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MANNY AIREY
COMMANDANT

How time flies. Summer is coming to an end quickly and all we have had is rain with very little sunshine. I hope your your vacations were productive and pleasurable. For those of you who have not attended our monthly meetings for one reason or another lately just want to let you know the detachment is still in business and doing great.

SCHOOL will be back in session in another week so please drive careful when going to work or just out driving. We all know they are faster than your car when you least expect it.

The Marine Corps Birthday Ball is fast approaching. Thanks to our web sergeant, Mike Hadley, the admission tickets are now available for sale. I suggest you get them soon. It will again be held at Post #160 and seating will be limited. Due to increases in some of our expenditures the price of tickets will be \$ 35.00 per person. The Det. Does not make a profit on this. We will probably loose a few bucks on it. This will include a great meal, beer, house wine and rail drinks only. I strongly suggest you get and pay for your tickets as soon as possible to be assured seating. The dress code will be semi-formal. (No jeans), coat and tie for the men and appropriate comfortable attire for the ladies. THE SMOKING LAMP IS OUT in the hall. You will have access to the bar area or outside the building. Experiencing the great turnout last year and seeing the

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growth from past years we are expecting a sell-out again this year. Chairman Ed Ross and his committee have been doing a great job getting this organized. I am sure when the time gets near the Leagues Ladies Aux. and the VFW Aux. will be just as helpful as in the past years. Speaking of the Ladies Auxiliary, you wives, daughters, granddaughters and certain other relatives should inquire about a membership. Although they are doing a great job, they can use all the help they can get.

5 Sep 03, myself and Guy Hall will be representing the detachment in a charity golf tournament taking place at Bear Creek C.C. in northern BA. County for the benefit of a Scholarship Fund for St. Jane Frances Catholic Church. If anyone else would like to participate, please call me @ 410-255-9129 or see me at the meeting this Monday.

13 Sep 03 there will be a Department of MD. meeting at the VFW Post in Cumberland, MD., home of the Mountain Side Det. I would like to encourage as many of our members to attend if at all possible. I will have the complete details at our meeting Monday or again you can call me at the above number. Everywhere our detachment has been or anything we have participated in we have overwhelmingly had the most Marines present than any other detachment. I would like to continue this honor.

Again, I would like to call your attention to our faithful merchants who support this Marine Corps League with their advertising. Please make it a point to patronize them when you can.

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TOM MAIORANA JR. VICE COMMANDANT

Those of you who did not make our last trek to the Slots at Harrington, DE. missed a great time. Great food and the chance to win a lot of money all for the price of \$15.00 per person. 27 people went on the trip. The motor coach seats 52 people so you can see we were very short to make any money as a fund raiser. We have talked about other projects to put cash in our coffers. If you have ideas, please call me. I seriously need some help so if you have a little time on your hands, please call me @ 410-987-1297. We have discussed having a flea market in the future and again I cannot do it by myself. It will be brought up at this months meeting so please be there and offer some in-put to this project. You have items around the house you would put out at a yard sale? Rent a table for your own merchandise or donate the items to the detachment. There will be more about this at a later date.

We are currently running a raffle and with your help and help from your co-workers, family and neighbors will sell 1,000 tickets. The winner will receive \$300.00 when it is drawn the night of the Marine Corps Ball. You do not have to be present to win. Please call me at the above no. and I will send you tickets. Please help us out on this.

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As you already know we promote the activities of Post # 160 when things come up.

If you are not eligible for membership in the VFW, there now is a new unit of the VFW, Men's Auxiliary. Membership requirements are that your Father, Mother, any siblings, grand parents, great grandparents that are eligible to join the VFW (do not have to be a VFW Member) permits you to make application for the Auxiliary provided you are 18 yrs or older. There is a unit which was just formed this past Monday. They will be having a "Day at the Races" 13 Sep 03, Saturday starting at 1300 hrs in the post hall. You can call VFW, District 6 Commander, Paul Barnhart, Aux. coordinator @ 410-766-9802 for

further particulars and also see or call him for Men's Aux. Applications or Post 160 VFW applications.

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will be presenting "50'S DANCE" with all of the theme's and music of that nostalgic era. This will take place Saturday, 20 Sep 03 starting 1900 hrs. Call Kelly @ 410-766-9802 for further details.

We Marine members of the League repay the VFW for their generous support of our League by doing clean-up and other things around the Post. Every Saturday and Sunday mornings we go in about 0730 and clean the post along with a few of the VFW members. Takes about an hour and afterwards we enjoy a nice Marine Corps "light breakfast" prepared for us by one of the VFW members. Marines, it doesn't get any better than that

The VFW and supportive units also serve a great dinner on Friday nights starting at about 1800 hrs. Bring the family and neighbors, co-workers etc. Menu's vary so call for information @ 410-766-9802.

Last but not least, we are looking for a younger Marine who has access to a computer and would like to get involved in the Detachment and take over the task of doing the newsletter. We definitely need someone with new ideas and a sense of humor. If you would consider this task, please call Guy Hall @ 410-761-2592 (current editor) or myself @ 443-604-2474

GUY HALL ADJUTANT

Well Marines, the National Convention has come and gone in Spokane, WA. We have a new slate of National Officers on board. Our own Dept. Commandant, Mike Blum was elected National Judge Advocate.

I am awaiting the report from our attendee, Marine Deloa Cline. I have been in contact with her and she wanted to thank everyone for allowing her to represent our Detachment. Members of the Maryland Detachment stated she was a great asset and credit to the Dept. and our Detachment. Our Maryland Department had a contingent of 27 members including her. This was a great turnout. The motion for a hike in yearly membership and life member dues was shot down so no change will be in effect this year but it will be back again next August. Her report will be in the next issue.



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Just a few tidbits and reminders of the past:

20 Aug 1942, 31 planes of MAG 23 were the first to land at Henderson Field, Guadalcanal.

21 Aug 1814, Marines defended Wash., DC at Bladensburg, MD against the British.

23 Aug 1798, the first HQ of the Marine Corps was est. @ Philadelphia, PA

25 Aug 1948, 2nd. Lt. John E. Rudder was the first black Marine officer to be commissioned in the regular Marine Corps.

27 Aug 1893, a giant tidal wave swept across Parris Island, SC.

29 Aug 1916, the Marine Corps Reserve was founded.

2 Sep 1945 Japan formally surrendered aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

2 Sep 2003, Labor Day, USA

9 Sep 1950, Capt. L. E. Brown flew the first Marine combat jet mission.

16 Sep 1942, Birth of the 3rdMarDiv, Camp Elliott, CA

Here is a first for us again, Dec 24, 1854 the USS Susquehanna departed Japan with Marine Jonathan Goble on board. He later returned as a missionary and invented the RICKSHAW.

12 Sep 1917, Army General John J. Pershing requested and selected the 7th Marine Co. to guard his HQ in France.

DENNY BYNUM
JR. VICE COMMANDANT

I would like to welcome Marine Don Quinlan, a new applicant and also an applicant for Life Membership. He will be voted on this Monday so come on out and show your support.

We also welcome Marines Robert Lucian of Hyattsville, MD., Don Wisniewski, Odenton, MD., John Lafferty, Annapolis, MD, Hank Storm, Pasadena, MD., Jim Simms, Millersville, MD., Marine Corpsman, Joe Aquayo of Jessup and associate member Jim Hayes of Odenton.

I am enclosing (1) member application with this newsletter. Please put it in your wallet I sincerely hope and I know that each of you know of a fellow Marine who is eligible to join our ranks. All you have to do is ask Remove the app. from your wallet. Fill out the app., get a check for \$25.00 and call me @ 410-672-3305. I know that if one of our Marines alone can recruit one Marine per month, you can do it also. I want to thank those of you who have been bringing in new members. You are doing a great job.

LES BATES
CHAPLAIN

A day after the newsletter was mailed, I regret to announce that we lost our only Honorary Member. Retired Master Chief, Al Scarsaletta who served 32 plus years in the Navy passed away at age 78. Al was Commander many times of American Legion Post 89 known as the MIA/POW Post located in Ferndale. He was dedicated not only to veterans in need but to the general public. He was also dedicated to the Maryland Eye Bank Fund. Three (3) months ago Channel 13 presented him with their Gold 13 Award for his commitment to Anne Arundel Co. and surrounding area. Al was proud

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to have served his country and was equally proud of being an Honorary Member of our League. He will surely be missed by all those who ever came in contact with.

Marine Opie Davis, involved in a auto accident is out of the hospital and recuperating at home. He still has to undergo treatment as an out patient for a while. A get-well card or just a card to remind him you are in his thoughts would be greatly appreciated. His address is PO Box 31631, Baltimore, MD 21207.

Our friend and Marine Jack Severn, currently Judge Advocate of the Dept. of MD. underwent an operation this past Monday, 18 Aug 03. hopefully everything went well.

If you know of anyone of us or their family is not up to par, please call me 410-987-0386.