

“Welcome Aboard, Marines”

Detachment’s Newest Members

Betsy Payne, Ted Canaday
Paul Orr, Parvin Weaver
Alan Hostetter, Patrick Anders,
Robert Keiter, George Sheriff
Richard Looney, Roger Fugere
Thomas Fiero, Larry Gore
James McMillan, Wayne Wright
Randall Poor, Mark Brubaker
Leroy Luther, J. R. Wells

Upcoming Activities and Events

Jan. 5-7, 2007: PA Dept MCL Winter Meeting, Indiantown Gap

Jan. 17, 2007: Detachment Meeting – AmVets Post 274, 1900 Hrs Meeting, Indiantown Gap

Feb. 21, 2007: Detachment Meeting – AmVets Post 274, 1900 Hrs

Mar. 16-17, 2007: PA Dept MCL Spring Meeting, Indiantown Gap

Mar. 21, 2007: Detachment Meeting – AmVets Post 274, 1900 Hrs

April 13-14, 2007: National NE Division Meeting, Scranton PA

May TBD, 2007: PA MCL Leadership School, Indiantown Gap

June 20-24, 2007: PA Dept MCL Convention, Cranberry Twp. (Pittsburgh)

Aug 5-11, 2007: National MCL Convention, Albuquerque NM

October TBD, 2007: PA Dept. MCL Fall Meeting, Jonestown PA

Jan. 4-6, 2008: PA Dept MCL Winter Meeting, Indiantown Gap

Mar. 28-29, 2008: PA Dept MCL Spring Meeting, Indiantown Gap

Assemble on the Grinder

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3rd Wednesday of the Month
1900 Hours

AmVet Building #274,
40 E. Louthier St., Carlisle PA

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

January 17 - February 21 - March 21

Detachment Website

Marine Mike Wright has provide the Detachment with new Domain Name to access our Detachment website - www.mcl524.org. This should make it easier for all to remember how to access the website and be able to share Detachment happening with friends and prospective members on the Web. The old www.tricountyi.net/~jar/mcl524.htm will continue to provide access for an undetermined period of time.

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PA Department: www.pamcleague.org

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Attention On Deck!!

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231st Marine Corps Birthday Ball

On Saturday, November 11th, approximate 90 Marines, Leaguers and Guest attend the Detachment’s annual Birthday Ball celebration at the Carlisle VFW Post. Commandant General John A. LeJeune’s first Birthday Message was read by Marine Allen Ferguson, following by a video of this year’s message by Commandant Michael W. Hagee. MSgt Rube Nace (USMC-Ret) presented of the Birthday Cake and the cutting was performed by Captain Scott Zimmerman. Marine Capt Zimmerman, who recently returned from a tour in Iraq, is the son of Detachment member Gil Zimmerman. The first piece of cake was presented to the oldest Marine Mr. Dick Bennie and the second to the youngest Marine - Matt Brown. Following the dinner, the Detachment conducted its first Awards and Recognition Program. The following Detachment members were recognized for the contribution and commitment to the Corps, Detachment and County. The **Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor** was presented to James Washington and James Clouse. The **Bronze Distinguished Citizen Award** was present to James Washington, James Clouse, Robert Clouse, Clarence ‘Butch’ Bouders, James Grove, William Grove, Richard Grove, Ronald Hoover, William Snider, Charles Awkerman, Jack Callaghan and Jean Artz. The **Bronze Distinguished Service Award** was presented to Will Gabig, Richard Shaffner and Robert Ford, **Individual Meritorious Commendations** were presented to Mike Clepper, Bill Myers, Bill Snider and Robert Gilbert. The **Community Service Ribbons** were presented to Steve Jackson, Grant Hockenberry, Jack Callaghan and John Keim. Bob Gilbert, Bill Myers, Richard Shaffner and Jim Clouse were recognized as the **Detachment Recruiters of the Year**. **Certificates of Appreciation** were presented to Betsy Payne and Betsy Ferguson. The Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Detachment was proud to recognize Dick Bennie, Robin and Mike White as **Honorary Members**.

Arthur T. McDermott, Lt. Col. USMC-Ret.

13 June 1930 - 28 August 2006

On August 28, 2006 Lt. Col. Arthur T. McDermott answered his last earthly muster and reported to the Supreme Commandant. After retiring from the Marine Corps, Col. Mac enrolled in the Dickenson School of Law and earned his Doctorate of Law. He established a very successful practice in the Carlisle Area. He shared his legal expertise with the Detachment by serving as the Judge Advocate for many years. The Detachment was honored to be asked to serve as the Honor Guard during the Memorial Service for the Colonel on September 6th. For those who knew Marine McDermott, it was truly the loss of a friend. The Detachment send its sincere condolences to Susan McDermott and Family.

Semper Fidelis - Rest in Peace, Marine

Detachment Flag Retirement Ceremony



On October 28th the Detachment Conducted a Retirement for Unserviceable American Flags at Thornwald Park in Carlisle. During the year over 3000 flags had been collected at area VFW, American Legion and AM-Vets Posts. The Detachment was assisted in retiring the flags by the Cumberland Count Honor Guard and Carlisle Boy Scout Troops. US Congressman Todd Platts and PA Representative Will Gabil spoke briefly, thanking the Detachment. Kudo to Detachment member Jim Clouse, whose efforts made this event possible

V.A.V.S - Claremont Home



On Sunday October 1st, fifteen members of the Detachment visited the Veterans at the Claremont Home in Carlisle. The Veterans and Detachment members enjoyed the afternoon with cake and ice cream.

Thanks to Northwood Motor Group - New Bloomfield

The Detachment would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for the support that we have received from the Northwood Motor Group, New Bloomfield PA. General Manager Tom Gilbert provided the Car that was won for a hone-in-one during the Detachment's Golf Outing. Formal turnover was conducted in September to Ian Heckman. Northwood Motors also collect over \$480 for the Detachment's "Toys for Toys" program at a Dunking Booth at the Perry Co. Fair.

Boiling Spring H.S. Veteran's Day Breakfast



Veterans from the South Middletown Township were guest as the annual Boiling Springs High School's Veteran's Day Breakfast on Friday, November 10th. This Annual event is sponsored by the School's community service "Interact Club". Adjutant Jim Reed presented Club's President Caitlin Heilen a Marine Corps League Certificate of Appreciation for their support and for honoring the area veterans



Photo Top Left:

Holly Robertson (Civil War Museum), 1stSgt Paul Finn (I&I Staff Harrisburg, Pa.), Kate Hostetler (Civil War Museum), Gil Bixter (Lancaster County Det), Jim Washington Jr. (Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Det.), SSgt Dennis Hixson (I&I Staff Harrisburg, Pa.), Major Cook (I&I Staff Harrisburg, Pa.) and J.R. Wells (Landis-McCleaf Det) attended the National "Toys for Toys" National Kick-Off Luncheon held at the Hilton Inn, Alexandria VA.

Photo Top Right: J. R. Wells (L) of Landis-McCleaf Det, and Jim Washington @ of Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Det. Flank fellow Toys for Tots Coordinators from the Lebanon County and Lancaster County Detachments at the South Central Pennsylvania T4T Kick-off at the Harrisburg Civil War Museum.

Carlisle Area Tots For Tots: Registration started for the annual Carlisle & South Central Pennsylvania "Tots for Tots" program on November 1st and runs through December 1st. Distribution of the toys will be held on December 2, 9, and 16 at 1250 Ritner Highway, Carlisle PA. To Register for Toys For Tots call 717-557-3387. Of more information on how you can support the T4T program contact area coordinator Jim Washington at 717-249-5144 or email Jim at

