



# Marine Corps League Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049



## SEMPER FI MARINES!

Detachment Newsletter - Monday, September 23, 2002



**Commandant Earl Parker** 410-551-7846

GOOD WORK LADIES. For those of you who were not at the last meeting, our ladies auxiliary were formally installed. Officiating, President Sandra Bloom, Dept. of MD. Mid-East Div. Vice President Mary Ellen Naples. The ceremony was held at the conclusion of our meeting. Refreshments were served and all had a great time. Those interested in joining the auxiliary should contact Dawn at 410-551-7846 or through [DawnforMCLadies@aol.com](mailto:DawnforMCLadies@aol.com).

The department meeting was held 9/14/02. We were awarded a National Jr. Vice Commandants Citation for exceeding the previous years membership. Thanks to all of you who went the extra mile to recruit new members. Our detachment hosted the event at VFW Post 160. I want to give thanks to Ed and Linda Ross, George Martin, Carl Schultz (a new MCL member) and Rose Hole (VFW auxiliary member) for helping get everything in place for the meeting.

Our MCL raffle ticket sales of the \$300.00 jackpot is going very slow. VC Airey needs your help in getting these tickets sold. Marines, we have a job to do and I know we can do it. OOOOHRAH!!!!

Come out on Friday nights and support our detachment and the VFW.

The MCL and Ladies Aux. provide a Friday night meal once a month here at the post. The VFW also provides a great meal the other Friday nights of the month. All meals are deliciously prepared for about \$5.00 per plate with the exception of some specialty food which runs a little higher. Since the VFW allows us to share their facility, it is only right that we support them also. The dinners are served from 1800-2000. Bar bingo follows at about 2000 hrs. with some great cash prizes.

It is great to see that our own Jake Jahelka has reopened the kitchen for light lunch fare with a great menu and great portions of fine food at a ridiculous low price.

As some of you are aware I also don another hat, that being the House Committee Chairman here at the Post. From time to time we ask for volunteers to help with various duties and projects. We could use a FEW GOOD MEN to lend a hand on Saturday and Sunday mornings from about 0730 to 0930 to clean the lounge and hall. The more help we get the less time it will take. Usually after we finish, Bob Hole (VFW Commander will whip up a "Bloody Mary") or Ray, Jake or Don will whip up a great breakfast for all workers to enjoy so just show up at the door. If you cannot make both mornings, that s OK. One will be greatly appreciated. If you have any specialties in plumbing, electrical or carpentry we can sure use your expertise also.



### **Mannie Airey, Sr. Vice Commandant**

Just a reminder that I still have some unsold tickets available. Please call me at 410-255-9129. Marines I cannot do it all myself. I need help. We are committed to support our fellow Marines and members of the community and with some of these projects, it takes money.



### **Denny Bynum, Jr. Vice Commandant** 410-672-3305

If I haven't already done so, we would like to welcome Marines Bill Morrow of Dandily, Warner Sumpter of Pasadena, our first official lady Marine DeLoa Cline of Spokane, WA., and Associate retired Navy Chief, Tom "Skip" Cline of Glen Burnie.

Marines, I know there are other Marines out there, some probably living next door to you. I see Marine stickers on car and truck bumpers and rear windows constantly so I know we should be able to recruit more members into our fold. I need your help. there are life memberships available. This could save you money over the years. 18-40 yrs. \$250, 41-50 yrs. \$200, 51-60 yrs.\$150, 61 yrs. plus \$75. These rates are not going to last much longer. I have heard that yearly rates in other parts of the U.S. are requesting that their dues be increased. I certainly don't anticipate that ours will increase anytime soon but it is a possibility the new life member applications may increase. Once you apply and pay for life membership you will never have to pay again no matter how they increase. Also you don not have to worry about being bugged to pay your dues every year. We now have 27 life members in our detachment. Come on aboard Marines. Bring in that new member, friend, neighbor, relative, etc.

 **Les Bates, Chaplain** 410-987-0386

I am happy to report that since our last meeting the majority of us are in pretty good shape for the shape we are in. Al Newton is progressing very nice since his heart by-pass. Kenny Rollins is also progressing since his knee surgery. Just received word that Marine Karl Dungans wife, Karen has been ill but is improving. Fred Downey is almost back to his normal self after his heart operation a couple of months ago. we need more communication between us. If you know of anyone who is sick or in need of help, please call me at the above number. I have an answering machine so leave a message if I am not home

 **Guy Hall, Adjutant** 410-761-2592

Can you believe this???????

Bremerton, WA., Lena Swanson stole \$300,000.00 from veterans, including former POW's over a period of 5 years while employed with the VA. She pleaded guilty to one count of receiving unlawful payments. Sentenced to 4 months in prison. Spent the money gambling and personal expenses. Justice ??????

Waiting to see a VA doctor???? State of Florida has a backlog of 42,000 cases, 17,000 in Tampa alone. At a VA facility in St. Petersburg, a woman watched as a doctor told her husband to get out of his wheel chair and climb onto the table. The patient stated he could not do it without help. The Dr. gave him a brief examination while still in his wheel chair and entered on the report that the patient refused to climb onto the table.

An Atlanta woman, Sarah Prater pleaded guilty to bilking the VA out of 11 million dollars using info from dead vets. She took European vacations, purchased homes, cars and light aircraft. She shared this fortune with a few unnamed associates who conspired with her to spend the money. All are yet to be sentenced.

Marine Corps service records are assembled at the separation point and a sort is performed. If there is no reserve obligation or connection, the records are sent to HQ, USMC, Quantico. The records stay there for two years. They are then sent to NPRC, St. Louis, MO. If the Marine is active reserve, they are sent to the unit of assignment. If the Marine has a reserve obligation but is not in an Active Reserve unit the records are sent to the MCRS Command Overland Park, KA. At the end of the Reserve obligation, the records are forwarded to the SMRC. The St. Louis fire of July 12, 1973 destroyed approx. 80% of the records of ARMY veterans who served between 11/1/1912 and 1/1/1960 except for retirees who were alive on 4/12/1973.

75% of AF personnel with surnames of HUBBARD through the letter Z who were separated between 9/25/1947 and 1/1/1964 except those retired or in reserve status. NO OTHER RECORDS WERE DESTROYED IN THE FIRE.

Anne Arundel Community College will assist veterans of the Korean War and WWII in getting their high school diplomas. Call 410-222-5316 for further information and applications.

Know an outstanding individual who would qualify or be interested in being appointed to one of the five service academies?? Write to Hon. Benjamin L. Cardin, 600 Wyndhurst Av. Ste. 230, Baltimore, MD 21210, ATTN. Anne Irby. Applications must be received by 1 November 2002.

Would you like to be a member of the Fleet Reserve Association? All Marines, Navy and Coast Guard are eligible for membership. The FRA meets once a month at Post 160. Call me, Guy Hall at the above number or e-mail me at [jgh376@msn.com](mailto:jgh376@msn.com) for more info.



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

I would like to thank all my officers and members for standing behind me. It was all of you who gave me the first push to go forward with the unit. Please be patient with me for I am also in the learning stage. I am committed to help in any way for the good of the unit and thanks again for all the help and confidence you have in me. I feel we are off to a good start. My e-mail is [DawnforMCLadies@aol.com](mailto:DawnforMCLadies@aol.com).

**MEETING THIS MONDAY 9/23/02 1900.  
LITE FARE TO EAT AFTER MEETING. SEE YAAAA!!!**