



# Loveland Scuttlebutt

Marine Corps League, Loveland Colorado Detachment #1250

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## Meetings

Regular Monthly General Meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at 1930 (7:30 P.M.)

Monthly Staff Meeting are held on the Saturday before the Regular Meeting at 1000 (10:00 A.M.)

Both meetings are held at the Associated Veterans Club in Loveland. 305 N. Cleveland Ave.

## Upcoming Events

**Detachment Elections** will be held at the regular meeting on January 11, 2007.

Nominations for Commandant, Sr. Vice Commandant, Jr. Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate will be accepted at the regular meeting on December 14, 2006.

### Northwest Division QUIN Conference,

The conference is from January 17 – 20, 2007 in San Diego, California.

Activities will a tour of the USS Midway, a dinner cruise touring San Diego Harbor, a MCRD San Diego Graduation and MCRD Base tours.



### Spring Golf Tournament

Plans are underway for a Golf Tournament for the month of May. The public will be invited we expect to get an enormous amount of publicity, players, and not to mention money!!! We will need help with food, sign ups, acquiring sponsors and players. See Greg Todd for questions.

# Auxiliary News

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The next few months will see the Loveland Sweetheart Unit working on a few projects to support our troops and veterans.

1. **Care Packages to the troops overseas.** All donations are greatly appreciated. The cost of each package is \$8.10. The only items not allowed to be sent to Iraq are pork items and pornography. Suggestions are that personal items be the smaller sizes.
2. **Holiday Joy-** Holiday stockings to our Marines who are away from home during the holidays. Our goal for the stockings is 150. Letters from home are always welcome and the ideas for these stockings is endless.
3. **There are 37 veterans (all Branches) who call the Cheyenne VAMC home-** we would like to give each one of them a stocking with personal items such as: toothpaste, toothbrushes, lip balm, shaving cream (travel size). shampoo/ condition all one bottle small individual sizes. baby powder, canteen books (money for veterans) should be coded 301. It has also been suggested to maybe give each veteran an item on their "wish list" maybe something like slippers, bathrobe or something along those lines.

All donations are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Debbie Pierson, or any Auxiliary Member.

Timeline to send packages will be December 14th for the holidays..

## Uniforms

The only uniform requirement for Marine Corps League members is a cover.

Either the garrison cover or the Loveland Detachment baseball cap is acceptable.

Garrison Cover



Baseball Cap



If you want a low cost variation please see our website [www.semperfi.lovelandnet.com](http://www.semperfi.lovelandnet.com) or ask any of the officers for details.

We will be having our own color guard in the near future and the uniform requirements for that detail will of course be more detailed.

# **Marine Corps League Meeting Minutes Notes**

## **Loveland Detachment #1250 Minutes 11 09 06-00002**

Date: Nov 09-2006 Location: Loveland Assoc veterans

Meeting called to order at: 1930 hours

Officers Roll Call: Commandant: Joe Lopez, Sr. Vice Commandant: John Petta II (acting), Jr. Vice Commandant: Tom Buchanan, Judge Advocate: James Sisson, Adjutant/ Paymaster: Greg Todd, Chaplin: Gil Garcia, Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Schuster (actint)

Membership in Attendance: ----15----

Review Minutes of previous meeting: ..... Accepted? Yes

### **Applications for membership:**

Rec'd Application for dual membership from Solomon Martinez check #412 for \$35 after close of business

**Balloting on applications for membership:** Still need money from Robert VanDalsen for membership

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### **Ceremony of initiations**

Was completed Oct meeting with the help of the State officer

**Report of Paymaster:** Checking \$ \$1,907.00 Balance at At Sept statement Savings \$ - no account is established

**Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress** Jr. Vice reported Bill Baker who is a shut-in to be visited at the Heritage house @ 19<sup>th</sup> St SE if any wish to help out.

**Reports of any standing committees:** No reports heard of such committees

**Reports of any special committees:** No special committees have been appointed (old notes)

**New business:** Motion by Tom Buchanan 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Crockett to have an election for new officers. Discussion held. Call for vote motion passed Elections will be held Jan 2007

**Good of the League:** A donation of \$100.00 check was received from a corporate sponsor ...Classical Concepts, Inc. Also a donation of \$160.95 for the purchase of baseball caps was received from Professional Trades Inc.

**Announcements:** Mark McIlurn (sp?) goes to different schools by appointment and talks about the flags contact # 970-353-2964

**Miscellaneous:** Commandant will handle new transfers with the help of Solomon  
There will be a Staff meeting to be announced for any who wish to attend see the website:  
<http://www.semperfi.loveland.com>

**Meeting Closed-**in proper form next scheduled is 1930 Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 2006 same Location tentative agenda: Flags/ funding and donations. Don't forget your money for the hats and Pisscutters.

Respectfully submitted  
GA Todd Adj/PM



**MISSION:** The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

**GOAL:** The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders.

**OBJECTIVES:** The objectives of Toys for Tots are to help needy children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable natural resources - our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to better communities in the future.

**ACTIVITIES:** The principal Toys for Tots activities which take place each year are the collection and distribution of toys in the communities in which a Marine Corps Reserve Unit is located and in communities without a Reserve Unit that has a Marine Corps League Detachment or group of men and women, generally veteran Marines, authorized by Marine Toys for Tots Foundation to conduct a local Toys for Tots campaign. Local Toys for Tots Campaign Coordinators conduct an array of activities throughout the year, which include golf tournaments, foot races, bicycle races and other purely voluntary events designed to increase interest in Toys for Tots, and concurrently generate toy and monetary donations.

**In Northern Colorado the Toys for Tots will be at the Foothills Mall in Ft. Collins and at the Budweiser Event Center during the Eagles games. To sign up for a time slot contact Solomon Martinez at 970-593-1612.**

**Name this publication.** I just made this up on the fly to call it something so if you have an idea for a name bring it up at our next meeting.

**"You earned the title "Marine" upon graduation from boot recruit training.  
It wasn't willed to you; it isn't a gift. It is not a government subsidy.  
Few can claim the title; no one can take it away. It is yours forever."**

*Tom Barlett - Leatherneck Magazine*

# Young Marines in Loveland

Currently we are in the process of putting together a Young Marine Unit in Loveland.

We are currently seeking a Unit Commanding Officer, this person would have to be a current (Active/reserve) or former Marine, and this is a requirement of National. The other position we are attempting to fill is that of the Executive Officer, this position no longer is required to be or have been a Marine. I will perform the duties of Adjutant, Supply Officer, Events Coordinator, Paymaster (until we find someone else to take over) and Parent coordinator.

The program is based and designed upon the principal that we are "Strengthening the lives of America's Youth". We do this by using the outline and structure of the United States Marine Corps. We teach the children the Corps Values of honor, courage and commitment. Our greatest goal and basis on which we teach are the objectives of Self Respect, Self Esteem and Personal Responsibility.

Children beginning at the age of eight (8) and continuing through High School Graduation may join the program. We do not turn children away, with the exceptions for this rule being, those with Sexually based felonies or drug related felonies.

Each child is expected to complete a 13-week Boot Camp; this consists of 13 weeks of Saturday's, we drill for approximately 4 to 5 hours per Saturday. They will learn customs, courtesies and Marine Corps History. They will be taught all the basics, such as how to stand at attention and at ease. They will be graded and reviewed based upon book and test scores, Physical fitness scores, attitude, attendance and over all effort. Upon graduation from Boot Camp, they will be presented with their Uniform and be given the title Young Marine. At this juncture they will be integrated into the Unit and begin participating in the regular activities of the Young Marines.

Young Marines do Community Service projects, go on camping trips, and visit Marine Corps bases such as Pendleton and Yuma. The program promotes and follows up on Attitude, Attendance and Performance at home, at school and within the program itself. We do this by promoting communication between everyone involved in a child's life, from teachers to parents.

For anyone interested or thinking about volunteering with the program you could be making a big contribution of your time or a very little one. Our CO's typically do not need to be present for each drill, nor do they need to attend every function. These positions have been very well suited to MECEPS currently attending CU Boulder awaiting Commissioning.

The impact this program can make in the life on just one child is truly life changing and directions finding. Each and every one of us has something to offer our youth; we have a talent, knowledge, something to bring to the table. If we take but a few minutes, some of our time to share this, the rewards are immeasurable and last a lifetime!

Sincerely,  
Victoria Baldwin

**Editors note:** If you are interested in getting involved with this worthwhile endeavor please contact Victoria via email at [squeekyonce@yahoo.com](mailto:squeekyonce@yahoo.com) or by cell phone at 303-521-5070  
Victoria's letter was much longer than space allows here. To read her complete letter please go to our website [semperfi.lovelandnet.com](http://semperfi.lovelandnet.com)

## **The Scuttlebutt**

Word has it that the Northern Colorado Detachment is planning a Spring time trip to the Denver Mint. Stay tuned for details.

## **Murphy's Laws of Combat**


- Recoiless rifles...aren't.
- Friendly fire.....isn't.
- Incoming fire has right-of-way.
- If the enemy is in range, so are you.
- When in doubt, empty the magazine.
- A sucking chest wound is nature's way of telling you it's time to slow down.
- Never draw fire, it irritates everyone around you.
- Anything you do can get you shot...including doing nothing.
- Make it tough enough for the enemy to get in and you won't be able to get out.
- Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than yourself.
- Professionals are predictable, amateurs are dangerous.
- The easy way is always mined.
- Try to look unimportant, they may be low on ammo.
- No battle plan ever survives contact with the enemy.
- If you're short of everything but the enemy, you're in a combat zone.
- If your attack is going really well, it's an ambush.
- No combat-ready unit ever passed inspection.
- No inspection-ready unit ever passed combat.
- Communications will always fail the moment you need air or artillery support.
- If it's stupid but works, it isn't stupid.
- You are not Superman. (Freshly graduated recruits from Marine boot take note.)
- Never forget that your weapon was made by the lowest bidder.
- When both sides are convinced that they are about to lose; they are both right.
- Don't look conspicuous, it draws fire (This is why aircraft carriers are called bomb magnets.
- All five-second grenade fuses will burn down in three seconds.
- If you are forward of your position, the artillery will fall short
- The enemy diversion you are ignoring is the main attack.
- The important things are always simple
- The simple things are always hard
- When you have secured an area, don't forget to tell the enemy.
- Beer math is: Two beers times 37 men equal 49 cases.
- Things that must be together to work, usually can't be shipped together.
- Tracers work BOTH ways.
- The only thing more accurate than incoming enemy fire is incoming friendly fire.
- Professional soldiers are predictable, but the world is full of amateurs
- Murphy was a grunt.

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Looking forward to growth within the detachment means our cost will rise also. The cost to print and mail 75 copies of the newsletter will be about \$80.00 a month. If you know of any business or individuals that would like to help us let me know. - Tom

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"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world.  
But, the Marines don't have that problem."  
[Ronald Reagan, U.S. President; 1985]



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