

Marine Corps League



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COMMANDANT
MANNIE AIREY

I have been very busy lately for the good of the League.

7 June, myself, a friend who is a retired insurance agent another the Adjutant of my VFW Post and longtime friend and a member of our own detachment represented our detachment in a golf outing at Bay Hills which was a fund raiser for the St. Jane's Frances School.

It turned out to be a great day for golf. Weather was just great. BUT: I am not bragging nor boasting but if I had anyone who could have carried his own weight, I would have won that tournament No doubt in my mind. Believe me that was a heavy load to carry. Since then I have

thought of canceling my insurance, demitting to Post 160 and transferring our member to some detachment in a far away place. So with that said, we had one terrific time. Plenty of liquid refreshments and food. If you like to play golf I would like to see enough of our members who like to play get involved in a small club that could be formed within our detachment. Please see me if you are so inclined or reclined, we will get you up and moving.

Please, again I am asking you to get behind your officers and committee people and give any help that you can offer. We as a great detachment can sure use your expertise to make it even greater.

DON'T FORGET THE MEETING
THIS COMING MONDAY. 1900 HRS.
WE HAVE BEEN GETTING A
GREAT TURNOUT FOR THE
MEETINGS SO KEEP UP THE GOOD
WORK.

SEMPER FI !!!!!!!

SR. VICE COMMANDANT
TOM MAIORANA

MARINES, grab your friends, relatives and anyone else, don't forget your cash because we are going to the Casino at Harrington, De 29 June, Sunday, leaving the VFW Post #160 at 1330 hrs. !:30 PM via A/C, rest room equipped motor coach. Sign up early at the Post to assure yourself a seat. The cost is \$15.00 per person and includes a buffet at the Casino. I am sorry to say that Alcohol IS NOT permitted on the motor coach. We will be returning early Sunday evening. The last time we went everyone had a great time. There was not one person said they came home empty handed. The "Mother Lode" is waiting to be discovered by you. The "Chicken" is waiting to play tick-tack-toe and give you a thousand bucks. What more can you ask for??? This is one of our many fund raisers for the year. We really need your support on this.

JR. VICE COMMANDANT
DENNY BYNUM

Marines, membership is still a top priority with the detachment. If just half of the membership would bring in one new member we would have one of the largest detachments in the state. Just a little nudge will bring results.

The detachment would like to welcome Marine Jim Brady, Associate member Ed Groves and (2) transferee's from the Baltimore Detachment, Marines Leo Stepp and Mike Mulliken. Both have been active in their previous detachment and I am sure things won't change with them coming here.

WELCOME ABOARD !!!!!

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1 July 1987, Commandant Kelly turned the Corps over to Gen. Alfred M. Gray, Jr. A native of Pt. Pleasant Bch., NJ. He was fifty-nine years of age. He entered the Corps as an enlisted man in 1950. Promoted to Sgt. In less than two years and was commissioned in 1952 serving as an infantry officer during the Korean War.

He was selected as Commandant because he was regarded as a WARRIOR. At his swearing in ceremony he stated that the Corps and the Navy who serve with us are warriors and the people who support warriors must always keep that focus. The nation demands that Marines be a little bit special, the best led, the best trained, the best disciplined force on earth. They also demand that we teach nothing but winning, in battle and in life.

Commandant Gray, (Ret) attends all of the National Mid-Winter Conference of the Marine Corps League at Merrifield/Arlington, VA. He is still active in many aspects of the Marine Corps and the MCL.

I encourage you to attend this yearly conference which takes place 7-8-9 of Feb 03 You will find it to be very informative and probably meet up with some one you previously served with.

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Though historians are uncertain who designed and made the first flag, Congressman Francis Hopkinson claimed he authored the initial design. Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia seamstress, is credited by some with actual construction of the first flag.

Born in the midst of the Revolutionary War, the flag first flew from Fort Stanwix in Rome, New York. It came under enemy fire there on August 6, 1777.

After the colonies achieved their independence and the nation began growing in the 1800's, it became apparent the flag could not realistically include a stripe for each new state. Therefore, in 1818, Congress moved to leave 13 stripes in honor of the original colonies and to add stars for each new state.

By 1900, America had expanded to 45 states, and in 1959, the total increase to 50 with the addition of Alaska and Hawaii. Today, as during its early years, the flag's distinctive design and red-white-blue coloration remain a symbol of valor, hope and freedom for people everywhere.



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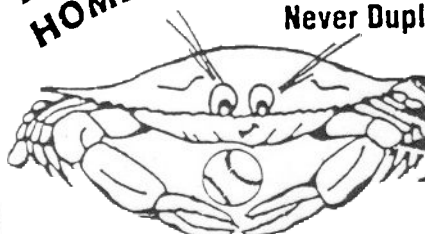
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