

Upcoming Detachment & League Event & Activities	
June 1, 2007	Annual Golf Outing, Army War College Golf Course - 1300 Hours
June 20, 2007	Detachment Monthly Meeting - 1900 Hours
June 20-24, 2007	PA Dept MCL Convention - Pittsburgh PA
July 7, 2007	Community Yard Sale Fundraiser - Wal-Mart, Carlisle
July 13-14, 2007	Detachment Fundraiser - Wal-Mart, Carlisle
July 28, 2007	Detachment Monthly Meeting & Picnic
August 5-11, 2007	84 th National MCL Convention - Albuquerque, NM
August 15, 2007	Detachment Monthly Meeting
September 19, 2007	Detachment Monthly Meeting
Oct. TBD, 2007	PA Dept MCL Fall Quarterly Meeting -
Oct. 15, 2007	Submission Deadline for Detachment Awards & Recognitions
Oct. 17, 2007	Detachment Monthly Meeting
Nov. 10, 2007	Carlisle Veteran's Day Parade
Nov. 10, 2007	Detachment 232 nd Birthday Ball
Nov. 14, 2007	Detachment Monthly Meeting
Dec. 19, 2007	Detachment Monthly Meeting
Jan. 5, 2008	PA Dept MCL Winter Quarterly Meeting
Mar. 28, 2008	PA Dept MCL Spring Quarterly Meeting

Detachment Membership

An organization will grow and prosper by increasing its Active Membership. This requires using the 4 **IN**'s. Bring them **IN**, by recruiting: be **IN**terested - get to know the individual you recruited - invite them to meeting, activities; get them **IN**volved in the many League and Detachment program. Retention will then be a **NO BRAINER** - you will keep them **IN**. At the last Detachment meeting, Sr. Vice Cndt. Chaney commented that the Detachment deserves an A+ for recruiting (Over 30 New Member this year) but over the past several years, we have had a lot of "One Year Wonders" who we don't get involved and were soon gone. This goes out as a challenge to all who recruit new member, become their **Sponsor** and get him involved and they will stay

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Lew's Canons



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Editor's Footnote

"WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?"

This is probably the question that many of you may have asked. The Editor apologizes for the failure to publish an issue over the past several month. It is definitely not for lack of Detachment activities and other news worthy items. It is our intent to publish future Newsletter at least every other month, highlighting the events of the previous two month and upcoming League activities.

Since the is somewhat of a "Fresh Start", the Editor has taken the liberty of renaming the newsletter from "Attention on Deck" to "Lew's Canons" in honor of the Detachment's name sake, Lewis B. Puller, Jr. A **CANON** is defined as the works of an author that have been accepted as authentic. But as the homophone, **CANNON** delivers support to a Marine Infantryman, a Detachment newsletter provides support and information to its members to keep them involved and active. Some might even find a play on word of "Loose Cannons", but we all know that none exist in any Marine Corps League Detachment.

To achieve the goal of publishing a timely and meaningful newsletter on a regular basis, the Editor is requesting your assistance. It would be appreciated if all Detachment Officers and Committee Chairs would submit a written report and members who have newsworthy items submit them to the Editor.

The assistance of any Detachment member interested in the publication of the Detachment newsletter is more than welcomed.

Please submit you articles, etc to the Editor - Jim Reed, 717-582-8315, MCL524@earthlink.net.

"While We Were Away"

Highlights of Detachment Events and Activities since the Last Newsletter.

- Life Member and longtime Detachment Judge Advocate, Col. Arthur T. Mc Dermott (USMC-Ret.) reported to the Supreme Commandant on August 28, 2006.
- On October 28, 2006, the Detachment conducted a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Thornwald Park with the assistance of the Cumberland County Honor Guard and local Boy Scout Troops. This successful program was spearheaded and organized by Marine Jim Clouse.
- Boiling Springs Veterans Day Breakfast. The Detachment was represented by Jim Reed and Jim Washington. A MCL Certificate of appreciation for the support of area veterans was presented to "Interact Club" President Caitlin Heilen.
- The Detachment participated in the Carlisle Veteran's Day Parade with a float and march contingency.
- The Detachment participated in several VAVS visitations.

"While We Were Away".....

• **BirthDay Ball** - Again Jim Washington and the BirthDay Ball Committee organized another successful event. Over 80 members and guest attended. The 231's anniversary BirthDay Ball The Detachment uses this opportunity to recognize the contributions of the members by presenting the following MCL awards

◇ **Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor:** Jim Clouse, Jim Washington

◇ **Bronze Distinguished Citizen Award:** James Washington, James Clouse, Robert Clouse, Clarence 'Butch' Bouders, James Grove, William Grove, Richard Grove, Ronald Hoover, William Snider, Charles Awkerman, Jack Callaghan, Jean Artz.

◇ **Bronze Distinguished Service Award:** Will Gabig, Richard Shaffner, Robert Ford

◇ **Individual Meritorious Commendations:** Mike Clepper, Bill Myers, Bill Snider, Robert Gilbert

◇ **Community Service Ribbons:** Steve Jackson, Grant Hockenberry, Jack Callaghan

◇ **Detachment Recruiters:** Jim Clouse, Richard Schaffner, Bill Myers, Bob Gilbert

• **Toys For Tots** - Jim Washington Reported another Successful T4T Campaign in the Carlisle and South Central PA. For his efforts Jim was nominated by the National T4T Foundation for the Region and National LCO of the Year recognition.

Welcome Aboard

The Following New Members have come on board. Welcome.: 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 Brewbaker, Leroy Luther, J. R. Wells, David Rose, William McNaughton, John Kutz, Erich Klein, Ray Gross, Eric Fussenegger, John Bowman, Michael

Wright, Duane. Crawford, David Welker, Ronald Schultz, Thomas Piercy, Lewis Biscuit, George Wiskard, David. Baker

Detachment Officers - 2007



The Detachment Officers for 2007-2008 were elected at the March meeting and Installed in April by the Central Division Staff - Commandant Gordy Sheriff and Mike White. Officers for the upcoming year are: Commandant, Bob Gilbert; Sr. Vice, Bill Chaney; Jr. Vice, Rand Heishman; Judge Advocate, Dick Grove; Paymaster Allen Ferguson, Adjutant, Jim Reed; Chaplain Dick Shaffner; Sgt-At-Arms, Alan Hostetter
Congratulation to this years Elected Staff and best wishes for another successful year in the League.

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.

Marine Corps League on the Web

National: www.mcleague.org
PA Department: www.pamcleague.org

NEW LOCATION

Assemble on the Grinder

....Next Muster

3rd Wednesday of the Month
1900 Hours

American Legion Post 101

142 North Hanover St., Carlisle PA

June 20 - August 15 - Sept. 19

July Detachment Meeting/Picnic will be held July 28th at Ray Tennyson's Farm (Contact Picnic Committee - Bill Myers for Details)



Ron Hoover Detachment MOY

Congratulations to Ron Hoover for being selected as the 2007 Detachment Marine of the Year. A well deserving honor and recognition for his commitment to the League, Corps and Community.

MCL Life Membership



Consider Becoming a Life Member

As many of you are aware there was an increase of \$ 8.00 on January 1 2007 that the Detachment must forward to the National MCL from you annual dues payment.. The Detachment was able to keep the renewal payment at \$25.00, but this is not a guarantee, since additional increases in Department and National MCL dues could take place. The Detachment benefits in several ways by your becoming a Life Member. (1) The one-time life membership fee is invested by National, and the profits are distributed to the Detachments. Each year we receive a check from National based the number of our Life Members. (2) Contrary to what you might think, the Department Membership/Recruiting Awards are NOT based the number of new member recruited, but on the difference in Members in Good Standing between the Department Convention. Even though the Detachment has recruited in excess of 30 new members this year. Our membership increases only reflect an increase of 15, because some of you did not pay your dues by your renewal date and are considered 'inactive'. Being a Life member benefits you in that you never again will have to send in you membership renewal fee, The biggest advantage is the long term cost saving. For example, if you are 41 and decide to 'GO LIFE', the one time cost would be \$350. By age 54, you have recovered this expense. Please be aware

that the Life Member Fees are scheduled to increase 1 January 2009, by \$25 to \$50 depending on your age bracket.

I know that \$350 seem like a goodly sum. To help our members "Go Life", an installment/payment plan has been set up by the paymaster. You can make monthly installments and once your contribution meets the required amount you will be submitted for Life Membership.

See Paymaster, Allen Ferguson for details.

"GO LIFE"



Military Order of Devil Dogs

MODD is the 'fun and honor' society of the Marine Corps.

MODD Pounds are looking the very best Detachment members to join this elite organization. The Devil Dogs do many worthwhile activities to support the MCL Programs - VAVS, Youth & Veteran Programs, and contributions to Children's Hospitals. Recently J. R. Wells was appointed as our Detachment's MODD Liaison. See J.R. for information on becoming a "Devil Dog"

Links have been added to our Detachment Website for additional information on the MCL's Military Order of Devil Dogs.

MCL Department Convention Carlisle - 2008

At the 2006 PA Dept. MCL Convention, it was announced that no Detachment in the Central Division has submitted a proposal for hosting the 2008 Convention. This issue was discussed among the Detachment Leadership and agreed to research the prospects of submitting a bid for hosting the 2008 Convention. A proposal was submitted and approved for the Department Convention to be held in Carlisle, with Lewis B. Puller, Jr. being the Host Detachment. Thank to the efforts of Bob Gilbert and Jim Washington on bring this recognition on our Detachment. Hopefully, this will provide some of you the opportunity to attend the Convention and see the inner working of the League. More detail, after this years Convention.