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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
P.O. BOX 1
BALLWIN, MO 63022**

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ONCE A MARINE ALWAYS A MARINE

**Please send your dues in when you receive the notice from
National. Our dues are \$36.00/ year. Send this amount with
your renewal form to:**

**Detachment Paymaster
P.O. Box One
Ballwin, MO 63022**

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Next Meeting 21 September 2010 @ 1930



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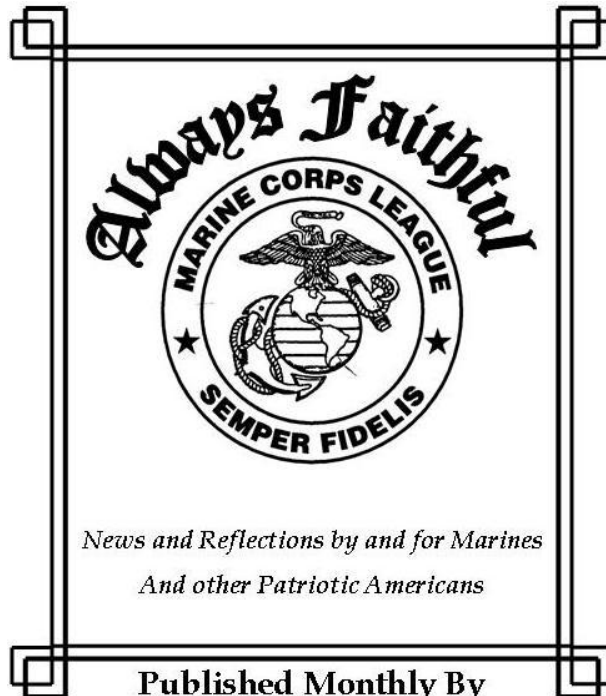
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3rd Tuesday of Every
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1930 – 7:30 PM



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As of 31 August 2010

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3rd Tuesday of Every
Month
1900 – 7:00 PM



Commandant's Message:



This year's parade season is over and because of the dedication of our Color Guard Captain Mike Erxleben, and Color Guard members Carl Brown, Jim Brooks, Larry Schwartz, Andrew Hendrix and James Grgurich it was a big success. On behalf of the entire Detachment you have our sincere appreciation for a job well done.

As we approach fall, the 235th Birthday of the Marine Corps is fast approaching. This year H&S Company 3/24 has requested the pleasure of our company at the Marine Corps Ball. The Ball will be held at the Sheraton Westport Chalet on November 6. Tickets to the ball this year are \$65.00 per person. If you wish to attend and be seated with the Detachment you must have your money to the paymaster by close of business on September 21. This year the Ball will be limited to 525 people, so make your reservations early.

Should you desire to spend the night at the Sheraton, the Marine Corps has a block of rooms for \$79.00 per night plus tax. You will need to call the hotel directly at 314-878-1500 and ask for the Marine Corps Ball rate.

If you are unable to attend the Marine Corps Ball, you may want to consider being a Booster. The cost is \$2.00 and again the money needs to be submitted by close of business on September 21, 2010.

On November 13, the St. Louis Semper Fi Society, formally the Marine Corps Coordinating Council (MCCC), will be hosting a Marine Corps Ball Luncheon at the Hyatt under the Arch to celebrate the birthday of the United States Marine Corps. This event will officially kick off the 2010 St. Louis Toys for Tots Campaign. The cost of tickets is \$25.00 per Marine and \$30.00 for non-Marine. Please make your check payable to "The Semper Fi Society of St. Louis, PO Box 2154, St. Peters Mo. 63376. They can also be purchased online at www.stlmarines.com.

We have a busy fall planned and I encourage you to make an effort to attend the next meeting and become

involved. It's a good place to renew old friendships and make new ones.

Jack Bickerton

Semper Fi,

Detachment Calendar

September 2010

- 14 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 21 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 21 – Auxiliary Meeting – 1930 Post #208

October 2010

- 2 – Detachment picnic
- 11 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 18 - Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 18 – Auxiliary Meeting – 1930 Post #208

November 2010

- 5/6- George Phillips charitable collections
- 6 - Marine Corps Birthday Ball
- 9 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 10- 235th Marine Corps Birthday
- 13- Semper Fi Society Luncheon
- 16 – Membership Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 16 – Auxiliary Meeting – 1930 Post #208

December 2010

- 14 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 21 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 21 – Auxiliary Meeting – 1930 Post #208

Senior Vice-Commandant

During our August membership meeting, those who attended were asked to fill out a brief survey on how we are doing and what can we do better. The results of that survey along with some general comments that were submitted that evening and the ones we received in the mail from the July newsletter are being tabulated and will be distributed and discussed in our October regular meeting. Thanks to all who participated.

Let's plan on discussing these items and move forward for the good of the detachment to have FUN, HELP fellow Marines, and others who need us in our community. And THANKS for being a member.

I hope all who attended the August meeting enjoyed the Mission Continue speakers as I did. It was a very informative talk.

With September approaching very quickly, let us not forget the Silent Auction starting prior to our meeting on September 21 at 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm. Those who have not contacted Gene Richter at 636.458.4168 or myself at 636.346.9424 on what you are donating please do so ASAP. Thanks to all for participating. Those who are donating please arrive at the hall about 5:30-5:45 to give us enough time to write up your donation on an auction sheet.

The annual picnic is really shaping up; don't forget to mark your calendar for Oct. 2, 11:00 to 16:00 hours for full family fun, food and more!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I would like to ask all members who sponsored other members that have not been attending the meeting to please call them and tell them about the picnic, silent auction and other topics our league has done and is going to do for the balance of the year. Just one topic/event may interest them to get back involved. In addition if anyone needs transportation to and from our meetings let me know and I will make the arrangements. I'm looking forward to seeing all at the September meeting.

**Semper Fi
Carl Brown**

Jr. Vice-Commandant and Color Guard Captain

First, as Captain of the Color Guard, I wish to thank everyone who served in the Color Guard this past parade season and those who took time from their busy days to be a part of the Detachment in the parades. We had a good showing.

As your Jr. Vice Commandant, I am responsible for membership. Accordingly, I must ask you the question: "Are your dues paid?" We currently have 30 members who are delinquent with their dues. We all know that times are tough and money is tight, but we really need for you to keep your dues up to date. The League and the Detachment need you. Remember, the Detachment is where you can keep in touch with old friends, meet new friends and keep current on what is happening with the Marine Corps.

**Mike Erxleben
Semper Fi**

Chaplain's Corner:

Please let me know as soon as possible of any Marine who has become sick, hospitalized or in distress of any kind.

As of this printing the Detachment seems to be doing well. May our Detachment, our Corps and our Nation continue on working to do better.



**Semper Fi
Bill Bragg**

Devil Dog Pound 66

Marines, if you missed the August meeting of the Pound, you missed a very good meeting. The Military Order of the Devil Dogs is growing. We started out with about 7 members and are now up to 45 or so. We initiated 3 new members at the last meeting, with 2 guests present who will join at the November meeting. Yea, that's right the November meeting, we only have 4 (count em 4) meeting per year. I watched the new prospective members during the meeting and they were just laughing and laughing.

These meetings serve a purpose, we give our collected monies to children's hospitals. But we **have fun**, the meetings are definitely not formal. Our meetings are called "growls" and they are held at "Growlers" pub on Lindberg, thanks to Ken Dieckmann. Starts at 1900, but you can get there early and order dinner. Try it out, you will not be disappointed. If you are, I'll buy you a beer. So I expect to see you standing tall at Growlers Pub, **3811 S Lindbergh, on** Monday night November 15th...Bring a friend as long as he/she is a Marine, no associate members, only Marines.

Semper Fi,
Pack Leader and member of Pound 66 Show Me
Dogs
Steve Michalski

AUXILIARY NEWS

August was a great month for the Pvt. George Phillips Auxiliary. We swore in 3 new members and have almost doubled in size since signing our Charter in 2008. Our membership consistently has 50% participation at meetings, and almost the same for events and fundraisers. These ladies also spend a lot of their own time on projects for the Detachment and our Veterans. I'm proud to be a part of this hard-working team.

The Washington Town and Country Fair parade on August 1st was a great success. We were joined by some new faces and even had some young participants riding in the deuce and a half. An informal brunch was held on August 13th at Mimi's Café in Chesterfield. Four ladies attended the 3/24 Family Day on August 14th and provided a "Pin the Medal on the Marine" game for the children.

The ladies of the Pvt. George Phillips Auxiliary are working hard this year to support our Detachment and to support veterans and their families. The highlight of September will be our inaugural meal at Fisher House. We have chosen the second Monday of each month to donate and prepare a meal for families staying there while their loved ones are treated at Jefferson Barracks. We are really looking forward to giving something back to those who have sacrificed for us – not only the Veterans, but also their family members. Any Detachment members who would like to join us, please get in touch with me at 314-660-0692.

Marissa Grgurich
President

At the August meeting we had 50 members and 5 guests. Let's keep up the good work

Recruiting Results
2010-2011
As of 1 September 2010

Recruiter

George Casey	2
Carl Brown	1

National from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011

September Birthdays

Hervie Statler

Carl Brown

Travis Scott

Hugh Smith

Walter Zmaila

Rodney Greenman

Michael Erxleben

Gale Jamison

Tommy Michael

Paul Murphy

Paul Hunzekev

Steve Balsano

On Behalf of the entire Detachment we
wish you Happy Birthday

Important Detachment Events

Family Style Social=Picnic

When: Saturday, 10/2/10: 1100 to 1600: rain, snow or shine

Where: Vlasis Park, Ballwin: Pavilion#1 (top of hill near the head)

Directions: From American Legion Post#208:

Left out of parking lot. Left onto Manchester Rd., Right onto Seven Trails Dr.

Left onto Kehrs Mill Rd., Stay to Right, Top of hill on Right

For Whom: Us! Detachment/Auxiliary Members, their significant other, children and grandchildren (no other guests please).

Why: Get to know your fellow/sister members and have fun.

Food: Detachment will provide meat and drinks. You are requested to bring a covered dish with enough food for your party plus one. Please contact Marissa Grgurich on 636-239-5010 and advise her what food you will be bringing. If she does not answer please leave info on her telephone with your number and she will call you if your message is not clear.

(We are trying to avoid 50 bowls of beans, ha).
Thanks.

Park Rules: NO GLASS CONTAINERS OF ANY TYPE: bowls, bottles, etc Plastic, aluminum is fine basically non-breakable containers.

NO FEEDING THE GEESE!

Bring: You, your significant other, your children/grandchildren (big & small), a chair, side dish and sense of humor.

Schedule: 1100-1200 Social Hour: while the cooks do their thing

1200-1300 Eat: oh yeah

1300-1500 Games: the fun begins

1500-1600 Open

There will be prizes for the children, maybe a few for the ladies too. You need to play to win! (Have I heard that before???)

There is a playground at the park where supervised children may play as well.

There is also a horseshoe pit for those who want to play but you must bring your own horseshoes.

If you have any questions, suggestions or comments please pass them on to me.

Semper Fi,

Mike Gollon

Marines, please mark your calendar

for Friday and Saturday November 5 & 6 for our 2nd collection for this year. Although the 6th is the same date as the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, this should not be a conflict, as we are usually finished with the collections by 1600. Your support and help are really needed!

Larry Schwartz
Chairman
Collections

ATTENTION MARINES!!!!
OUR DETACHMENT IS HAVING A SILENT AUCTION
PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING AT 6PM
ON
SEPTEMBER 21, 2010
LOOK AROUND THE HOUSE OR WORK FOR
THOSE WHITE ELEPHANTS OR “HONEY GET
RID OF THAT JUNK”.
CONTACT: GENE RICHTER

636.458.4168

OR

CARL BROWN

636.346.9424

AND GIVE US AN IDEA OF YOUR TREASURES.
PLEASE, NO FURNITURE OR EXTRA LARGE
ITEMS THAT WE CANNOT PLACE ON THE
TABLE.

THE GATEWAY CHAPTER, THE CHOSIN FEW

"A very exclusive fraternity of honor" will officially dedicate their recently completed Memorial to all who served with the 10th Corps, November, December 1950. "Let's all remember that not one regiment, nor one battalion, nor one company, nor one platoon, nor one squad nor one company commander, nor one doctor, nor one Royal Marine, nor one Soldier, Corpsman or Marine won the battle of Chosin. We started the battle as a band of brothers, and with the organization's rejuvenation, we shall stay a band of brothers, until there is but one of us left standing".

- * **Place:** Forest Park, approximately 325' east of the Jewel Box, adjacent to the Korean War Memorial.
- * **Date and time:** Saturday, October 2nd @ 1000
- * **Colors** will be posted by a combined military detail.
- * **There will be a guest speaker**
- * **The Marine Corps League, Pvt. Geo Phillips Detachment and your families are cordially invited to join us for the service and guests of the Korean House Restaurant.**
- * **Following the service, a buffet-type lunch will be served at the Korean House (Hangook Kwan Restaurant) 1261 Castillons Arcade Plaza, located at the Northeast corner of Olive and Fee Fee.**
- * **IMPORTANT If you plan on joining us for lunch as a guest of the Korean House, please RSVP TO President Harry Hope @ (314) 878-6936 with the number attending by September 27th.**

Semper Fi,
Don Gutman

Marine Corps League Benefit Gun, Knife & Militaria Show

Sponsored by Lake Detachment 1137 - Kaiser, MO

December 4-5, 2010

At the Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, MO

*For information or to make reservations, call **573-348-5575***

All NFA Regulations Apply