with me. Tom, an Air Force veteran and family was very pleased that we were there in their time of sorrow.



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Like everyone else, Jean and I have had our "Bouts" with the cold and other ailments the past few weeks. I hope and pray the flu epidemic has passed for the time being.

Karen Cline, wife of our associate member, Skip Cline has been having some recurring problems over the past couple months and we wish her a speedy and continuous recovery.

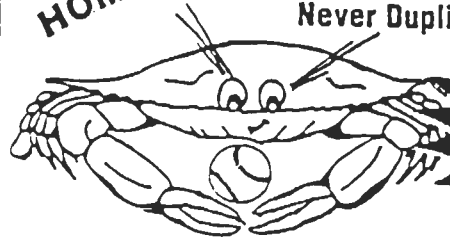
Other ladies on the recovery list include the wives of Marines Garland Downey and Paul Downey and last but not least Fred Downey who is still recovering from his ordeal of a few months ago. Talk about "All in the Family" Anyway folks we hope and pray you continue to fully recover soon.

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A few members of our detachment payed a visit to Marine Tom Stylc who has been very ill lately. Tom is at home being cared for by his loving wife. Any visit by you or a nice "Thinking of You Card" would be greatly appreciated by all concerned. His address is 102 Janelyn Dr., Glen Burnie, MD 21061. It runs off Aster Drive west of N. Crain Hwy. He appreciates visits from Marines. Yes, STYLC is the correct spelling.



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Please come to the DAY AT THE RACES THIS SATURDAY. Tom and Manny need all the help and support they can get with this fund raiser. Call in all your "MARKERS" as "they" say in "my club."

Don't forget Monday, 2 Feb 04, Legislative night in Annapolis. We will meet At the post #160 and car pool. Parking is at a premium this year since Lot C is no longer available. Just be sure you at least wear your red cover or MCL / USMC ball cap. Free refreshments will be served, We have had a great turnout in the past for this event.

I also want to thank all the Marines who participated with the VFW in stuffing Christmas Baskets and helped deliver them to the needy recipients Saturday morning before Christmas Day. 49 families were given 4 to 6 large boxes of food, perishable and non perishable. Another great job well done MARINES.

Everyone involved did a great job on the Toy's for Tot's program this past Christmas. As a whole throughout the State of Maryland it was very poor. The 4th Engineering Battalion projected by last years results there would be 52,000 toys donated this year. Sadly enough they only collected 17,000. Again, for our first time I think we done a great job and thanks go out to all. I think we will have to start a couple of weeks earlier this coming year.

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Many Marines attended the New Years Eve Gala put on by the VFW. Our own Marine Buddy Cadle took off everything but his diaper as the new year baby and with the Old Man, Marine Joe Stephens as the Grim Reaper ending out the old year created quite a scene.

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The tags are a one time fee of \$25.00 plus your standard fee. Just send a photo copy of the registration card(s) to the vehicle(s) registered in your name you want tagged. Also send photo copy of your membership card (Regular) or of your Life Membership Card, the name and number of the detachment you belong. Also your phone number. The application will be returned to you and you will be required to go to the MVA at Glen Burnie to receive the tags. Make sure you return your old tags within 30 days to the MVA with out severe penalties.

Mail your request with the above photo copies and a return stamped self addressed envelope to:


Jack Colleran
440 Benfield Rd.
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(no calls are necessary)

The VFW has given us a wall and Marine Ken Rollins renovated it with a great looking background and shelves where our trophies and other memorial items are displayed. GREAT JOB KEN. Make sure you stop in the lounge and take a look see.

Kudo's to all who showed up at the Christmas Party. Hope everyone had a great time and enjoyed themselves.

Our detachment has been asked to get involved with visitation to the Bethesda Naval Hospital to visit the wounded Marines and Army personnel who are infirmed at that facility. Also we have been asked to help greet the returning Soldiers returning to BWI on R & R from Operation Iraq and give them any assistance on contacting their loved ones in anyway we can. The VFW will have phone cards to be distributed for their convenience.

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BUDDY CADLE
VAVS

Several members of the detachment and auxiliary ventured to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in St. Mary's County this past Saturday for a Dept. Quarterly meeting. After the meeting a tour of the facility was taken. Admittance is open to any military veteran from Anne Arundel Co. They have over 200 beds still available out of 500 + beds. They are about at 50% capacity. The applicant does not have to be a member of any of the military orgs., ie; MCL, VFW etc. If you know of anyone who may be interested please let me know at 410-761-9098. The VFW has requested help with their weekly trek to the MD Veterans Hospital on Greene St. They host a bingo game for the interned vets and give the winners redeemable coupons that can be used in the hospital stores. We meet at the VFW at 1745 on the 3rd Wed. of each month and car pool to the Hospital. We are back by no later than 1945 hrs. Once you give it a try, you will keep coming back. Everyone has a great time

DENNY BYNUM
JR. VICE COMMANDANT

So far this month membership has improved by two(2) new applicants so far. Marines George Holy, Ret. M/Sgt from Middle River, Balto. Co. and Joe "Jonesie" Jones from A.L. Post #276. We now have 48 life members. Marines I hear you tell me of prospects you have talked with and they tell you they are going to enlist but I never hear from them. It takes more than talk to get them involved. You must make a commitment to follow up with them. First of all you must give them an application. How many of you carry one or two. Give them one of your past issues of the MCL National Magazine and a copy of your last news letter. Don't forget about that young Marine next door who is now serving on active duty. Get parents or sibs to present him with a membership in our Detachment. This is a great present. STAY SAFE AND SEMPER FI !!!



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PUBLIC RELATIONS

There has been some changes made in the National Bylaws this past year at National Convention. One is dual membership within two or more detachments. Another is the name change (Deletion of "women"- "womans" auxiliary. It is now called the Marine Corps League Auxillary. The other, an authorized member, Navy/Marine Corpsman who has met the qualification and standards to become a Devil Dog may make application to such.

The bylaws in full may be read and downloaded from the web

Congratulations to Dawn Parker, President of our auxiliary who was installed as the Judge Advocate for The Dept. of MD. MCL Auxiliary at the meeting at Charlotte Hall this past Saturday. She has already laid the "LAW" down to her husband, Earl, Past Jr. Commandant of our Det. Our prayers are with him.