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# Semper Fidelis!

## **COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE**

**Danny Fischio**



We're well into the start of the New Year, and by now we should all be settled and ready to take on challenges coming our way in 2006. Speaking of which, we have a busy slate for the Detachment. First off is Marine of the Year Nominations for 2005. This award shall be presented to regular members of the Anne Arundel County Detachment who have distinguished themselves above and beyond that normally expected of membership in the Marine Corps League. Nominations should be made in letterform, either typed or legibly handwritten; the letter of nomination should clearly describe the candidate's achievements and contributions. Nominations should be submitted to the Commandant no later than March 15, 2006 and may be hand delivered, emailed [cmdt@mclacdet1049.org], regular postal mail [P.O. Box 804, Severn, MD 21144] or dropped off at VFW Post 160 [Detachment mail slot in the office] in a sealed envelope. Marine Manny Airey will head up the Marine of the Year committee.

Second and equally important is the nomination and election of Detachment Officers. Nominations for the elected offices of Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate will be held at the February and March meetings with voting being held at the March monthly meeting. Installation of elected and appointed officers will take place at the April monthly meeting. So be thinking about those Marines of this Detachment that you consider to be most qualified to lead us during this coming year.

Additional upcoming events to mark your calendars with include:

- Department of Maryland Quarterly Staff meeting 11 March at 40 Points Sheraton in Hagerstown, Exit 32B from Route 40.
- Detachment Golf Tournament to be held May 1, 2006. See Senior Vice Commandant section for details.
- Department of Maryland State Convention in Ocean City, MD May 5-7, 2006.
- MCL Pistol Match at Indian Town Gap, Pa June 2-4, 2006

Semper Fi

Danny R Fischio  
Commandant



## Senior Vice Commandant

Tom Maiorana



Semper Fi

All Golfer

We are going to have a golf tournament on May 1st. 2006 at the Bay Hills golf course in Arnold Md. (rain or shine) It is going to take a big effort from all of us to make it a success, We need golfers to play the course, we people and businesses to sponsor holes and we need you to pass the word to your friends and neighbors. Part of the proceeds go to the (Marines Helping Marines) program. And you all know it's a most worthy cause. Any questions regarding registration or participation please contact Manny Airey at 410-255-9129 or 410-245-7211 Steve Salanik at 410-923-2517 Tom Maiorana at 410-987-1297 Golfers \$80.00 includes continental breakfast, light lunch, assorted beverages and green fees that can be used at another time. If you or anyone would like to sponsors a hole for \$100.00 it includes sign with a choice of wording

Semper Fi

## Junior Vice Commandant

Gary Frye



Marines, March almost arrived and we have had a mild winter except for the snowstorm on Saturday the 11th. Lets all hope that the remainder of this winter is to benefit, with out any more major storms. Since our December meeting we have the opportunity to welcome 4 new members, Andre Testman, James Hutton, Steven Shelton and an active duty Marine serving in Iraq, Ryan Cavill.

In addition to our new members, 4 members have renewed their membership as of 14 February 06. Being this is a new year and our membership is growing, it is to the benefit of our members to become life Members, if your finances allow try to save some money in the long run. See you all at the February meeting, and bring a prospective member.

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Gary



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Did you know the Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online National Personnel Records Center system to request documents. Other individuals must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from Internet.

Both submission methods available at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>. This new system provides a portal to discharge documents.

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Ed Dahling



## Legislative

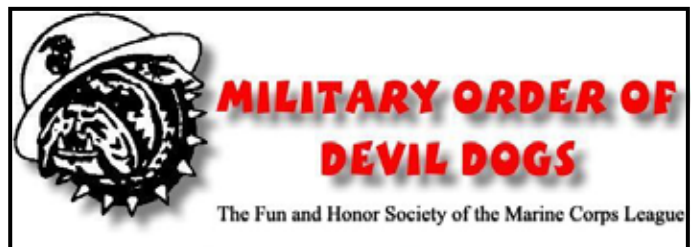
Jim LeGett



According to latest reports, the bills (HR35 and SB22) which advocate the allowance of 20 year veterans to “skip” the state income tax on their military pensions are before the Maryland legislature with support by Governor Ehrich.

At a rally held during the evening of February 6th, the Governor and General Assembly democrats enthusiastically endorsed the respective bills. However, we are still waiting for passage. The picture is much brighter than last year. The Governor is pushing for final passage to be retroactive to last year.

Semper Fi  
Jim LeGett





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Garrison Rifle & Revolver Club, Inc.  
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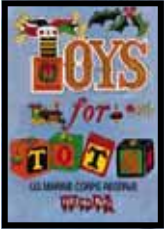
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# **Toys for Tots Coordinator**

**Bill Creager**



The Detachment raised 1849 toys and \$2000 last year. We hoped to improve on that this year. We set a goal of 2005 toys in 2005. The Detachment blew that away! We accepted 3700 toys and \$2000 at our activities, our best year ever. GySgt Leon Ransom, Coordinator for the Ft. Meade campaign that we support also reports the greatest year ever with 27,000 toys and \$8,000, including our contributions.

The campaign got a late start as we awaited the appointment of the new Coordinator for the Ft. Meade Campaign and for the command to approve a plan of action. By then I was working out of state and got ill after I returned. Despite this, I believe we did better in part because we had the best ever advertising. The Maryland Gazette and Laurel Leader ran articles and WPOC Radio held two toy drives in the area. Most importantly, Millennium Digital Cable ran 2000 ad spots on 39 networks, the equivalent of \$25,000 worth of advertising.

This year, instead of seeking participants, we were challenged to keep up with the demand and in fact, there were people and offices that wanted to participate but we ran out of supplies and time to accommodate them. We asked, and some did, make their own displays and brought toys to our toy drive events. Others left their names and numbers for next year.

The Marine unit at the Naval Academy did not participate this year, so we and the Ft. Meade Marines reached into the area. Marine George Martin established several drop off locations and picked toys up from them as well, including the Maryland VEIP station.

K-B Toys at Marley Station was again the best source of toys for our detachment campaign. They also helped by storing the toys at their store until December 10 when we conducted our last toy drive. The December 10 event was our best single day ever. MUVICO at Arundel Mills hosted our November 26 and Dec 10 toy drives and served as a drop off site as well. WPOC to do a remote broadcast for T4T at Arundel Mills and the Center at Glen Burnie. We brought car loads of toys back from the WPOC event.

We had great support from our members and our Aux-

iliary. Dawn Parker and Nila Caulder share an intense enthusiasm and invest long hours to make this happen. Marines George Martin and Guy Hall really went all out gathering and transporting toys. Jim Brady, as we were told time and again was a better Santa than the Mall's. We gave the parents of the children polaroid shots of them with Santa. It was a big hit and many donated to the campaign.

The Marines at Ft. Meade were there for us at all of our major events, looking sharp in those dress blues. Many of these Marines wear a number of decorations from their fights in Iraq. GySgt Ransom and his Marines really came through for us. They appreciated the Cingular cellular phones Mr. Patrick Kirk of Wireless Toyz provided to the campaign. The Marines were really stretched thin this year but as everyone expects of Marines, they did more with less.

My thanks to everyone in the Detachment that worked so hard and contributed so much. We had some of our Marines doing toy drives in their neighborhoods or at work. The VFW Post 160 did a great job as a drop of site and temporary storeroom and we really appreciate the \$100 donation.

You all know that our Detachment is not involved with the distribution of toys, but I must share with everyone a story about one recipient this year, without names. A single mom, out of work, out of money, with two children, early teens. Her daughter really liked studying nature. The family got several toys gathered by our campaign, including guess what? Two Smithsonian Nature experiments. Feel good people, ya done some good.

This was the best year ever and I look forward to working with everyone again next year and I will probably kick myself later for forgetting to mention more people for all they did.

Semper Fi



## **Historian** Vic Halme

### **This Month in History**

#### **Selected Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance**

**20 February 1815** — Captain Archibald Henderson leads Marines in constitutions victory over cyane and Levant.

**8 February 1832** — Brevet Captain Alvin Edson leads attack at Quallah Battoo, Sumatra.

**15 February 1898** — 28 Marines among 250 Americans killed when cruiser Marine is blown up in Havana harbor.

**13 February 1943** — Women's Reserve program is announced; birthday women Marines.

**1 February 1944** — 4th Division's 23rd and 24th Marines land on Roi and Narmur of Kwajalein Atoll in Marshalls Islands.

**17th February 1944** — 22 Marines help Army seize Emiwetok Atoll.

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**VIC**



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## VA Raises Drug Co-Payment to \$8.00

VA increased its co-payment for a 30-day supply of prescription drugs from \$7 to \$8 on Jan. 1st, 2006. And in a move that will hit most of its patients, VA also raised the maximum limit on out-of-pocket expenses for VA prescriptions. "A \$1 increase doesn't sound like a lot of money, but it could be devastating if you're elderly and living on a fixed income and have 20 or more prescription refills every month".

In a prepared statement, VA indicated the co-payment increase was the first in four years and was required by federal law, which base the co-payment cost on increases in the Medical Consumer Price Index. Veterans who have a 50% or higher rate disability for a service-connected condition those in Priority Group 1—will not have to pay the \$1 increase.

However, those in Priority Group 2 through 6 will pay the increase, as will as seeing the cap on their annual out-of-pocket drug expenses rise to \$960, a \$120 increase. Those in Priority Group 7 and 8 will pay the extra \$1 for prescriptions and have no limit on their annual out-of-pocket expenses.


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Buddy



## Who is this Marine?



Last Month: John Purcell  
Hint: He is A Associate member of the Detachment

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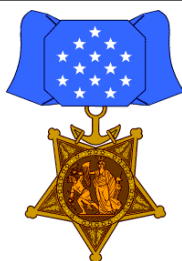
# Honoring Our Medal of Honor Recipients



**ROBERT E. O'MALLEY**  
**CORPORAL**  
**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**  
 Medal of Honor - 1965  
 3/3/3 Vietnam  
**CITATION:**

*For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the communist {Viet Cong} forces at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as Squad Leader in Company I, Third Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division {Reinforced} near An Cu'ong 2, South Vietnam, on 18 August 1965. While leading his squad in the assault against a strongly entrenched enemy force, his unit came under intense small arms fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Corporal O'Malley raced across an open rice paddy to a trench line where the enemy forces were located. Jumping into the trench, he attacked the Viet Cong with his rifle and grenades, and singly killed eight of the enemy. He then led his squad to the assistance of an adjacent Marine unit which was suffering heavy casualties. Continuing to press forward, he reloaded his weapon and fired with telling effect into the enemy emplacement. He personally assisted in the evacuation of several wounded Marines, and again regrouping the remnants of his squad, he returned to the point of the heaviest fighting. Ordered to an evacuation point by an officer, Corporal O'Malley gathered his besieged and badly wounded squad, and boldly led them under fire to a helicopter for withdrawal. Although three times wounded in this encounter, and facing imminent death from a fanatic and determined enemy, he steadfastly refused evacuation and continued to cover his squad's boarding of the helicopter while, from an exposed position, he delivered fire against the enemy until his wounded men were evacuated. Only then, with his last mission accomplished, did he permit himself to be removed from the battlefield. By his valor, leadership, and courageous efforts in behalf of his comrades, he served as an inspiration to all who observed him, and reflected the highest credit upon the Marine Corps and the U.S. Naval Service.*

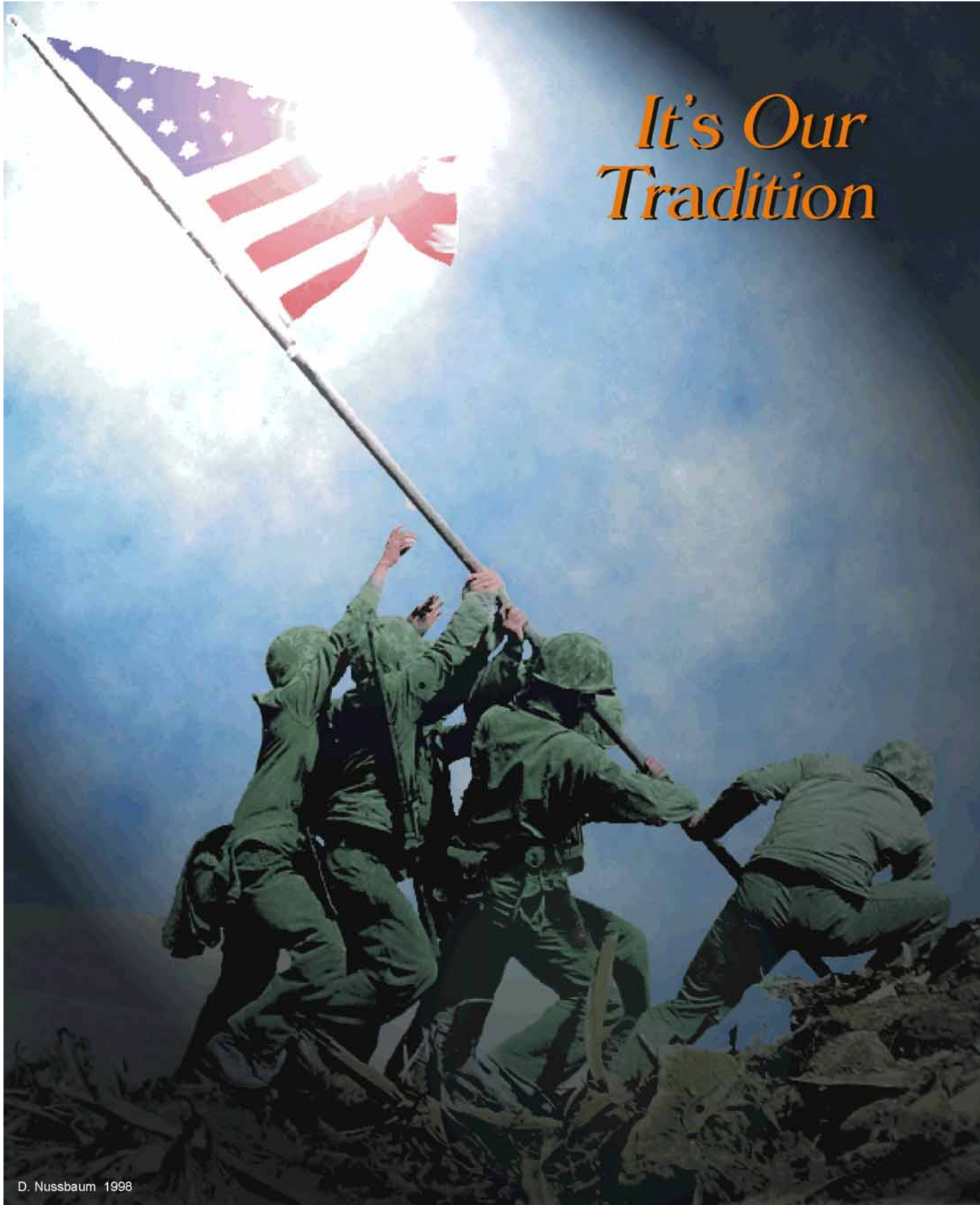
/S/ LYNDON B. JOHNSON



**GEORGE H. O'BRIEN, JR.**  
**Second Lieutenant**  
**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**  
**RESERVE**  
 Medal of Honor - 1952  
 3/7/1 Korea  
**CITATION:**

*For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a Rifle Platoon Commander of Company H, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 27 October 1952. With his platoon subjected to an intense mortar and artillery bombardment while preparing to assault a vitally important hill position on the main line of resistance which had been overrun by a numerically superior enemy force on the preceding night, Second Lieutenant O'Brien leaped from his trench when the attack signal was given and, shouting for his men to follow, raced across an exposed saddle and up the enemy-held hill through a virtual hail of deadly small-arms, artillery and mortar fire. Although shot through the arm and thrown to the ground by hostile automatic-weapons fire as he neared the well-entrenched enemy position, he bravely regained his feet, waved his men onward and continued to spearhead the assault, pausing only long enough to go to the aid of a wounded Marine. Encountering the enemy at close range, he proceeded to hurl hand grenades into the bunkers and, utilizing his carbine to best advantage in savage hand-to-hand combat, succeeded in killing at least three of the enemy. Struck down by the concussion of grenades on three occasions during the subsequent action, he steadfastly refused to be evacuated for medical treatment and continued to lead his platoon in the assault for a period of nearly four hours, repeatedly encouraging his men and maintaining superb direction of the unit. With the attack halted, he set up a defense with his remaining forces to prepare for a counterattack, personally checking each position, attending to the wounded and expediting their evacuation. When a relief of the position was effected by another unit, he remained to cover the withdrawal and to assure that no wounded were left behind. By his exceptionally daring and forceful leadership in the face of overwhelming odds, Second Lieutenant O'Brien served as a constant source of inspiration to all who observed him and was greatly instrumental in the recapture of a strategic position on the main line of resistance. His indomitable determination and valiant fighting spirit reflect the highest credit upon himself and enhance the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service.*

/S/ DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER



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# RIFLE TEAM SHOTS 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KEYSTONE RIFLE MATCH



Marriottsville, MD (October 22, 2005): Detachment shooting team members shot the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of Pennsylvania Marine Corps League Rifle Match September 24-25, 2005 at Fort Indiantown Gap. Team members shot the third relay and attained a score of 866 points (1000 points possible). Team members included Denny Bynum, Earl Parker, Ed Grove, Gene Lynch and Mike Hadley. Ted Kees was on special assignment for the newsletter and submitted photos of the rifle team for inclusion in the newsletter and detachment web site (<http://mclaacdet1049.org>).

Individual scores are as follows:

Ed Grove	195
Mike Hadley	183
Gene Lynch	178
Denny Bynum	170
Earl Parker	140
Total:	866

The match was a service rifle match, which is defined as any caliber rifle as issued by the U.S. Armed Forces having not less than the required trigger pull as determined by the Armed Forces and standard type stock. No alterations to the stock are allowed and the front and rear sights must be U.S. Military design (metallic only and no front sight apertures).

The course of fire consisted of 43 rounds fires from four positions. The positions included:

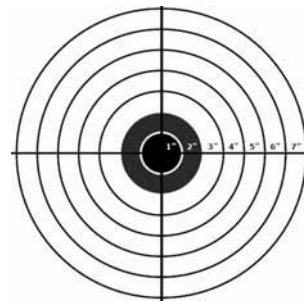
Prone	3 rounds sighters
Prone	10 rounds
Sitting	10 rounds
Kneeling	10 rounds
Offhand	10 rounds

All detachment members are welcome to shot the match next year. Furthermore, the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and other official subsidiaries with the Marine Corps League are permitted to enter. If you are interested, contact the Shooting Team Captain, Jake Jahelka (410-799-7578).

GOOD JOB team members! Remember, sight alignment, trigger pull and keep your powder dry.



Left to Right: Mike Hadley, Gene Lynch, Ted Kees, Ed Grove & Earl Parker







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