



*LtCol John A. Dowd USMC
Division No. 1 Woodbridge, VA.*

ON-LINE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Brothers,

Greetings!

The JFK Scholarship Awards Ceremony was held at the Montclair Country Club on Sunday, August 10th. \$1,000 scholarship awards were given to 7 recipients entering college and 8 recipients entering Catholic high school. Since its inception in 1997, awards totaling \$106,000 have been granted. This continues to be one of the main selling features of membership in our division.

We provided the Color Guard for the St. Patrick's Day March Fundraiser in the park in Alexandria on Saturday, August 2nd. It was a nice day for the event, not quite as hot as it usually is.

The National Biennial Convention held in New Orleans July 23rd to July 26th was a blast! Laissez le bon temps rouler – Let the good times roll! Elections were held Saturday. Seamus Boyle was elected National President. Events were held in the Sheraton Hotel's grand ballroom Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights. On Saturday night, we were just finishing the salad appetizers when we heard sirens blasting, the big side doors opening and a police motorcycle procession led the newly –elected officers around the room. I volunteered for the 4th Degree ceremony, where 61 members received their degree on Thursday. On Thursday evening, we had a room in Harrah's where complimentary drinks and food were provided and we were entertained by an eight-piece New Orleans Jazz band playing hits of the 50's and 60's.

The LOAH is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a riverboat cruise and food at Brother Mike Pigott's place on Sunday, September 21st.

Hope you are enjoying the summer. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 4th at 7:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels School.

God bless you and yours – Jack Murphy

EVENTS – Check our AOH website calendar for events and details.

JFK SCHOLARSHIPS – Catholic high school and college scholarship awards ceremony was held at the Montclair Country Club on August 10th. Seven awards were given to recipients entering college and eight awards were given to those entering Catholic high school in the fall.

DUES – Bring your checkbooks to pay for your 2008 dues at the next meeting, if you have not already paid. Checks should be made out to AOH for \$24.00.

DIVISION WEBSITE – For the LtCol John A. Dowd, USMC Division and the Virginia State Board. Please review and forward these sites to friends and family. These websites are a great source of information and can be used as a recruiting tool. We are sharing calendar events with the Kelly Division in Manassas.

OUR TROOPS – Please remember to pray for our troops and their families, and continue to visit the website set up for us to show our support, www.americasupportsyou.mil.

IN OUR PRAYERS – Brother John McGovern passed away June 2007. Also, Brothers Jim Sullivan, Ron Leo, his wife, Phyllis Leo, Brother Charlie Moore's sister, and Tom Leonard passed away in recent years. Brother Bill Riley, Brother Terry Riley's father, passed away on December 20th. Please remember them in your prayers.

THE BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION – was held at the New Orleans Sheraton Inn from July 23rd to the 26th. Seamus Boyle was elected as National President.

MEETING SCHEDULE – Unless otherwise noted, Division meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month at Our Lady of Angels School.

NEXT DIVISION MEETING WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 4th AT OUR LADY OF ANGELS SCHOOL at 7:15 p.m.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

John F. Murphy

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