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Commandant's Message



Greetings Marines,
The Loveland Marine Corps League has made a positive mark in the Loveland community.

We have implemented the worn flag disposal bin that has collected over 2,000 flags for proper disposal. In May

we painted the cannon at Dwayne Webster Park.

We have also participated in several fund raisers at pancake breakfasts at Applebees and our BBQ's at Sam's Club.

All this is good PR for the detachment, however, we need to concentrate on our primary mission and that is preserving the traditions and interest of the United States Marine Corp.

Marines are special breed. We pride ourselves in accomplishing our mission, what ever that may be. We look back at the end of project and know that we have done good.

We work together an the more hands on deck the easier our goals are met. I am proud to be a member of the Marine Corps League as I know many others are. We have accomplished much with a fraction of our membership at the Loveland detachment.

My question to those of you who sit on the sidelines is why did you join the Marine Corps League? You all have much to offer and we need

your support at meetings and with special projects.

One of the most honorable rewards we will ever receive as former Marines that we will not see is to be given a proper internment and to be removed from the Roll Call. There is something very special and rewarding in taking part in a burial service for a fellow Marine. I took part in my first detail in the summer of 2007. I wrote about the emotional experience [A Final Farewell: Marine Corps League Burial Detail](#)

It is an honor that we owe each other and we have the opportunity to ensure that the tradition is carried on so that we all may know that our service to God, Country and Corps will be remembered after our passing to the Roll Call of the Supreme Commandant.

We have secure the rifles to perform the 21 gun salutes and we need you to get involved because rifles without Marines to fire them is an awful, deafening sound. It does not take much drilling, just a few basic commands and your life and the honor of the deceased Marine will live on in the memories of their families and loved ones that they left behind.

Please consider being part of the Honor Guard and help preserve this great tradition in Loveland and Northern Colorado.

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 hours.

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 about 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.

Jr. Vice Commandant

We are going to be having nominations for the vacant position of Jr. Vice Commandant at our August meeting.

This is not a position that is to be taken lightly. There is a lot of rewarding work involved.

The Junior Vice Commandant (JVC) holds a crucial position within the Detachment, since he/she is responsible primarily for the recruiting and retention of members.

We need someone with enthusiasm to fulfill this position. If you would like to take on this task or know of someone that you would like to nominate, please be at the next meeting.

SOS September 11, 2010

The Loveland Detachment is joining with the Northern Colorado Detachment in a traditional SOS breakfast on 9/11 at Dwayne Webster Park at 0800.

We will need a count of detachment and auxiliary members so that we can ensure enough food is secured.

Department Quarterly Meeting

The Loveland Detachment is honored to be hosting the next Departmental Quarterly meeting. It will be on October 23, 2010 at the All Vets Club 305 North Cleveland.

We will need as many members of the detachment to get involved and make this a great meeting. Both rooms in the building have been secured and our main obligation is to provide lunch for about 40 people. We can make this a pot luck or cater it in if the funds are there. If you would like to be a part of the planning come to the next meeting on August 12, 2010.

This meeting is combined with the Department Auxiliary. This is a great opportunity to see how the Marine Corps League conducts business at the state level.

Department Convention

Next year's Department Convention promises to be one you won't want to miss. It will be July 7-9, 2011 in Ignacio at The Sky Ute Casino.

Veteran's Day

Veterans Day is only 4 months away, but it will be here before we know it. This year the theme is the Korean War as we mark off the 60th anniversary



Auxiliary News

A note from the Loveland Sweetheart Unit President:

Our Auxiliary is picking up with fresh ideas and enthusiasm and new members . We have changed our meetings to the 1st Thursday of the month, Associated Vets Club 7:30 pm in the room where the MCL usually meets.

On 8/14 from 7 am to 3 pm we will be having a yard sale out at the Outlet Mall's Mega Yard sale. We will also be in the Corn Shucking contest on 8/27 at 5:00 pm, please come and cheer us on! Then in the Corn Roast parade on 8/28, line-up at 8:00 am. I'm looking forward to all the upcoming activities between the MCL and MCLA.

Semper Fi,

Dorié Ann Lehan Buchanan, President
MCLA Loveland Sweetheart Unit.

Color Guard Rifles

All the paperwork has been finalized for us to take possession of nine M1 Garands for ceremonial purposes. Thanks to Marine Jack Ashley, the paperwork has been completed in triplicate, notarized and sent off.

We have several members that have expressed interest in being part of our color guard. Marine Jesse Hebert has accepted the position of Color Guard Commander.

We are scheduled to receive the rifles in October. Before then we will have to make a visit to the Loveland Police Department Armory to see how much space we will have. Then we will have to build a rack to store the rifles.

If you would like to help, please let us know. Contact one of the officers listed on the front page of this newsletter.

Veteran's Advisory Board

The Larimer County Veterans Advisory Board is working on a project to have veterans go to the schools and share their stories with the students. They will be working with history teachers around Veterans Day. If you would like to be involved with this project please contact Terry Wright or Joe Novak.

Bell for Veterans Day

We are still looking for for a large cast iron bell so that the Loveland Marine Corps League can join in the ringing of the Bells of Freedom in Veterans Day morning at 4:00 AM.



Last year we had some members that could not get a ride with one of the other dozen trucks that went out and rang the bells throughout Loveland.

If you have a lead on a bell please let us know. We are looking for one at least 12 inches in diameter.

Department Shooting Team

There is a State shooting team forming and we will have more information at the next meeting.

This Date in History

AUGUST

1 August 1944: After nine days of fighting in a battle termed "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II," MajGen Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secured. The combination of surprise, heavy preassault bombardment, and effective logistical support was responsible for Tinian's recapture with a much lower casualty rate (344 killed and 1550 wounded) than had been experienced in previous landings.

3 August 1950: Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, the famed "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II, launched from the USS SICILY and executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon. After the F4Us delivered their incendiary bombs and rockets on their targets, the Marines concluded their greeting to the Communist troops with a series of strafing runs.

7 August 1990: President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area as part of Operation Desert Shield

which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.

9 August 1942: With the Guadalcanal airstrip secure after heavy fighting with the Japanese, the 1st Engineer Battalion commenced work on the runway using captured equipment. Three days later, on 12 August, the first plane landed on Henderson Field, a Navy PBV which evacuated two wounded Marines. Nearly 3,000 wounded Marines would be evacuated from Henderson Field during the battle.

17 August 1942: Just prior to dawn, the 2d Marine Raider Battalion under LtCol Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island from the submarines NAUTILUS and ARGONAUT. The next day the Marines left the island after destroying a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killing about 100 Japanese soldiers.

21 August 1968: PFC James Anderson, Jr., was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by Secretary of the Navy, Paul R. Ignatius, for heroism in Vietnam while serving as a rifleman with Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines in February 1967. This was the first Medal of Honor presented to an African-American Marine. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Sr., received the

award during ceremonies at Marine Barracks, 8th and I.

23 August 1984: The last Marines to serve peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived home. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) arrived off the coast of Lebanon on 9 April to relieve Marines of the 22d MAU who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on 31 July, marking the last presence of U.S. combat troops in Beirut since Marines entered almost two years earlier.

24 August 1814: Captain Samuel Miller's 100-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the battle of Bladensburg for the defense of the national capital. After helping to fight back three British charges, Captain Miller was wounded and the enemy began to work around both flanks of the American force. Almost encircled, the force of sailors and Marines was forced to retire to avoid capture. The Marines lost 8 killed and 14 wounded.



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