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Four Detachment DD's Advance to PDD at National Convention.

Front Row: Vic Halme. Rear row, left to right: Denny Bynum, Guy Hall, and Ed Ross



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Semper Fidelis!

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Danny Fischio



The 82nd MCL & MCLA National Convention was held the week of August 7 – 12, 2005 in Cleveland, Ohio. Our Detachment was well represented with nine members attending various sessions while at the convention.

Congratulations to the Detachment's newest Pedigree Devil Dogs: PDD Denny Bynum, PDD Guy Hall, PDD Vic Halme, and PDD Ed Ross. Woof, Woof Pedigrees.

As you can see from the photo montage in this issue, the Devil Dogs going up for Pedigree Dog had an unusual experience, although a very enjoyable initiation.

Congratulations also to Mike Hadley, who received a Certificate of Participation for entering our Detachment's newsletter in the Marine Corps League National Newsletter Competition. A great deal of effort goes into putting out a top notch newsletter, thanks Mike for a job well done.

There were a number of National Bylaw and Administrative Procedure changes voted on, and with any Bylaw or Administrative changes there ensues much constructive discussion before they are finally voted on and either approved or not. Full details of the new changes will be passed on upon official receipt from National, however, on a brief note; the additional stepped increases in Life Membership have been rescinded. The increase for 2005 (\$50.00 across the age groups) will remain in affect; however, the \$50.00 increases for 2007 and 2009 will not take affect. The issue of future increases will be reviewed at a later date to determine if there is a need for an increase in Life Membership fees. At our August 22nd meeting I will have a binder available for review covering the 82nd National Convention and information on the 2006 National Convention for those interested.

If you have not attended a National Convention of the MCL, VFW, American Legion, or another Service Organization, you have missed one informative and exciting experience. The 83rd National Convention will be held in Boston, Massachusetts and there is talk of getting a bus lined up to travel to the convention. So set aside some vacation time for next August and stayed tuned for details for next years convention.

Semper Fi

Danny R Fischio



Senior Vice Commandant

Tom Maiorana



Semper Fi

I would like to thank everyone that went with us on the bus ride to the to the Midway Slots. You made the trip a success. Everyone had a good time and detachment made \$425.00. We had 41 people which is a record. I am going to have another trip in October this time I hope we can fill the bus, I will have the date later this month. Next month I will start Selling the raffle tickets, we have 1500 tickets and I hope everyone will help , this is one of our biggest money makers, tickets are \$1.00 each and the prize is \$300.00 the winner is drawn on the night of the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, you need not be present to win.

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Tom



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Greetings to the members of the A.A. Co. MCL Detachment #1049. I would like to welcome the following individuals who have entered the ranks of us Lifetime members: Charles Luthardt, Edward Luthardt (who are also members of the Baltimore Detachment), Michael Lettau and Reynaldo Custodio. In addition, I would also like to welcome our newest members: Kevin Oliver, Walter Cooper and George Penez Sr. (transferred from Det. # 565) who is also a Life member within the Marine Corps League.

As of August 09, 2005 we have a total of 134 total members; 74 Life members and 60 paid members within our organization. As noted in last month's newsletter, I have sent letters to members who are unpaid for this year, and as of now I have not received any renewals for the 16 unpaid members.

Semper Fi.,
Gary Frye



Public Relations

Ed Dahling



LUAU

Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post 160 Proudly presents an exciting event to benefit Cancer Aid & Research. Saturday August 27th 2005 7:00pm— 12:00am Food served 7:30pm until 9:00pm Music played 8:00pm until 12:00am Your donation of \$22.00 includes Roast Pig, Chicken & Ribs Salads Veggies etc. Beer & Soda (no BYOB) For tickets call (410) 766-9802 Or stop by the VFW Post 160.

Invitation for Marine Corps League Detachment on Veterans Day troopship Reenactment in Baltimore on Saturday 5th November 2005.

Veterans Day Troopship Reenactment in Baltimore on Saturday, 5 November 2005



Veterans of all wars and active-duty military personnel are invited to attend Project Liberty Ship's annual Veterans Day cruise.

Project Liberty Ship welcomes all veterans, their guests, and active-duty military personnel to our annual Veterans Day cruise. It is our way of recognizing and honoring the contributions of our veterans, in war and peace, throughout our history as a nation.

In the past, Project Liberty Ship offered this event to veterans only. Due to age and infirmity, however, we encourage each veteran to bring one adult paying guest. Current active-duty military personnel in uniform are also welcome.

There is a nominal \$20 (non-refundable) charge for each adult person making the cruise.

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Legislative

Jim LeGette



Bill Targets Fake Heroes

(Armed Forces News Friday, August 05, 2005)

Rep. John Salazar, D-Colo., has introduced "The Stolen Valor Act of 2005," which would authorize authorities to prosecute individuals who falsely claim to rate military decorations, medals, or badges. The bill would close a loophole in the law that currently only allows prosecution against a person who actually wears an unauthorized medal.

The bill would set fines and imprisonment of up to six months, or both, for anybody who falsely claims verbally or in writing to have been awarded a decoration or medal authorized by Congress for the armed forces. Unauthorized ribbons, buttons and rosettes are included in the bill.

Fines would rise and maximum prison terms would be doubled to one year for offenders who falsely claim to have earned a Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross, Silver Star or Purple Heart.

Visit the VFW web page at www.vfwdc.org/NLS/1legishomepage.htm to get the latest info concerning VFW Commanders testimony and Veterans health care.

Commander-In-Chief Testimony
CIC John Furgess testified before the Veterans Affairs Committees on the Legislative Priorities of the VFW.

Legislative Alert: Veterans Health Care and Benefits On The Brink Of Disaster. See what you need to do to help veterans get the care and treatment they deserve.

Semper Ji

Historian

Vic Halme



This Month in History

Selected Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

1 August 1944: After nine days of fighting in a battle termed "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II," MajGen Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secured. The combination of surprise, heavy pre-assault bombardment, and effective logistical support was responsible for Tinian's recapture with a much lower casualty rate (344 killed and 1550 wounded) than had been experienced in previous landings.

3 August 1950: Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, the famed "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II, launched from the USS SICILY and executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon. After the F4Us delivered their incendiary bombs and rockets on their targets, the Marines concluded their greeting to the Communist troops with a series of strafing runs.

7 August 1990: President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area as part of Operation Desert Shield which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.

9 August 1942: With the Guadalcanal airstrip secure after heavy fighting with the Japanese, the 1st Engineer Battalion commenced work on the runway using captured equipment. Three days later, on 12 August, the first plane landed on Henderson Field, a Navy PBY which evacuated two wounded Marines. Nearly 3,000 wounded Marines would be evacuated from Henderson Field during the battle.

17 August 1942: Just prior to dawn, the 2d Marine Raider Battalion under LtCol Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island from the submarines NAUTILUS and ARGONAUT. The next day the Marines left the island after destroying a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killing about 100 Japanese soldiers.

21 August 1968: PFC James Anderson, Jr., was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by Secretary of the Navy, Paul R. Ignatius, for heroism in Vietnam while serving as a rifleman with Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines in February 1967. This was the first Medal of Honor presented to an African-American Marine. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Sr., received the award during ceremonies at Marine Barracks, 8th and I.

23 August 1984: The last Marines to serve peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived home. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) arrived off the coast of Lebanon on 9 April to relieve Marines of the 22d MAU who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on 31 July, marking the last presence of U.S. combat troops in Beirut since Marines entered almost two years earlier.

24 August 1814: Captain Samuel Miller's 100-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the battle of Bladensburg for the defense of the national capital. After helping to fight back three British charges, Captain Miller was wounded and the enemy began to work around both flanks of the American force. Almost encircled, the force of sailors and Marines was forced to retire to avoid capture. The Marines lost 8 killed and 14 wounded.

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Passengers should arrive at the Main Gate of the North Locust Point Marine Terminal (just off I-95) no later than 9:00 AM on Saturday, 5 November. Once in the terminal, follow the signs to the ship. Passengers will be able to board from 0800 (8:00 AM) to 0930 (9:30 AM).

The cruise will include a memorial service, military music, refreshments will be available, and the ship will be open for tours.

The BROWN will return to the North Locust Point Marine Terminal where families and friends can welcome the veterans, just as they did in 1945 and 1946. The approximate cruise time is two hours.

Families and friends are encouraged to board the ship after its arrival back at the North Locust Point Marine Terminal to participate in the Veterans Day program and to tour the ship.

Tickets are available by mail order only. Download the Order Form from Project Liberty Ship's website, www.liberty-ship.com - the order form is accessible under "Cruises." Go to "Saturday 5 November 2005" and select "More Information - Veterans Day Cruise." Print and complete the form. Mail the form and your check to Project Liberty Ship; our mailing address is on the Order Form. All orders for tickets must be received by October 26, 2005.

All orders received before October 8 will be mailed by October 15, 2005. Orders received after October 8 will be mailed weekly as they are received. If you do not receive your tickets by October 22, please call 410-558-0164.

This event is organized by Project Liberty Ship, an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Liberty Ship JOHN W. BROWN as a living, steaming World War II Memorial and Museum Ship in Baltimore.

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We will first steam past famous Fort McHenry, then past the site of the Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard, where the BROWN was built in 1942.

Once under the Francis Scott Key Bridge we head south toward Annapolis and the open waters of the Chesapeake Bay. South of the Bay Bridge, at the southern terminus of the voyage, we turn and stop for a memorial service and a wreath-laying ceremony. Throughout the day entertainment continues, with our Big Band, barber-shop quartet and female vocalists, FDR, Abbott & Costello and lots more.

Watch the skies! Enemy aircraft may attack at any time. You can be sure that our Army Air Force or Navy fighters will be there to defend the ship from attack by the Germans or Japanese. (Fly-by weather permitting.)

The ship is open for tours throughout the day. You may tour museum spaces, crew quarters, bridge, messrooms, troop berthing areas, etc. Please note that, for reasons of safety, children age 12 and under are not permitted to visit the engine room during our cruises. A few additional areas are off-limits to all visitors, either for safety concerns or for the privacy of our crew.

The Ship's Store will be open throughout the cruise where you can purchase souvenirs of your cruise.

The cost of each ticket is \$125...group rates are available.

To order tickets and obtain additional information, including directions and other helpful details, please visit Project Liberty Ship's website, www.liberty-ship.com and select "Cruises." Then select "More Information" under either cruise date.

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Veteran's Benefits

In addition to the pensions and benefits to which you may be entitled because of both public and private employment, you may also be eligible for certain benefits base on military service. VA operates a number of programs providing financial, medical and other assistance to veterans. For older Americans who received an honorable or general discharge, there are 3 major benefit programs: Disability compensation; Veteran's pension programs; and Free or low—cost medical care through VA hospitals and medical facilities. There are also benefit programs concerning: Housing and home loan guarantees Job training small businesses and business loans. Counseling Burials and Memorials Franchise Opportunities. The VA Home page (<http://www.va.gov>) contains links to sections on these and other benefits, Important Documents: If you are applying for a VA benefit for the first time you must submit a copy of your service discharge form (DD-214, DD-215, or for WWII veterans, a WD form) which documents your service dates and type of discharge, or give your full name, military service number, branch and dates of service. Eligibility for most VA benefits is based on discharge from active military service under other then dishonorable conditions. Active service means full-time service as a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard.

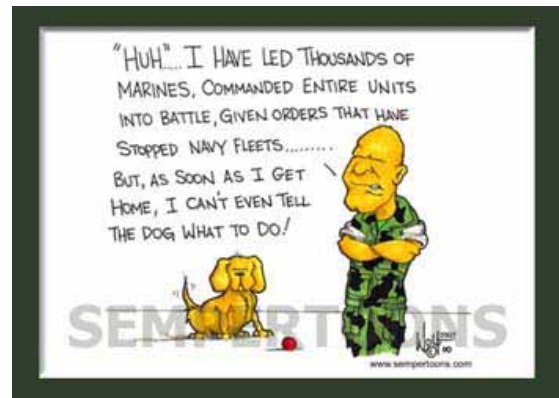

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Last Month: Vic Halme
And he is still not a Cootie?

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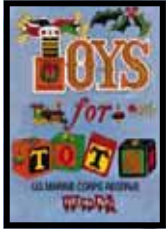
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Toys for Tots Coordinator

Bill Creager



The U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is an official activity of the U. S. Marine Corps and an official mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. The Commandant of the Marine Corps, in Marine Corps Order 5726.14E, delegated management authority and responsibility for the Program to the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve. The Commander of the reserves has delegated to the President, Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, authority and responsibility for the disposition of all donated funds.

The Toys For Tots Foundation was named Outstanding Nonprofit Organization of the Year for 2003 (DMA Nonprofit Federation), was selected as one of ten charities on the 2003 "Gold Star" list (Forbes), the #1 Children's Charity of 2003 (Reader's Digest), and the #9 of Top 100 Toy Websites in 2003 (Starburst).

This recognition was no doubt earned by the Commandant's Marine Corps Order requiring reserve unit to associate themselves only with groups and volunteers who bring credit upon and exemplify the spirit of the Marine Corps and the Program. Marine Corps Reserve Unit and Toys for Tots Coordinators are to consider disassociating individuals or groups from participation or terminating campaigns of people who do not conduct themselves in an acceptable manner. Donors are to be encouraged to contribute new unwrapped toys. Marines may not solicit cash donations but unsolicited cash donations may be accepted and forwarded to the Foundation in accordance with strict accountability instructions set forth in the Marine Corps Order. Toy distribution is to be coordinated with local agencies and churches to ensure equitable toy distribution.



Rifle Pistol Team

Jake Jahelka



Marines interested in competing in the Marine Corps League National Postal Pistol match please contact me. Scores must be verified and certified by the Detachment Commandant and submitted to National Headquarters by October 31st.



Military Order of Devil Dogs



Check out the photo montage in this issue and see the initiation of the Detachment newest Pedigree Devil Dogs PDD Guy Hall, PDD Vic Halme, PDD Denny Bynum., and PDD Ed Ross.

See you at the Growl Sunday, August 21, 2005 at 1000 at the Dog House (VFW Post 160). Breakfast will be served at 0900 for a reasonable cost. Don't be late and bring BONES!

Woof, Woof Pedigrees.



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