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Marine Corps League Lake of the Ozarks Detachment #1137

April 2015

Commandants Message

Marines – If you missed Howard Carlson's 100th birthday party on 03/16/15, you missed a great time. Good food (Thanks to Rosie Losito) and Great song (Thanks to Jim Hartwick).

If you are computer savvy – check out our face book page at “Lake of the Ozarks Marine Corps League” for pictures and a video.

Howard – Once again “Happy Birthday”.

Welcome to our two newest members, Tom Ladd from the Brumley Area and Ron Naber from the Sunrise Beach area! Please join me in helping make them feel at home with our detachment.

Total membership for our detachment now stands at 74.

Officer elections were held at the March meeting and the following were elected:

Commandant	Mike Procter
Senior Vice-Commandant	Jim Hartwick
Junior Vice-Commandant	Jeremy Kee
Judge Advocate	Bob Beattie
Adjutant	Carl Hubble
Paymaster	Teresa Terry

Jeff McCleary is the Junior Past Commandant

Ray Decker is the Chaplain

Tom Smith is the Sgt-at-Arms

John Losito is the Quartermaster

The officer installation will take place at the April Meeting on Tuesday April 14th. Past Commandant Joe Terry will be the Installing Officer.

On behalf of all the Officers elected and appointed for the next year, thank you for your vote of confidence and we will do our best to continue to promote our Marine Corps League, our Marine Corps and our Country.

Please continue to invite fellow Marine veterans and Navy Corpsmen to join our detachment.

Listed below are the scheduled activities for the next two months—plug in where you can and participate.

Semper Fi

Mike Procter
Commandant

Calendar Items

04/09-04/12 Midwest Division Conference – Jefferson City

04/14 Monthly MCL Meeting 6:00 PM Officer Installation

04/15 Color Guard Tan-Tar-A 9:15 AM Missouri Federated Garden Club Convention

04/18 Camdenton Dogwood Festival Parade 10:00 AM

04/23 Color Guard Light up the Night Hwy 42 Toll Bridge 7:00 PM

05/02 Magic Dragon Car Show – sell Pistol Raffle Tickets on the Lake Ozark Strip 9:00 AM

05/05 Supper/Game Night 6:00 PM

05/13 Monthly MCL Meeting 6:00 PM

05/16 New Comers/Long Timers Home Show – need Marines for parking detail 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

05/23 Bingo trip to Columbia Veterans Hospital in Columbia - leave 11:00 AM – back 5:30 PM

06/19-06/22 Department Conference -- Springfield



CHAPLAIN'S

CORNER

Greetings, Leathernecks!

I trust this finds you all well and happy! Spring has sprung, and hearts are lighter coming out of the winter season. Plants, grass, flowers, and trees are blooming in the promise of life renewed—God's creation in all of its glory, after a long period of hibernation and restoration! Soon we will hear the chorus of thousands of frogs, insects, birds, and forest creatures lifting their voices in a cacophony of life. It's time to lube and re-string the fishing reels and plow and plant the gardens—it is great to be alive! Let us take some time during this busy and light-hearted season to be thankful to almighty God for allowing us to experience it one more time, and to our fellow Marines and Corpsmen who stood—and are still standing—in harm's way to ensure that we have the privilege to enjoy these blessings as free men and women. Let us pause often to remember and honor those who have given life and limb for our freedom, and to give tribute to their many sacrifices by endeavoring to persevere and preserve that freedom bought at so high a price. Let us continue the fight by all the means we have available to us; let us not allow their sacrifices to be made in vain! Let us join hands and present a united front against the evil that has come against our great nation and, by the grace and power of the Almighty, let us overcome it! Let us write our own story for the annals of history! Let us continue to prove ourselves to be the few, the proud—the Marines!

Sick Bay Commandos:

Jimmy George: recovering from cancer treatment;
Joe Terry: recovering from surgery.

Shut-ins:

Michelle Cartier: condition is worsening;
Colonel Godbey: Nursing home duty.

Let's keep these Marines in our thoughts and prayers. Cards will be sent. Plans for visitation are in progress. Congrats to the new and returning officers. Let's pledge our support for the next year. It was great to see so many of you at the March meeting. Those who couldn't attend were missed! Hope to see you all in April. Until then, Godspeed!

Semper Fi!
Chaps out

Marine Corps Scuttlebutt:

From the 1950's through the 1980's people living or working at the US Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, we potentially exposed to drinking water contaminated with industrial solvents, benzene, and other chemicals. This exposure may have led to health conditions.

You may be eligible for VA benefits if you lived or worked at Camp Lejeune for 30 days or more between 1957 and 1987.

If eligible, proceed as follows:

Veterans receive VA health care; care for qualifying health conditions is at no cost (including copayments)
Family members receive reimbursement for out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred from treatment of
qualifying health conditions.

If you have been diagnosed with any of the below health conditions, you may be eligible for benefits:

Esophageal cancer	Breast cancer	Kidney cancer	Multiple myeloma	Renal toxicity
Female infertility	Scleroderma	Non Hodgkin's lymphoma		Lung cancer
Bladder Cancer	Leukemia	Myelodysplastic syndromes		Hepatic Steatosis
Miscarriage	Neurobehavioral effects			

Veterans proceed as follows:

Show that you lived on Camp Lejeune.

1. Gather documents such as military orders or base housing records.
2. Enroll in care. If you are enrolled in VA care contact your local VA facility.
3. If you are not enrolled, call 1-877-222-8387 for assistance.

Family Members Proceed as Follows:

Gather documents.

1. Show your relationship to a veteran. Marriage License or birth certificate
2. Show that you lived on Camp Lejeune. Military orders sending your veteran to Camp Lejeune for base housing records.

Gather receipts

1. By law, the VA may only compensate for eligible out-of-pocket expenses after family members have received payment from all other health plans
2. You may request reimbursement for expenses incurred on or after March 26, 2013, which is the date that Congress began to fund this program.

Apply for reimbursement

1. Call 1-866-372-1144

Howard Carlson's 100th birthday party



"Howie" preparing to blow out his candles!



Presenting a birthday present from the detachment.



Howard "Howie Hot Lips" 100th Birthday Cake



Lake Ozark Marine Corps League "Choir" singing Howie a special song for the 100th birthday!!!



Marines Tom Ladd and Ron Naber getting sworn in as new members!!!!

Meeting Information

Detachment #1137 meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1800 hours sharp.
LOCATION: Detachment HQ is at Lake Rd 42-3, Kaiser, MO 65047

If you would like to publish something in the next newsletter send email to jeremyjkee@gmail.com