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**Arlington National
Cemetery at Christmas**



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Semper Fidelis!

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Steve Salanik



I hope everyone is well and enjoying this holiday season with family and friends. Although this is a busy season don't forget that Pete can still use your help with Toys for Tots.

Our next meeting is December 17th. It will be a very short meeting with a Christmas party to follow. Everyone should bring a covered dish if possible. You know how fast food disappears when a bunch of hungry Marines around.

I hope to see all of you at the meeting. If you can't make it I would like to wish you and your family a very safe and happy holiday season and hope you can join us in the new year.

Semper Fi,
Steve Salanik



**Senior Vice
Ed Ross**

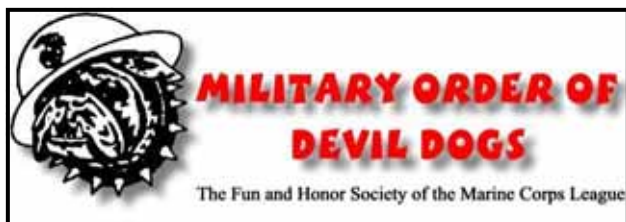


Fellow Marines,

Seasons' Greetings. May this message find everyone in good health and Holiday spirits.

Please remember to do all you can for Toys for Tots. Enjoy your families and friends at Christmas, we have a lot coming up after the first of the year. Happy Holidays to all, see you after the 1st.

Ed Ross
Sr. Vice



**Junior Vice Commandant
Pete Pervi**



Mid-East Division Staff,

Please use the following message in any and all Detachment and Department meetings you may attend. It might sound redundant but we have to turn those numbers around.

Department Commandants

The membership numbers that came out in October 07' are very disheartening.

Delaware	+15
Maryland	-59
North Carolina	-25
West Virginia	-33
Virginia	-27

Please hold a meeting with your Department Staff and discuss how you are going to turn this trend around.

We went from first in the League to last in one quarter. Recruiting and Retention should be a priority with everyone.

When you bring them in the front door you have to close the back door so they don't get out. Please send me a short note as to the results of your discussions.

Semper Fidelis
Chief Graciano
National Vice Commandant
Mideast Division
Marine Corps League

Historian Vic Halme

This Month in History *Selected December Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance*

7 December 1933: Navy Department creates Fleet Marines Force.

7 December 1937: Marine Capt Evans Carlson goes to Yen-an to observe communist Chinese armies in action.

7 December 1941: Marines try to fight back when Japanese attack U.S. Pacific fleet at Pearl Harbor. Marines at Tientsin and Peking are forced to surrender.

28 December 1941: Most of 4th Marines move from Bataan to Corregidor Island in Manila Bay. Fortress island falls 6 May 1942.

9 December 1942: Marine MajGen Alexander Vandegrift turns over command of Guadalcanal to Army.

26 December 1943: 1st Marine Division lands on Cape Gloucester, New Britain.

20 December 1989: Marines are part of force that tries to capture Panama's dictator, Manuel Antonio Noriega.

21 December 1991: Soviet Union disbanded and replaced by Commonwealth of Independent States.



Legislative Jim LeGette

UPDATE regarding previous reported US Congressional bills:

HR 3769 – development of publicly accessible database in order for anyone to verify various military claims – to guard against “fake” heroes, has been introduced, on October 4, 2007, as the first step after proposal by Rep. John Salazar (D-CO).

Two other bills, in the US Senate, 2142 and 2162, both related to proposals to assist veterans with mental health issues were introduced, after proposal, on October 4th and October 15th, respectively.

The latest, by the Department of Veterans Affairs, about their attempt to reduce the backlog of 400,000 claims, has received some radical suggestions from various legislators. Some of the suggestions are directed at attempting to classify groups of veterans and placing them in a priority listing in order of preference. A concern is the loss of the human element when replaced by the development of technology to process the claims. It seems to be a difficult balancing of the two concerns.

Semper Fi
Jim

The Club offers training and classes in most of the shooting sports and promotes shooting sports for all ages and abilities. Garrison hosts the following events:

- Spring Pistol League
- Bullseye Pistol Championship
- Trap Shoot
- JR's Club Shoot
- 4H State Match
- Club Crab Feast
- Club Christmas Dinner

Garrison Rifle & Revolver Club members have the following facilities available for their use:

- Covered bench rest-equipped rifle, black powder, and pistol range (25, 50, 75 & 100 yds.).
- Indoor air rifle range
- Fifty point covered outdoor pistol range (25 & 50 yds).
- Ten point covered high power rifle range (200 yds with butts).
- A four field, lighted, outdoor trap range w/automatic and manual trap house.
- Messick Hall club house w/ kitchen & restrooms.
- Lower range house/meeting hall.

Established 1943
Garrison Rifle & Revolver Club, Inc. is a Charter Member of the Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore Inc.

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Club meets every second Tuesday of each month (except January which is the third Tuesday).
11518 Marantowille Road
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For more information contact club secretary
Brian Beverly, at (410) 437-4864
E-Mail: garrisonrsec@yahoo.com

Public Relations
Ed Dahling

License Plates:

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) offers military related license plates to veterans. To purchase a plate, go to your local MVA office. Fee: \$25.00

Eligible Vehicles:

- Passenger Cars
- Multi-purpose vehicles
- Motorcycles
- Trucks (10,000 lbs or less)

You must submit:

- Application for Military Related License Plates (form #VR-120)
- Application fee
- And one of the following:
 - Discharge papers (Form DD-214)

Medal Certification

Written proof from National Personnel Records Center available military related plates:

Asiatic Pacific Medal Bronze, Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal (motorcycle)

Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Infantry Badge (motorcycle)

Congressional Medal of Honor, Congressional Medal of Honor (motorcycle)

Distinguished Flying Cross Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross Medal (motorcycle)

Distinguished Service Cross Medal, Honorably Discharged Veteran

Honorably Discharged Veteran (motorcycle), Korean Service Medal

Korean Service Medal (motorcycle), Purple Heart Medal

Purple Heart Medal (motorcycle), Silver Star Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (motorcycle)

Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (motorcycle)

World War II Veteran

For more information go to the MVA web site.

Semper Fi and Woof,woof

Chaplain's Corner

Ken Rollins

Heartfelt condolences to our Marine member Jim Simms on the passing of his wife, Chris Simms, on November 10th. Chris was 60 years young, we hope that our thought and prayers will comfort the family at this difficult time.

The chaplain's duty at our detachment is important to all of us, and I can only be effective and perform my duty if I am kept informed.

Please notify me as soon as possible regarding any sickness, distress, or deaths to any marine or marine's family member.

My phone number is ; 410-859-1325.

My address is;

Kenneth R. Rollins

101 S. Longcross Rd.

Linthicum Hts., Md. 21090

Christmas Trees safety

When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "**Fire Resistant**"

When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, it's needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break.

When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces, radiators or portable heaters. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways.

Cut a few inches off the trunk of your tree to expose the fresh wood. This allows for better water absorption and will help to keep your tree from drying out and becoming a fire hazard.

Be sure to keep the stand filled with water, because heated rooms can dry live trees out rapidly.

Make sure the base is steady so the tree won't tip over easily.



Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD)

The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League (MCL)

Woof woof,

Things are still going very well in Dogdom except that Anne Arundel County Detachment still has one Dog who has not paid his dues for 2008. Please get them into me ASAP. They remain \$15.00. Make the check payable to MODD Pound 204. My address is 7944 Oakwood Road, Glen Burnie, Md. 21061. Pound 204 will hold a Growl on 9 Dec 07 at 1000 at the Pound Dog House. Breakfast will be served at 0900.

Pups remember that you must attend two Pound Growls in the year prior to advancing to Devil Dog at Ocean City. And as always, keep the fleas at a safe distance.

Remember: It is an honor to be a Devil Dog!

Woof woof,
PDD Paul Taylor
Dog Robber



VAVS Phil Schwarzenberg

Claims Assistance

Veterans Benefit Service Program

The Service Program of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs assists veterans and eligible dependents in acquiring their benefits. The staff of the Service Program is authorized to represent veterans and their dependents before the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as provide general information to those seeking assistance, regardless of representation.

The Service Program currently has Service Officers located in communities throughout Maryland to aid and serve veterans and their eligible dependents. Contact the Program Office most convenient to you. Appointments may be scheduled through the Program Office nearest the itinerant location.

It pays to seek representation when filing claims for federal VA disability benefits. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs data shows that veterans represented by accredited organizations receive significantly greater disability benefits than their non-represented counterparts.



We will need help sorting toys at our warehouse. Large sorting effort needed on the following days:

Sat 12/01	10AM - 2PM
Sun 12/02	1PM - 4PM
Tue 12/11	9AM - 4PM
Sat 12/15	10AM - 4PM
Sun 12/16	1PM - 4PM
Wed 12/19	9AM - 4PM

We also have multiple places to pickup toys on various dates. I will have the location and pickup schedule at our meeting and will be looking for drivers with pickups/vans/trucks and people willing to go with the drivers to collect the toys.

Toys4Tots drop off outside of Toys"R"Us Glen Burnie Town Center. Thanks to the Women's Auxiliary, Young Marines and Active Duty Marines for helping out and supporting the detachment.

We need more help from our MCL members to make this year a very successful one.



The soldiers Night Before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone, in a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone. I had come down the chimney with presents to give, and to see just who in this home did live.

I looked all about, a strange sight I did see. No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree. No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand, on the wall hung pictures of far distant lands

With medals and badges, awards of all kinds, a sober thought came through my mind. For this house was different, it was dark and dreary. I found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone, curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder not how I pictured a United States soldier.

Was this the hero of whom I'd just read? Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night, owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight .

Soon round the world, the children would play, and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.

They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year, because of the soldiers like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone, on a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home. The very thought brought a tear to my eye, I dropped to my knees and started to cry .

The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice, "Santa don't cry, this life is my choice; my life is my God, my Country, my Corps."

The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep, I couldn't control it , I continued to weep I kept watch for hours, so silent and still and we both shivered from the cold night's chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold , dark night, this guardian of honor so willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure, whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's

Christmas day, all is secure."

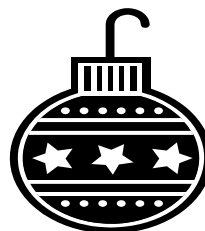
One look at my watch, and I knew he was right.

"Merry Christmas my friend, and to good night."

Merry Christmas! Marines

A jangle, a jingle, a nod from Kris Kringle —
Merry Christmas!

"At Christmas play and make good cheer, for
Christmas comes but once a year."



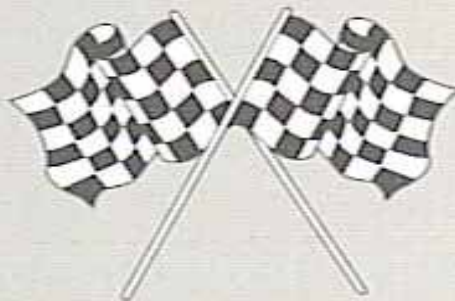
Hang the stockings, trim the tree,
And hide the fruitcake recipe!
Merry Christmas!

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