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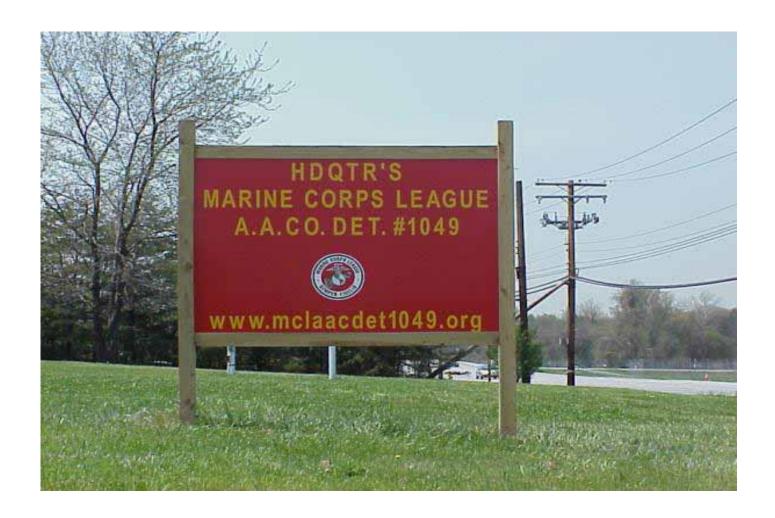
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COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Steve Salanik



We are well into the summer and I hope everyone is staying cool. I hope you have some plans to take time off.

National headquarters is having a problem with their after hours answering system, so please be patient while they get it repaired. Here is the message I received about it:

It seems as if a severe storm and two-hour loss of power at National Headquarters this past Tuesday, fried the "hard drive" on the "Evening/Weekend Auto Answering and Voice Mailboxes" module on our phone system. The service man just left here a little while ago and we have no choice but to replace that system. It is almost 15 years old and they don't even make replacement parts for it anymore. He couldn't give me an exact but it will be in the range of \$2500.

Bottom line is that we won't have an "after hours" answering system or voicemail boxes for a week to 10 days. During normal business hours, you will not notice any problems. After business hours and on the weekend, the phone will just ring and ring because there is no system left to answer it.

Please bear with us and pass this information on to your Detachments so that we can avoid frustrating our members.

Thanks and Semper Fi -

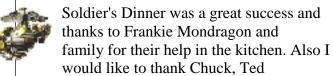
I hope to see all of you at our next Detachment meeting on July 25th.

Semper Fi, Steve Salanik



Senior Vice Ed Ross

Hope the summer has seen everyone healthy and well so far. The Old



and George for their help on the grill. Enjoy the rest of the summer and

keep in mind we will be having a Detachment Bull & Oyster Roast in October.

We will have a Marine Corps Birthday Celebration on November 10th. Best wishes to all and your families.

E. Ross Sr Vice

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Junior Vice Commandant



I would like to thank Gary Frye for his commitment to the Detachment and for the outstanding job he did as our Junior

Vice Commandant. While he has turned everything over to me great shape and well organized, he will be a hard act to follow.

MCL tracks membership by fiscal year which runs from July 1 to June 30. This past fiscal year the detachment had:

New Members -23, Transfer In -1, and new Life Members -6

Including the new and transfer in members, our detachment ended the fiscal year with 61 – annual paying members in good standing, 87 – life members, and 5 delinquent members. Our total membership is 153 as of July 1, 2007.

New price information as of January 1, 2007

Up to and including age 35: \$400 Age 36 through age 50: \$350 Age 51 through age 60: \$250 Age 61 and over: \$125

Act now, the costs are getting very expensive.

H: 410-987-3811 C: 410-375-0564

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Semper Fi



Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Mike Hadley

- 1. The Department of Pennsylvania 28th Annual Keystone Rifle Match will be held at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA the weekend of 28-30 September 2007. This year ALL shooters are required to wear safety glasses in the butts.
- 2. Review the attachment.
- 3. Fill out & sign the two attached "Release and Hold Harmless Forms. Keep the information sheet for you reference.
- 4. Attach the \$30.00 registration fee (Make checks payable to A.A. Co. Detachment 1049) and return to me NLT 23-July-2007.
- 5. Semper Fi and good shooting. If you have questions see me, call me at 410-340-9033 or e-mail me at shooter@mclaacdet1049.org.

To: Participants of the Department of Pennsylvania, Marine Corps League 28th Annual Keystone Rifle Match

Subj: 2007 Department of Pennsylvania Service Rifle Match

Encl: (1) 2007 Service Rifle Match Information Sheet

- (2) MCL Department of Pennsylvania Release and Hold Harmless Form
- (3) Fort Indiantown Gap Release & Hold Harmless Form
- (4) Notice of Safety Glasses use in butts
- 1. The Department of Pennsylvania 28th Annual Keystone Rifle Match will be held at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA the weekend of 28-30 September. This year ALL shooters are required to wear safety glasses in the butts. Please read, fill out, attach the entry fee and return to me the following:

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Full Legal Name:
MCL Membership No.:
Rifle Type (i.e., M1903/M-1):
Handicapped Shooter (Yes/No)
Fill out & sign the two attached "Release and Hold Harmless Forms. Keep the
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Shooting Team Captain

RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The information is for use to determine eligibility for voluntary participation in activity of the DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE RIFLE MATCH In the area of Fort Indiantown Gap, Disclosure of requested information is voluntary, but failure to disany part of it may result in denial of permission to participate in such activities. Scheduled for September PERSONAL DATA: NAME First Middle Last _CITY_____STATE___ZIP___ ADDRESS PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY_____ RELATIONSHIP CITY STATE ZIP ADDRESS (If different than above) TELEPHONE: AREA CODE NUMBER DECLARATION: In consideration of my participation in the **Department of Pennsyl**vania Marine Corps League Service / Rifle Match scheduled to be held on: (fill in Dates of Match) at Fort Indiantown Gap in Pennsylvania, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound do hereby waive for myself, parent(s), guardian, executor(s), heir(s), assigns and administrator(s) any and all rights and claims for damages, demands and any other action(s) whatsoever, including those which may be attributable to weather conditions, which I may give against any of the following entities: A. Department of the Army, PA National Guard, Fort Indiantown Gap. B. Any current, past or future member of the Marine Corps League, Board of Trustees. C. Any current, past or future officers of the Marine Corps League. D. Any current, past or future members of the Marine Corps League. Arising out of my participation in this event, including any and all injuries or illnesses suffered by me as a result of my participation in this event or use of any current, past or future Marine Corps League facilities in conjunction with my participation. This waiver is executed with the awareness that training areas are not designed nor maintained with the needs of non-member groups in mind. and that conditions which are potentially hazardous may exist, including, but not limited to, obstacles, both natural and man-made, camouflaged as well as visible, holes, ditches, trenches and other irregularities in terrain. SIGNATURE:

Historian

Vic Halme

This Month in History Selected July Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

28 July 1779: Capt John Welsh and thirteen Marines killed in assault on Fort George at Penobscot Bay, Maine.

11 July 1798: President John Adams signs Act establishing the U.S. Marines Corps.

30 July 1846: 1stLt. Jacob Zeilin leads Marines detachment ashore at Santa Barbara, California. Two weeks later Commodore Robert Stockton, with 360 Marines and sailors, enters Los Angeles.

21 July 1861: Battalion of 365 Marines led by Brevet Maj. John G. Reynolds fights in Battle of Bull Run.

28 July 1915: Marines land in Haiti beginning their; ongest Caribbean intervention.

18 July 1918: Marines in vast Allied counter-offensive meet Germans south of Soissons.

21 July 1944: 3d Marines Division opens battle for Guam.

24 July 1944: 2d and 4th Marines divisions land on tinian, clear airfield from which "Enola Gay" will take off for Hiroshima a year later.

18 July 1948: Twelve Marines at consulate in Jerusalem begin modern Marines Security Guard program.

26 July 1956: Egypt's President Gamal Nasser nationalizes Suez Canal precipitating international crisis. Marines battalion from Sixth Fleet evacuates civilians from Alexandria.



Legislative Jim LeGette

From the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs: the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is asking for volunteers

to read the 58,256 names inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. It will be the monument's 25th anniversary. There is a need for 2,000 participants. The reading of names will be held November 7-10, 2007. Those of you that want to read a specific name(s) must respond by August 17th, all other readers need to respond by September 14th. Registration material is available through: www.vvmf.org

US Congresswoman Susan Davis (D-CA) is sponsoring a bill – HR 2910 –, which would reimburse any loss of tuition for educational programs as the result of military mobilization.

As the result of a study by the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council, the US Veterans Affairs Department will increase its commitment to treating post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) by establishing additional readjustment centers and new training for the department's psychiatrist and psychologists. Nine percent of the VA's budget is directed towards mental health for our veterans.

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As the newly elected VAVS Officer, I will try to do a job worthy of the office by keeping the Detachment updated on VA benefits and other activities associated with the duties of the office.

Maryland Helps Veterans and their Families With College

The State awarded scholarships to 100 veterans and their spouses and children this year, part of the program to help those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The State made 96 awards averaging \$5,630 a year. The Maryland Scholarship Program, which the General Assembly passed unanimously, differs from Federal education benefits provided to veterans in that the spouses and dependents of veterans are also eligible for the awards.

If you know of any veterans or their families who may be eligible, they can file applications for next year's scholarship awards. The Maryland Higher Education Commission administers this program

The Department of Veterans Affairs calls on all veterans to express their patriotism and pride on Memorial Day and other major patriotic holidays through a display of medals earned in their military service.

Join your comrades in public display of your military decorations. It's a way to show your community the spirit of America's veterans and remind your neighbors of the service and sacrifice of those who guarded democracy.

As we salute America's heroes on Memorial Day, Veterans Day and the Fourth of July, wear your medals and show your pride, whether participating in public observances or relaxing with fam-

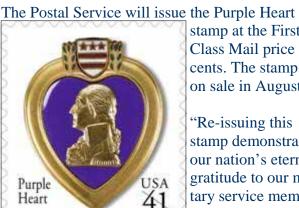
and friends. Your medals tell a story of service in the cause of freedom that all Americans need to hear.

For more information, visit the VA's Web site at: www.va.govveteranspride/ CALLING ALL VETERANS

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ETERNAL GRATITUDE

USPS to re-issue Purple Heart stamp in August



2007

stamp at the First-Class Mail price of 41 cents. The stamp goes on sale in August.

"Re-issuing this stamp demonstrates our nation's eternal gratitude to our military service members," said Postmaster General Jack Potter.

"It's a lasting tribute to the many brave members of the Armed Forces who have served our country."

This is the third issue of the Purple Heart definitive postage stamp, which first was issued May 30, 2003, at Mount Vernon, VA. The second issuance was May 26, 2006, during the 75th anniversary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The stamp image features a photograph by Ira Wexler of one of two Purple Hearts awarded to James Loftus Fowler of Alexandria, VA. A Lt. Col. in the U.S. Marines, Fowler was serving as a battalion commander when he received the Purple Heart in 1968 following action close to the Ben Hai River in Vietnam.



Young Marines

At present we have 23 active young marines and have a full schedule for the summer, with the Parris Island visit, the toy for tots drive in W. VA. and several other things and events going on.

I wish to Thank the members of the DET and the VFW and the Devil Dogs for their continued support and confidence in the performance of this Company. over the past 7 years

We will be recruiting for our next RECRUIT CLASS in Aug and Sept with a start date of OCT. and a graduation date before Christmas.

respectfully submitted

Annapolis Young Marines.





WHEN OLD GLORY GETS OLD

The etiquette of flag maintenance and disposal

Do you know what to do when the flag outside your facility needs cleaning or replacing?

If all that your Stars and Stripes needs is a proper refurbishing, check with dry cleaners in your area. They may even clean your flag without charge.

Flags that are beyond cleaning or repair should be properly destroyed. There's no right or wrong way to dispose of a flag, as long as it's done respectfully and privately.

You can destroy a flag yourself — again, with dignity and respect. Traditionally, flags that are beyond repair are burned in a barrel or over a campfire.

If that's not an option, contact any of several local organizations that offer flag disposal services. Veterans groups like The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars offer disposal services. So do local Boy and Girl Scout troops. Military installations in your area also may be a source for disposal.

Whatever your decision, make maintenance of your facility's flag a priority.





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For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as an Assistant Fire Team Leader with Company E, Third Reconnaissance Battalion, Third Marine Division, in connection with combat operations against an armed enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. While conducting a patrol during the early morning hours of 24 August 1969, Lance Corporal Anderson's reconnaissance team came under a heavy volume of automatic weapons and machinegun fire from a numerically superior and wellenemy force. Although concealed wounded in both leas and knocked to the ground during the initial moments of the fierce fire fight, Lance Corporal Anderson assumed a prone position and continued to deliver intense suppressive fire in an attempt to repulse the attackers. Moments later he was wounded a second time by an enemy soldier who had approached to within eight feet of the team's position. Undaunted, he continued to pour a relentless stream of fire at the assaulting unit, even while a companion was treating his legs wounds. Observing an enemy grenade land between himself and the other Marine, Lance Corporal Anderson immediately rolled over and covered the lethal weapon with his body, absorbing the full effects of the detonation. By his indomitable courage, inspiring initiative, and selfless devotion to duty, Lance Corporal Anderson was instrumental in saving several Marines from serious injury or possible death. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk

CITATION:

of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Rifleman with Company F, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 28 November 1950. When all other members of his fire team became casualties. creating a gap in the lines, during the initial phase of a vicious attack launched by a fanatical enemy of regimental strength against his company's hill position, Private Cafferata waged a lone battle with grenades and rifle fire as the attack gained momentum and the enemy threatened penetration through the gap and endangered the integrity of the entire defensive perimeter. Making a target of himself under the devastating fire from automatic weapons, rifles, grenades and mortars, he maneuvered up and down the line and delivered accurate and effective fire against the onrushing force, killing fifteen, wounding many more and forcing the others to withdraw so that reinforcements could move up and consolidate the position. Again fighting desperately against a renewed onslaught later that same morning when a hostile grenade landed in a shallow entrenchment occupied by wounded Marines, Private Cafferata rushed into the gully under heavy fire, seized the deadly missile in his right hand and hurled it free of his comrades before it detonated. severing part of one finger and seriously wounding him in the right hand and arm. Courageously ignoring the intense pain, he staunchly fought on until he was struck by a sniper's bullet and forced to submit to evacuation for medical treatment. Stouthearted and indomitable, Private Cafferata, by his fortitude, great personal valor and dauntless perseverance in the face of almost certain death, saved the lives of several of his fellow Marines and contributed essentially to the success achieved by his company in maintaining its defensive position against tremendous odds. His extraordinary heroism throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

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