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DON'T PROCRASTINATE!!

Attention all Detachment Commandants and Adjutant/Paymasters!!

While you still have your June 30 Detachment roster handy (hopefully), verify the life members on the roster, certify that all listed were alive on June 30 or make corrections, and sign the roster (both the Commandant and Adjutant/Paymaster), and send it to the Department Paymaster for submission to Nat'l. HQ (per instructions from Nat'l HQ). This will qualify your Detachment to receive the annual life member distribution check next year. There is no reason to postpone this

submission until the end of the year deadline. Changes subsequent to June 30 have no bearing on this process and waiting can only make this more difficult if not completely forgotten, losing potential income.

Barry Georgopoulos

Barry Georgopoulos, HPNC
Department Paymaster

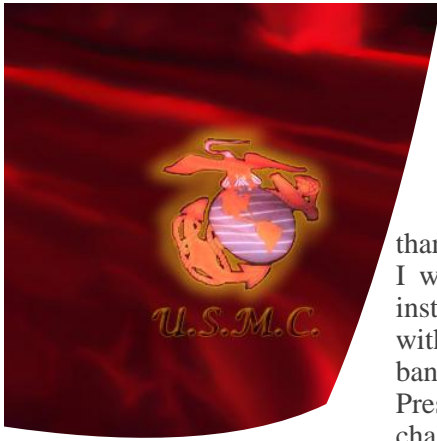


Article Due Dates:

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Please get your articles in on time, send your articles to:
DoCoMCL_Newsletters@msn.com in a **WORD Document format**.
Articles are to be of interest to all League and Auxiliary Members, not just one Detachment and/or Unit or individual!!

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Dept President's Message

By Janice Miller

thank them for coming. I would like to thank the installing officers for help with the Installation at the banquet. RMD, Vice President Lana Perry as a challenged to a membership recruitment contest to all units. Lana explained the unit that as the most new members by May 1, 2012. The unit would receive a king size handmade quilt to auction as a way to generate money for the winning unit. Second runner would get a queen sized. Third runner would get twin sized. So ladies get out there and tried to win a quilt for your unit to make some extra money. Work hard on this to grow our units.

The Treasure Valley Detachment 878 did a wonderful job on the 88th National Convention in Boise, Idaho July 31-August 5, 2011. Thank you Bea Georgopolos for filling in for Lana Perry as RMD Vice President. Items that were done a National Convention : National dues increase of \$3.00 for the auxiliary was passed. Annual National dues are now \$15.00. By-Law change proposal for including Nieces, Mother-In -Law & Sister – in – Law was passed. All the other by –laws-passed. Awards for RMD Skyline 1st place for Americanism Report, Skyline 1st place

for VAVS report Recruiter of the year Lana Perry RMD Vice President. Thank you ladies for all the hard work for the past year.

Janice Miller
Dept President

Auxiliary Members

Summer is all almost gone. School is going to start real soon. It has been a busy summer for the Department of Colorado.

We would like to thank the San Juan Mountain Detachment for hosting the 40th anniversary Department of Colorado & Rocky Mountain Division Conventions July 7-11, 2011. Held at Sky Ute Resort, Ignacio Co.

We were honored to have the National Commandant Vic Voltaggio and his wife Janet with us. RMD Vice President Lana Perry and RMD Assistant Vice President Dianne Warner-Kearney were also in attending.

We would like to thank Lora Woods for working with the Southern Ute Social Service for the Operation Little Angels. We fill a large van full of lots of nice items . Thank you everyone for helping and bringing for this project. It will help lots of children and teens in foster care.

We talked about the new proposes By-Law changes for National Convention. We have Utah member come to the convention we want to

LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES



* With a knowledge of yourself and your knowledge of group behavior, you can determine the best way to deal with any given situation. In dealing with membership in certain situations, you may have to be firm, however in many scenarios you may have to use the Big Brother approach. . . *But you must keep one thing in mind . . . you are dealing with VOLUNTEERS.*

* In your capacity as a Detachment or Department officer, do not hesitate to ask for advice from those that have been there and done that . . . It will show that you have not put yourself above them.

* Make an honest evaluation of yourself to determine your strong qualities and your weak points.

* Strive to overcome any deficiencies that you may have.

* Seek the honest opinions of your friends and superiors to show you how to improve your leadership abilities.

* Learn by studying the cause for failure or success of other leaders.

* You should promote initiative, enthusiasm, loyalty and convictions.

* Be alert to stop the spread of rumors by replacing them with the truth.

We signed up knowing the risk. Those innocent people in New York didn't go to work thinking there was any kind of risk.

Pvt. Mike Armendariz-Clark, USMC; Afghanistan, 20 September 2001
As reported on page 1 of the New York Times

Adjutant's Call

By Fred Krebs

CALLING ALL DETACHMENT COMMANDANT'S AND ADJUTANT'S

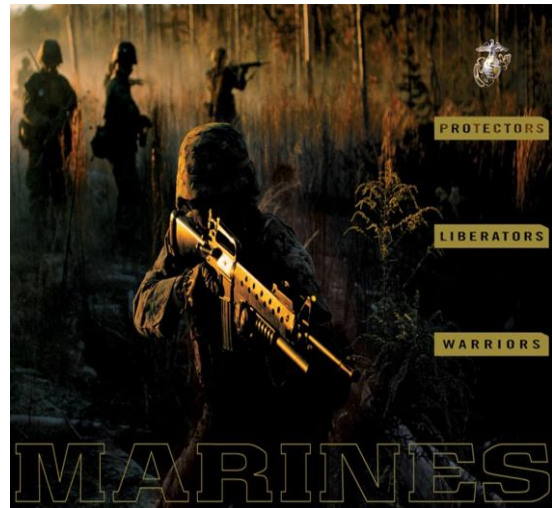
Reminder: For many detachments it is time to file your Periodic Report with the Secretary of State. This report is required by law, and failure to comply will result in increased fees. One important change is that postcard notifications will no longer be sent as of January 1, 2012. I would encourage ALL Commandants to be aware of when your report is due. Filing online is the easiest way to handle this. Once I had taken over a position and realized my predecessor had let the filing lapse and it was a \$100.00 charge for reinstatement. Don't let this happen to you when you can file online for \$10.00

Filing of the 990N postcard with the IRS. The reporting period for the League's fiscal year ending on June 30th of each year. Although you have until November 15th to file, it is recommended that you file timely. Failure to comply could place your EIN in jeopardy!

Submissions of Transmittals is getting better. Please include the ZIP+4, as National needs this information. On new life members, please include the Date of Birth, and verify that the proper amount is submitted and that all dues are current. I would encourage using a separate form for life members. That way if there is a problem and there are multiple transactions, it will ensure there is no delay on joining a new member while I am waiting for a DOB confirmation.

Semper Fi

Fred Krebs



Notes from the Rocky Mountain Division Vice Chief Devil Dog

Woof, Woof, Dogs, at this time we all need to be looking at our fellow Marines and find new Pups for our Society. We the devil dogs of the Marine Corps League are a very small number. In addition to gaining new members the Pounds need to hold their Growls and ensure passport fees are being sent to the Kennel on a regular basis. This is a must if the Kennel is to continue to provide the donation check's each and every year. Also each and every Pound must have completed a 990 form and sent it in. If they haven't please inform me as we need to get this done so you can maintain your non-profit status.

Tom Krueger

National Vice Chief Devil Dog
Rocky Mountain Division



Chaplain's Corner

By Kaz Mueller

Greetings Marines, Associates, and friends of the Corps

September again brings the Anniversary of the 9/11 attack upon our nation. This year marks 10 years of our national response: to punish the perpetrators and to remove the threat against us. And the toll on our warriors reflects part of the price paid for our security. We keep them in mind and in our prayers as the days pass, I know, but on September 11th, the reason WHY comes vividly to our minds as well. We remember.

God bless the men and women in our Armed Forces serving worldwide in our defense; God bless America!

Kaz Mueller,

Dept Chaplain



I Was.....

I was that which others did not want to be. I went where others feared to go, and did what others failed to do. I asked nothing from those who gave nothing, and reluctantly accepted the fact of eternal loneliness....should I fall in combat. I have seen the face of terror, felt the stinging cold of fear, and enjoyed the sweet taste of a moments love. I have cried, pained, and hoped, but most of all I have lived times others were to say were "best forgotten". At least I will always be able to say that I was proud of what I was

A United States Marine.



Notes from PDP Bea Georgopulos



WHY??? COMMITMENT!!!

This issue is truly frustrating. It seems as though some units (no names necessary – you know who you are) are failing to make Department Staff Meetings or Conventions, or Division Meetings unless they are in their immediate area. Attending these meetings is a responsibility accepted when taking the oath of office in the Department and as Unit Officers. When an Officer takes the oath of office and then ignores the commitment they have made, one wonders WHY??? If the officer is unable to attend, the presiding officer should be notified and a designated representative from the Unit should be appointed. The very small attendance by Auxiliary members at our Conventions and many of our Staff Meetings is a serious problem. There are excuses (of course), but just ignoring the call to these meetings goes against the ideals of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. Granted, some events are miles away. But where would we be today if our Marines had said “Hey Gunny, I can’t go that far!”? We joined the Auxiliary for a purpose, and I’m sure all of you have read or heard those purposes in your meetings. Support that purpose and your pledge by making that little extra effort! That is living up to your COMMITMENT!!!

Semper Fidelis

PDP Bea Georgopulos

Web Links

Marine Corps League –
www.mcleague.com
Marine Corps League Auxiliary -
www.nationalmcla.org
Military Order of Devil Dogs –
www.kennelmodd.org
Military Order of Devil Dog Fleas
www.nationalmoddfleas.org
Rocky Mountain Division, MCL
www.mcleaguercolorado.com
Dept of Colorado, MCL-
www.mcleaguecolorado.com
Dept of Colorado, MCLA -
www.mcladepthofcolorado.org
Marines Helping Marines -
www.marineshelpingmarines.org
Women Marines Association CO-1
<http://wmaco1.org/>
Military Connection –
www.militaryconnection.com

Notes from HPNC Barry Georgopulos

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Kudos to our very own Department Newsletter editor Meg Krebs for awards received at the National Convention for the National Newsletter Competition. She received Honorable Mention in the Department Newsletter category and second place for the National Detachment Newsletter category for the Frank J Carroll Detachment newsletter. Many thanks for a job(s) well done Meg!

Semper Fidelis

Barry Georgopulos, HPNC

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
PARALLELS

1. With rare exceptions, both are volunteer organizations you elected to be part of.
2. After gaining experience and showing initiative you advance to a position of higher responsibility.
3. Leadership duties include responsibilities to all levels of either organization.
4. For any organization to work, all leaders must perform not only direct unit duties, but also elements of support at other levels in their chain of command.
5. A Detachment Commandant cannot separate himself or his unit from the Department any more than a Company Commander could ignore his role in the Battalion.

One basic truth learned by all Marines is that when an official uniform is worn, it must be in compliance with all pertinent uniform regulations. In the League, only the cover is needed to be in uniform. If a member elects to wear any of the other uniform elements, all aspects of that specific uniform type are spelled out and must be adhered to, as any good Marine can understand.

Submitted by HPNC Barry Georgopoulos

“It cannot be inherited, nor can it be purchased. You and no one alive can buy it for any price. It is impossible to rent and it cannot be lent. You alone and our own have earned it with your sweat, blood and lives. You own it forever. The title of United States Marine.”



Sorry Folks, no article was received from the Dept Commandant.



Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

TO: All Members of the Auxiliary
FROM: Gerri Tuohy, National President

Life's journey takes you places you can never imagine and this is one! Thanks to all the encouragement of many ladies, I have attained this chapter by being elected as National President. I will strive to make this a productive, constructive and fun filled reign. Together as a team we will accomplish this endeavor. Once again, thanks to all who believed in me!

Congratulations are in order to the Treasure Valley Detachment of Boise, Idaho for making the National Convention outstanding. The hospitality of both the detachment members and hotel staff was exemplary. The state of Idaho has much to be proud of from the beautiful mountains, the wonderful climate to the great people that we had the privilege of meeting.

Much gratitude is to be extended to our Jr. Past National President Alice Blackford along with her Board of Trustees for a well done job of conducting our many meetings during the week. It is the expertise of a great team that accomplishes good things. JPNP Alice will approve the minutes of the National Convention prior to distribution. The new roster of officers will be included in this mailing.

There were many by-law changes passed at this convention. One, most importantly, was a \$3.00 dues increase. This amount will certainly help the bottom line of our approved budget. Nieces and Mothers-in-law have been added to our accepted eligibility. National Headquarters will retain \$30.00 of the Life Membership fee for administrative costs. Many wording and grammar changes to Administrative Procedures were passed. To be in compliance with all other committee appointments, Operation Little Angels committee chairperson will be selected annually by the National President.

Our Administrative Assistant, Lynn Foster is doing an outstanding job of keeping our records current, our office very squared away and our ships store orders moving. Please get your Installation of Officer forms to her so the records can be noted accordingly. Submit your transmittals, paying close attention to the dues increase, along with your yearly Bond form. Getting all the information to Headquarters allows Lynn to update the database, which in turn leads us to the path of perfection!!

As discussed, we are looking to minimize our Ships Store inventory. Our main focus will be uniform and administrative items. However, there may be an item that some people will think is a great idea. Share those thoughts with me and I will pass on to our Ships Store Chair Joan Devlin.

Congratulations to all elected officers. I look forward to visiting many units and departments across the nation. I am anxious to make new friends and see many old friends. I will always be open to any suggestion or discussion. Be kinder than necessary, everyone is struggling with some kind of battle.

Semper Fidelis,

Gerri Tuohy

National President

Website: www.nationalmcla.org





Attention on Deck

Editor's Note: If no articles are received for the next issue of this Department Newsletter, as no reminders will be sent. This will be the last newsletter.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you did **NOT** receive this newsletter via email, it means your email is not on the Department roster or have changed email addresses. Please email Meg Krebs with your name and email address to better improve communications at: DoCoMCL_Newsletters@msn.com. These newsletters will be sent only via email. Need Additional Copies of this newsletter? They can be found on our website.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS



Have you moved? Have you notified your Detachment Adjutant/Paymaster and/or Unit Secretary of your new mailing address? The Detachment and Unit needs to know of this change so they can update their records and notify National Marine Corps League and National Marine Corps League Auxiliary using the proper forms.

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. This is accomplished by banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service; voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans, and by perpetuating the history of the United States Marine Corps through fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

Incorporated by an act of Congress in 1937, the Marine Corps League perpetuates the traditions and spirit of ALL Marines who proudly wear or who have worn the eagle, globe and anchor of the Corps



Remember September 11th

Commandant's Message

Greetings Marines,

We have just returned from the MCL National Convention in Boise, Idaho. The convention was a big hit this year with Marines traveling in from all over the United States. Colorado was well represented with total voting strength of 126 votes. My congratulations to several new Pedigree Devil Dogs who collectively had a great time moving up to Pedigree to help represent the State of Colorado.

Retention and recruitment continue to be at the top of the National Commandants priority list. I need the Detachment Jr. Vice Commandants to pull up their boot straps and diminish the 118 past due members in our Department. We need to make a valiant effort to decrease this number and keep it down. The National Commandant requested that when you seek new members, to make sure that they are the caliber that will stay the course. We do not want to flood the ranks with individuals who will not be MCL members tomorrow.

Our beloved Marine Corps is headed for some major changes soon; this was per the presentation of Marine Corps Lieutenant General John Paxton who was our guest speaker at the Grand Banquet. With the National economy in trouble and the War involvement winding down the Marine Corps will experience a major downsizing from 220,000 in personnel to around 185,000. There will also be major realignments in the Fleet Marine Force as well. It will be the future goal to make the Marine Corps a reactionary force which can move fast and engage both small and large threats with decisive force.

For all you shooters out there, it was voted at the National Convention to make the Marine Corps League Pistol Postal matches open to all center fire pistols of any caliber. So let's get out those firearms and oil them up for our next match which will be held on Sunday, August 21, 2011 at the Colorado Rifle Range, crci.org. This match will cost \$10.00 additional dollars which will go to MCL National for your shooting badge.

Please take time to congratulate our new Colorado State Auxiliary President, Janice Miller. We wish her success and good will in her new position. The Auxiliary has turned some big numbers this last year. They issued 8 new Charters with 461 new members. They have grown to just over 3775 members Nationwide and raised just over 8 million dollars this last year. It is no secret that any Detachment in Colorado who has an Auxiliary unit which is associated with it is more successful. These great members do so much for us and I extend a very big thank you to them for their dedication and hard work.

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs also had a very good year. We just topped 6000 members. This year's gift contribution was given to St. Luke's Children Hospital in the amount of \$ 18,000.00 Dollars. We as Devil Dogs need to do a better of a job in collecting the BIG Bones for the Kennel. This last year 168 pounds and 7 Packs did not contribute any monies to the National Kennel. We all need to do a better job, this is for the kids. If you would like to see the Wolfagram it is on line and available for download.

We had great presentations from the MCL National officers. There were no major changes in the Bylaws. The Young Marines and Toys for Tots gave very good presentations. I cannot tell you how proud the Marine Corps League is of the Young Marine Units across this great country. These young people have made us all very proud of who they are and what they have accomplished. The League will take on a much greater role in the Toys for Tots program. We are doing so per the request of the Marine Corps. The Department will be setting up a near future meeting to discuss this program. It will be mandatory for all Detachments to be certified to participate in this program. No exceptions will be made.

I will continue to visit Detachments around the State. Your hard work this last year has not gone unnoticed. The National Commandant, Vic Voltaggio recently sent me a letter just after our Division/State Conference in Ignacio, Colorado. He stated that he was going back to National to boast about how good the Rocky Mountain Division was and the great job that Colorado has played in doing so. Just keep up the great work Marines and make sure no Man is left behind.

The Department Marine of the Year was awarded this year to Patricia Cooper of the San Luis Valley Detachment. Patricia has worked very hard for both the Department and her Detachment over the past years. I extend my most sincere congratulations to her and hope that you will do the same. This is a very honorable award and goes to a very deserving dedicated person.

In closing, I would like to ask for your assistance to help with the Department Mission and Goals statement to help fund the following programs.

- 1.) U. S. Marine Corps Memorial, Golden, Colorado
- 2.) Department of Colorado, Scholarship Fund
- 3.) Department of Colorado, Marine helping Marines Fund.

May the good Lord protect our Country and our Fighting Men and Women. May he look down upon you and yours and hold us in his hands. Until we meet again, keep up the great work and please look out for each other.

Semper Fi

Michael Dighero

Commandant, Department of Colorado, MCL