

## Central District Meeting

The Detachment was represented at the Central District Meeting on Sept. 8th by Jim Reed and Eric Fussenegger. The meeting was hosted by the Williamsport Detachment, in DuBoistown. The Detachment provided the following input to the meeting 1) Soliciting assistance as the Host Detachment for the 2008 Department Convention, 2) With the minimum use of the National MCL Locator system within the District, volunteered to assist and train other Detachment Web Sergeants 3) Seeking criteria input for a proposed Department Website Award 4) Submitted a proposal to redistrict the Department based on geographic location and make the number of Detachments supported in each District more equitable. 5) Reformat the Commandant's Council portion of the Department Quarterly Meetings to provide training and presentation on areas of common interest and concern.

These suggestions and recommendations were well received by the Detachment representatives at the meeting Department Sr. Vice Commandant, Dick Brown and District Vice-Commandant Gordon Sheriff will be presenting these recommendations at the Department Quarterly Staff Meeting in October. (See Dept Website - Dept. Officers Reports)

## Detachment Auxiliary



An organizational meeting for a Detachment Auxiliary was conducted on Saturday, September 8th. PA Department MCLA President Sydney Minchin assisted by National Vice President

Joan Devlin provided the prospective members with an overview of the MCLA, requirements for forming a Unit, dues, forms, etc. An Unit Charter application was processed and the Unit elected the following temporary officers: President - Kelly Tennyson ;Sr. Vice President - Marie Keefer; Jr. Vice President. - Norma Grove; Judge Advocate - Mary Grove; Secretary - Pat Clouse; Treasure - Sis Grove. Regular membership in the Auxiliary is open to all wives, daughters, Eligibility to join as a Regular Member are Women marines, former Women Marines, wives, widows, mothers, daughters, grandmothers, granddaughters, sisters, stepmothers, step-daughters and daughters-in law of a marine, former marine or FMF Corpsman eligible to belong to the Marine Corps League, Inc. All Detachment Members are asked to encourage their spouses and family members to join and become involved with the Detachment's Auxiliary.

## Flag Recognition



Recently Paymaster Allen Ferguson presented to the Staff of Saturn of Carlisle Pike, Jeremy Haring, Scott Hover, Mary Abruzzese and David Smith with a Certificate of Appreciation for displaying the Flag. The Saturn dealership prominently displays a thirty foot American flag over the dealership. Mary's son, Marine Corporal Joseph, has served in Iraq.

## VETERANS TO SALUTE THE FLAG

July 26, 2007

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) today praised the passage by unanimous consent of his bill (S.1877) clarifying U.S. law to allow veterans and servicemen not in uniform to salute the flag. Current law (US Code Title 4, Chapter 1) states that veterans and servicemen not in uniform should place their hand over their heart without clarifying whether they can or should salute the flag.

"The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military Service," Senator Inhofe said. "Veterans and Service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform.

"Unfortunately, current U.S. law leaves confusion as to whether veterans and service members out of uniform can or should salute the flag. My legislation will clarify this regulation, allowing veterans and servicemen alike to salute the flag, whether they are in uniform or not.

"I look forward to seeing those who have served saluting proudly at baseball games, parades, and formal events. I believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to others citizens. Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others."

## Marine Corps Birthday Ball



The Detachment's Marine Corps Birthday Ball celebration will be held at American Legion Post 101, 142 N Hanover St Carlisle Pa. The ball will be held on November the 10th. There will be a CASH BAR!!!. The cocktail hour starts at 1800 will the program at 1900 dinner is served at 1930. Dinner will be Carved Prime Rib, Stuffed Chicken Breast with gravy, Baked potato, corn, salad, roll w/butter, & vanilla ice cream. Cost is \$25.00 in advance no tickets sold at door. Jim Washington says he will try to get the cake there in one piece this year. Come out and tour are new meeting room, and help celebrated this years award winners. The need your money by the 2nd of November. For tickets or more information contact Birthday Ball Chair Jim Washington - - jimwashingtonjr@comcast.net - 249-5144

## Dept. Navy & Marine Corps

A tremendous opportunity is upon us! For the sixth straight year, the House of Representatives has passed legislation sponsored by North Carolina Congressman Walter Jones to give the United States Marine Corps the recognition it deserves. Congressman Jones' initiative to redesignate the Department of the Navy as the "Department of the Navy and Marine Corps" has once again been included in the National Defense Authorization Act, and now must pass the Senate. In past years, this language has unfortunately stalled in the Senate. With new leadership on the Senate Armed Services Committee, now is the time to urge the Senate to recognize the real role of the U.S. Marine Corps in the Department of the Navy.

Although the Marine Corps is currently a department within the Navy, its operational abilities have outgrown this distinction. Throughout its history, the Marine Corps has shown itself to be adaptable to any fighting condition and is not limited to amphibious warfare. Today, the Marine Corps has highly integrated air, land, and sea components that execute missions worldwide.

Contact your Senator to support this initiative. See Detachment Website for template letter and your Senator's contact information.

## Sick & In Distress Charlie Awkerman

Tis sad news I am sending you about our very Dear friend. Yes, he is in Sick Bay with Alzheimer's. He is having a very very very hard time of it. He floats back and forth between the hospital and a nursing home. At the present time he is in the hospital in a special unit. He is now being administered some special medication. His expected stay there several weeks.

I have just recently spoken to his Daughter as early as this morning, this Labor Day Sep 3. She has given me these instructions. Please do not call his telephone number at home. His Sister is now living there. His sickness has taken a toll on her. When she receives this calls it is not easy for her.

Your POC is his Daughter Mrs. Paula Snyder, 79 Courtyard Drive, Carlisle, PA. 17013. Send your greetings cards and whatever To the Sergeant Major C/O Mrs. Paula Snyder. She will contact me if there is a turn for the worse. Not to be morbid, if he passes on to meet the Supreme Commander. For now he needs all the help he can get in your spiritual thoughts and your prayers. Please be advised I will be away from my computer and home from Sept 4 returning Tuesday Sep 18. Please: If any of you have contact with General P..X. Kelley USMC (Ret) give him this message Awkerman was the General's Sgt. Major in Vietnam. Please pass this info on to those in your address book or those that need to know. Thank you. God bless America and all of you. And don't forget to remember Charlie's families in your prayers.

Semper Fidelis, Marines  
Respectfully,  
1stSgt Philip D. CIOFALO USMC (Ret)

## Detachment Flag Retirement



The Detachment's Second Flag Retirement Ceremony will be conducted on October 6th at Thonwald Park, Carlisle at 0930 Hours. For additional information contact Jim Clouse, Flag Retire. Chair - jaclose@aol.com, 241-4038