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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT # 1049



MANNY AIREY
COMMANDANT

SEMPER FI MARINES!!!!!!

First of all I want everyone to know that Marine Life Member Bob Smith is back on his feet and off and running again. At present VFW Commander Urick and myself are trying to work out a Saturday some time in January to hold a fundraiser for the detachment.

I hope we have a great turnout for our October 27th meeting. Please be generous and bring in that present for Toy's for Tot's Campaign.

I almost became a millionaire this past week. My wife Irene and I journeyed to the Indian Casino in Connecticut. I only missed it by one throw of the dice. All in all we had a great time.

Sunday a week ago I was initiated into that dark and mysterious realm of the "COOTIES" (MOOC). It is the fun and work society of the VFW like the Devil Dogs of the MCL, 40 & 8 of the American Legion. I personally want to say to Marine Mike Hadlev. Marine

Denny Bynum and Jake Jahelka. I can only say, "Payback is H-----." My wife could not believe anyone could have been in my condition without consuming a lot of alcohol and has forbid me to ever go through that ordeal or what ever it was again.

Don't forget to attend the Pasadena Parade Nov. 2, Sunday and when you go bring a can of food to be distributed to their local food bank. I hope we can muster up enough Marines to march or participate in it.

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I remember some time ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and naturally I was leading every parade, proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart—remember?

And you, I remember you, standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute. Remember little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her right hand over her heart—remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have a few more stars since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and I may get a small glance and then you look away. Then I see the children running around and shouting—they don't seem to know who I am—I saw one man take his hat off then look around. He didn't see anybody else with their hats off so he quickly put his back on!

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been? Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea, Viet Nam. Take a look at the memorial honor rolls sometime of those who never came back to keep this Republic free: **ONE NATION UNDER GOD**. When you salute me you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart—and I'll salute you by waving back—and I'll know that . . . **YOU REMEMBER!**

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VIC HALME
HISTORIAN

Maritime Prepositioning Ships have been named in honor of Marine Corps personnel who have been awarded the Medal of Honor. One is the 1st. Lt. Harry L. Martin/MPSRON-3. With the 5th Pioneer Battalion, WW- I bivouac area penetrated by an enemy attack by Japanese launched a few minutes before dawn, Lt. Martin instantly organized a firing line with the Marines nearest his foxhole and succeeded in checking the headlong rush of the Japanese. He defied hostile fire to work his way through the Japanese to the surrounded Marines. Although sustaining two severe wounds, he blasted the Japanese who attempted to intercept him. Four of the enemy took possession of an abandoned machine-gun pit and started throwing hand grenades. Martin alone and armed only with a pistol, charged the pit and killed all four of its occupants. He continued to lead his men into the attack, firing his weapon into the enemy until he was mortally wounded by an enemy grenade.

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11/9/1968- Marine Maj. Walter Cunningham received Apollo 7 astronaut wings.

11/17/1859- Melody utilized in "The Marines Hymn" premiered in Offenbach's operetta.

11/18/1955- A memorial honoring the 4th Marine Brigade was dedicated at Belleau Wood, France.

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11/20/1947- Maj. Bill Hendricks and Marine Reservists started "Toy's for Tots" in Los Angeles. The Marine Corps Reserve adopted the program one year later.

1942, the FBI captured 8 German saboteurs after they had come ashore from a U-boat of eastern Long Island. Six were executed and two imprisoned. One of these surviving prisoners was the leader and had tipped the FBI off of their arrival. He was promised he would be jailed for only 6 months for his info. He got, instead, a 90 year prison term.

1971, the Vietnam war was on---nearly 100,000 men deserted the U.S. armed forces.

60 yrs after WW I, "the war to end all wars" monetary debts owed by nations to the U.S. totaled \$26M incl. interest. Great Britain owed \$11B plus. France \$8B plus and Italy \$2B plus.

DANNY FISCIO
PUBLIC RELATIONS

Maryland Congressman Ben Cardin of Baltimore will be at VFW Post #160, 5 November at 1930 hrs. and will be speaking to us about all veterans and our benefits. It is encouraged that we show up in force to also let him know our concerns. Mr. Cardin has been to several Town Meetings throughout the State in the past month. He has been very informative on veterans issues.

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For you VFW members, the "Cootie" Tomb Trek will be 7, 8 and 9th of Nov. at Arlington National Cemetery. Sunday morning, several hundred wreaths will be laid at the Tomb starting at 0930 hrs. This is a very impressive ceremony. Our own VFW Adj. and Cootie Chaplain, Beth McCusker will be the Master of Ceremonies for this event. VFW members from all over the U.S. attend this event every year.

10 Nov, Monday, the Golden Coral Restaurants invite all veterans to a free meal at any of their establishments. All you show is that you are a member of any veterans org. or carry a military ID card.

2 Nov., Sunday. There will be a Veterans Commemorative Day at Morris Meadows, PA. just north of the MD. Line into PA off of I-83 Take the 1st exit, turn left and follow the signs to the area. This is also an exciting day for all, including children.

11 Nov., Tuesday, all veterans and their families are invited to attend the annual observance at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery at 1100 hrs. There will also be a contingent of members of the VFW/MCL going to several veterans monuments in Glen Burnie. We will meet at the Post at 0830 for those who wish to participate.

12 Nov., the Fleet Reserve Assoc. will meet at 1900 hrs. at the VFW Post.

15 NOV., SAT., 1800 hrs., THE MARINE CORPS BALL at the Post. Due to schedule and other factors we could not celebrate it on 10 NOV., MONDAY.
Call Ed Ross for tickets, etc. at 410-608-0219.

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GUY HALL
ADJUTANT

STAY HEALTHY!! WALK!!

That's what 66 year old, Lt. Col. J.R. Tate, USMC (Ret) says. He has hiked the entire length of the Appalachian Trail from GA. to Maine, not once but 3 times and wrote a book about it, "Walkin on the Happy Side of Misery" Tate says anyone who would eat a garter snake would eat anything. The military environment instills in you a desire to achieve whatever goal you take on. When hiking he is gorging on fatty foods to offset his atomic caloric burn. He chugs quarts of water at a time, sometimes stream water that is tea colored and infested with caterpillars. Don't drink you dehydrate. His inner Marine does not allow that option. Tate says he has one more trek and that he wants to do when he is in his mid 80's. Alvis Kinney hiked it when he was 82.

4 Oct. I attended a dedication of a memorial in honor of Marine S/SGT John Shultz, a Korean War MOH(Post) recipient from Ridgely, WV. The dedication took place at the St. Paul Cemetery in Cumberland. WWII MOH Recipient Marine Hershel "Woody" Williams of Huntington, WV was the guest speaker. Woody is the only living MOH recipient from WV. His speech made your hair stand up and brought tears to your eyes. Woody is also a member of the MCL and attends the Mid Winter Conference at Merrifield, VA every year in Feb.

Believe this, an 84 year young Marine PFC, WWII was in attendance in his original winter green uniform and dress

Cover, ribbons and sam brown belt and everything still fit him to a tee. There were about 200 people at the ceremony.

I left there and spent the night at Manassas, VA. Spent all day Sun.. at the Manassas Airport where they were having an air show and the Marines, Young Marines and MCL were jump starting the push for WWII MOH Marine Gunnery Sgt. John Basilone U. S. Postage Stamp Campaign. Already several states and cities have declared Feb 19, 2004 including MD as John Basilone Day. The 8th and I Marines opened the Sunday morning ceremony. There will be more on this campaign in future newsletters.

A new MCL detachment located at Centerville, MD on the eastern shore will receive its long awaited Charter on 28 Oct., Tues. at the Centerville American Legion Post. If anyone wants to attend this call me at 410-761-2592.

Marines, we need more input and idea's within the league in regards to this news letter. We also need a few more advertisers.

It costs money to print and post this. When we first started the detachment our membership and mailing list was only about 30 households. Today it is in excess of 100 and costs about \$.56 to print and mail each letter. Please contact any business friends and ask them to support us. It is tax deductible. If you have a prospect call me and I will go with you and assist you with it.



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TOM MAIORANA
SR. VICE COMMANDANT

Hey Marines, our birthday ball is fast approaching and I have several tickets for the \$300.00 drawing left for sale. We have got to sell these tickets. Please, see me at this upcoming meeting. I really need your help. Also, I am filling in as the temporary Toy's for Tot's chairman. Again, I am asking for help. I am asking everyone to bring to this Oct. meeting a new toy with the manufacture's rapping on it only. Do not gift wrap or remove the cellophane wrapping from it. Again, thanks much. If you cannot get to the meeting, you can drop the toy off at the VFW or attempt to attend the Nov. meeting and bring it.

Bull roast

Veterans of Foreign War Post 160 will host a bull and oyster roast from 1 to 6 p.m. Nov. 2 at the post hall, 2597 Dorsey Road.

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$22 at the door.

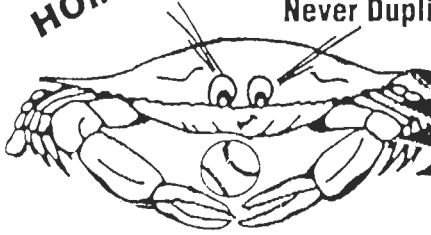
The menu includes pit-roasted beef, raw oysters, oyster stew, fried rice, barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetables, relish tray, sodas and draft beer.

Music will be provided by a disc jockey.

Commandant Manny has suggested a great idea that all elected and appointed officers and chair persons have an assistant to help out and take their place if that person cannot make a meeting or becomes in-capacitated for a while. Good communication between the two of you is of the utmost importance. We hope this idea will fly. There is more to keeping a detachment operating that just showing up for the meetings. I realize

that some of you have other obligations and responsibilities at home and at work but there are some of you who need to get off that couch in front of the TV and get involved, even if it is only for 3 or 4 hours a month.

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LES BATES
CHAPLAIN

I want to sincerely thank everyone for the kindness they expressed with their phone calls and cards they sent during my illness. As of this writing I am feeling very much like my "old self" which wasn't very good to begin with. Anyway, thanks again and if you know of anyone whose needs are greater than ourselves and needs a telephone call or a card, call me at 410-987-0386.

DENNY BYNUM
JR. VICE COMMANDANT

It's hard to understand why only one or two people are actively promoting membership in the detachment. Come on Marines, I need help.

We will be voting on 3 new members at the Oct 24th meeting.

Last month I failed to mention that Marine Bill Wild was a new life member. Welcome to the fold Bill. Bill has been doing a great job as assistant Chaplain.

5 new members recruited by any one individual within July 2003 and July 2004 will get you a nice certificate of Appreciation and a Detachment Membership Ribbon. Take pride in wearing something Marine oriented. Marines will be asking you how can they join up to be a part of this great organization.

There is nothing that can compare us to any other military organization, AL, VFW, AMVETS, etc. No other organization has the comradeship that we have and continue to promote since Nov 10, 1775. A Marine friend, relative living in another county, state or out of country can still be signed up in our detachment. We have several out of state members who have not nor probably will never attend a meeting. Sign them up. Christmas is upon us. What better Christmas present than the parents or sibling of an active duty Marine would be a paid membership into our detachment regardless of where he is stationed. He still receives the newsletter and the MCL Magazine. All this for \$25.00. Very inexpensive gift. We can make this one of the strongest detachments in the area if we just try .

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