



Marine Corps League Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049



SEMPER PARATI MARINES!

Detachment Newsletter - Monday, January 20, 2003

Another year has past us by and very quickly to say the least. We have made some strides in some areas and nothing in other areas. Membership has continued to grow slightly but in the same turn some members have fell by the wayside for some reason or the other. These names will be printed, not to embarrass anyone but to encourage anyone who knew the brother to encourage him to renew his membership. If he has fallen on hard times, there is a possibility that the Detachment can help him with any financial problem he may have accrued. That brings us to the other matter. FINANCES: This is a matter that falls on all of us, not just the Sr. Vice Commandant and also membership. These items should be the concern of everyone not just the two officers delegated and elected to this problem.

The first 6 months of this year is going to a busy time. A lot of things are in progress. Nomination of the four elected offices will be held on the 24th of March. If you are interested in running for one of these four offices, Commandant, Sr. Vice Commandant, Jr. Vice Commandant or Judge Advocate you must let your intentions be known to the election committee prior to the Feb. meeting and if you cannot be present at the election on 28 April you must submit a letter of acceptance to the particular office you plan on running for.

Elections and installation will take place on the 4th Monday, 28 April. The Department Convention will be held on 9 and 10 May, 2002 at the Princess Royale in Ocean City, MD. Packets will be mailed to each member prior to this in time to make reservations, prices, criteria, etc. Make plans to enjoy a great weekend with your family.

Again this year, the Joint Veterans Commission will be visiting our elected officials in the State House in Annapolis on 3 February commencing at 1700 hours. Our Detachment is invited to attend. Food and refreshments will be catered and served by the JVC. There is no cost to attend and partake but we ask that you wear your prescribed uniform or a coat and tie with your Marine Corps League cover if you have one. If not and you have a cover from one of the other service organizations, wear that one. If that doesn't work, we will find you a cover. We want to impress upon those politicians we are a strong military organization. There will also be a National mid-winter conference on 6, 7 and 8 February at Fairfax, VA. This is a great time to observe the workings of your National Organization. All officers and those of you who are contemplating on seeking an office within the Detachment should attend on Friday, 7 Feb. Chances are you may see someone you have served with at some time or other since these Marines come from all over the U.S. We will depart for Fairfax from the VFW Post on Thursday at 1200 hrs. Friday and Sat. we

will depart at 0700 hrs. Hopefully we can car pool. You can call Guy Hall @ 410-761-2592 for further details.

Following are some nostalgias that may be of interest to a great many of you: 20 Jan, 1968, Battle of Khe Sanh began. Operation Desert Storm began 17 Jan/ 1991, Operation Thunderbolt began 25 Jan 1951, 27 Jan 1973, Vietnam Peace Accord signed. 30 Jan 1968 Tet Offensive began, next day Battle of Hue began. Battle of Hill 440 started 5 Feb 1951 Cooperation Homecoming began 12 Feb 1973. Sinking of the USS Maine occurred 15 Feb 1898. Above all 23 Feb 1945 the U.S. MARINES raised the flag atop Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima. This was the toughest battle the Marines have ever been engaged in. Of the 80 Marines who received the Medal of Honor during WW II, 22 received it here. On the second day on Iwo, PFC JACKLYN H. LUCAS of Plymouth, N.C. received the Medal of Honor after hurling himself over other Marines and smothering two Japanese grenades under his body absorbing the explosions. He is the youngest Marine at seventeen years and six days old ever awarded the Medal of Honor. The total Marine casualties on Iwo was 25,851. The operation of Desert Storm Ground Campaign began 24 Feb 1991. Two days later the Battle of 73 Easting at Purim and the next day the Battles of Medina Ridge and of Norfolk started. 27 Feb 1991.

I usually don't endorse a movie or book but if you are interested in our history , pick up "The U.S. Marine Corps Story" third revised edition by J. Robert Moskin, 877 pages of true Marine Corps History in its glory at the library or one of the prominent book stores.

Our Chaplain, Les Bates has been up and down quite often over the past few weeks with the flu and other complications. He would welcome a phone call from you @,410-987-0386 as well as Marine Bob Llovd who has ongoing complications @ 102 Herbert Ct., Glen Burnie, MD, 21060 or 410-761-8945. If anyone knows of any brother who is laid up or in distress please call Marine Bates and give him the information. We need more communications between our members. A great many circumstances we find out after the fact and this should be curtailed.

Congratulations to Associate- Member and our Hospitality Chairman, Robby Robinson on his recent marriage to his new bride Chong.

The VFW is having a "BULL AND OYSTER ROAST" Sun. 27 March, 2003. Please call the lounge 410-766-9802 or our Commandant Earl Parker @ 410-551-7846 for complete details. Hopefully the Marine Corps League can get enough people to fill a table. The VFW supports the League in many ways that a lot of us do not realize so the least we can do is try to

support their projects and efforts when we can.

Marines, a Marine MP, Cpl. Dunn stationed at Quantico, VA had a very tragic circumstance happen to his family recently. He lost his wife and unborn child leaving him with in support of his only child surviving. She is 5 years old. The Marine community has asked for the MCL financial assistance through our National Organization. It has been checked out by Commandant Touhey and is a legitimate request. At our Jan meeting I hope we will be able to send a financial contribution to this young Marine. As usual you have come through before in times of tragedy.



Commandant Earl Parker 410-551-7846

Now that the holiday season is behind us, it's time to look forward to a new year.

It was brought to my attention at the last meeting some life members did not receive certificates from the prior years, in order to rectify this I will need the names of those who wish to receive them.

Department staff meetings were held at the American Legion Post #64 in Salisbury Md. on January 18, 2003, information pertinent to us will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting. Michael Blum, Dept Commandant and other special guests are to be present at that meeting, so please make an effort to attend.

Nomination for officers will commence at the February meeting.

Semper Fi
Earl Parker, Commandant



Dawn Parker, Pres. MCL Auxiliary 410-551-7846

Well ladies we are beginning a new year with lots of ideas. That is a good start. I would like to thank George Martin, Denny Bynum and Steve Salanik in the Detachment for helping us with the Boys Scouts Toys for Tots. George played our Santa Clause and he was a great Santa at that. I also want to thank the ladies that helped out with that also and they were Nila Caulder, Lilly Belch, Lorena Schultz, Brittney and Jessie Burton. Patty thanks for filling the goody bags for the Boys Scouts they were really happy with all the stuff they got in them. Great job Patty. A special thanks to Steve Salanik for all the hard work he did for Toys For Tots. I would like to thank all the men in the Detachment that helped out with the fruit for the goody bags. It really helped and it sure made them go a long way. We also put a smile on all the people living at Morning Side when we gave them fruit (apples, oranges and tangerines) along with a

candy cane. Always remember it really makes you feel good when you can put smiles on others faces. We had a really good turn out for dinner the first Friday of Jan. with Chili and Cornbread prepared by Patty and Nila.

Dawn Parker
Unit President

MEETING MONDAY February 24, 2003 at 1900