



# Loveland Scuttlebutt

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## Commandant's Message



Greetings Marines,  
I want to thank you for your confidence in me to once again have the honor and privilege to be your Commandant in 2010.

It has been a seemingly endless winter of constant snow. However, the temperature is going to be in the 60's today and reach into the 70's this week. I think maybe Spring has sprung. So it is time for us look to getting geared up for another year of camaraderie and giving back to our Brothers in Arms and our community. We Marines can make a difference in the lives of our veterans and make Loveland proud of The Loveland Marine Corps League Detachment 1250. Making a difference will require participation of as many of you as possible. All though I do not expect you to make every function, please make a commitment to be involved in as many as you can.

OOH RAH!

Semper Fidelis,  
Tom Buchanan

## Mission Statement

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all

Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

## Meetings

**Regular Meetings** are at the Associated Veterans Club in Loveland at 305 N. Cleveland Ave. on the second Thursday of every month at 1930

**Monthly Staff Meetings** are held on the Saturday before the Regular Meeting at 0900. The location will vary so that we can gain more exposure in the public.

## Website

The address of the website is <http://mcl-loveland-1250.com/>. You can go there to get the latest information that concerns the Loveland Detachment.

## Life Membership

Have you considered becoming a Life Member? Make 2010 the year you become a Life Member! To become a Life Member, you must already be a "Member in Good Standing". That means becoming a member and paying your initial dues first. Yes, according to the Bylaws, you could join the League, pay your dues and then pay your Life Membership Dues all in the same day.

If you would like to become a life member, please contact Doyle Biggs.

## Breakfast at Applebees

Our next pancake breakfast at Applebees is April 24, 2010. We will meet at the restaurant, 219 East 29th Street at 0700 hours and do the usual walk through so that everyone is familiar with the procedures. We will start serving at 0800 and go until 1000 hours.

We have plenty of tickets left so get yours to sell to your family and friends. We will have them to pickup at the next meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> or call Tom at 667-6269 and I will deliver them to you.

## Auxiliary News

### THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

I want to start out by thanking our out going President, Carole Viano, for all of her hard work in making the Auxiliary run last year. With many projects and her dedication she kept the Sweetheart Unit alive. Thanks for all of your time and efforts Carole. Kudos!

As your new Auxiliary President, my goal is to build up membership, raise funds and make ourselves known in the community through community service projects; along with being of support and assistance to our MCL Detachment and their projects. This being outside of the

work we already do with military troops and Veteran's organizations.

At our next meeting I would like to do some brainstorming as to how we can go about building the Loveland Sweetheart Unit through commitment, teamwork and fun, working together to reach our goals. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting: April 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the Loveland Vets Club.

I am open to any and all suggestions and ideas as I am not just the President, I am part of the Loveland Sweetheart Unit's team.

You can reach me at:

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phone: (970) 667-6269

Semper Fi,

Dorie Ann Lehan Buchanan

MCLA Loveland Sweetheart Unit President

## Arby's Night Fund Raiser

We will be participating in a fund raiser at Arbys.

To get involved contact Joe Novak.

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## Painting the Canon

Our first big community project this year will be repainting the canon at Dwayne Webster Park. This will happen a few weeks before Memorial Day so that we can unveil it during the Memorial Day weekend.



There is a web page for this project that I will update as we work on this. You can see the before pictures here

<http://mcl-loveland-1250.com/Projects/canon/>

This will be our most notable project as thousands of vehicles a day driving Eisenhower Blvd will see our handwork. **Be sure to get in on this one!**

## Color Guard Rifles

Marine Ashley has been working hard to get all of the paperwork done for us to acquire 9 M1 Garands for use in military funerals and other Color/Honor Guard activities.

The paperwork has been filed and we are waiting to hear back. We will house the rifles at the Loveland Police Department's Armory.

## This Date in History

### APRIL

**3 April 1945:** On Okinawa, Marines of the III Amphibious Corps continued to make good progress all along their front, clearing Zampa Misaki and seizing the Katchin Peninsula, thus effectively cutting the island in two. By this date (D+2), III AC elements had reached objectives thought originally to require 11 days to take.

**5 April 1947:** Five Marine guards were killed and eight wounded when attacked by Communist Chinese raiders near the Hsin Ho ammunition depot in Northern China. This last major clash between Marines of the 1st Marine Division and Communist forces occurred shortly after withdrawal and redeployment plans from China were issued for the 1st Division and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing on 1 April.

**10 April 1959:** Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn, Jr. was named as one of the original seven Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training. The seven astronauts, all volunteers, were selected by NASA from an initial group of 110 leading military test pilots. Three years later, on 20 February 1962, Col Glenn would become the first American to orbit the Earth.

**12-13 April 1918:** Marines of the 4th Brigade suffered their first gas attack on the night and early morning hours of 12-13 April when the Germans bombarded the 74th Company, 6th Marines near Verdun with mustard gas. Nine Marine officers and 305 enlisted Marines were gassed and evacuated, and 30 Marines died from the effects of the gas shells which hit in the

middle of the reserve area cantonments in which they were sleeping.

**15 April 1962:** Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War began on Palm Sunday when HMM-362 with its Sikorsky UH-34s arrived at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon. The task unit was called "Shufly" and its first operational employment involved lifting Vietnamese troops into battle.

**18 April 1983:** One Marine Security Guard was killed and seven were wounded when a large car bomb exploded just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Lance Corporal Robert McMaugh was standing guard at Post 1, just inside the front entrance when the bomb exploded outside the door. The explosion killed 61 people including 17 Americans. LCpl McMaugh was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 26 April.

**21 April 1951:** Marine carrier-based airplanes made their first aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines. Captain Philip C. Delong shot down two YAK fighters and 1st Lieutenant Harold D. Daigh destroyed one more and damaged another in the heavily defended Pyongyang-Chinnanpo area. Both pilots were with VMF-312 flying from the USS Bataan.

**27 April 1805:** First Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon, who with seven other Marines was part of a force of Greeks and Arabs led by American Consul William Eaton, raised the United States flag for the first time over a conquered fortress of the Old World at Derne, a stronghold of the Tripolitan pirates. Two Marines were killed and one wounded in the assault on the walled city.

**28 April 1993:** The last A-6E Intruder departed from Marine Corps service. Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 332 transferred the last Marine A-6E to St. Augustine, Florida, and prepared for the squadron's transition to the F/A-18D and eventual movement from Cherry Point to Beaufort, South Carolina.



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