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Marine Corps League Lake of the Ozarks Detachment #1137

February 2016 / March 2016

Commandant's Message

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Greetings Marines!

The past few months have been a busy time for our Marine Corps League.

January – In addition to our regular meetings, we sent a group to the Columbia Veterans Hospital for Bingo.

February – Already this month we held a Supper/Game Night at the MCL building that was well attended. We were glad to have Bill and Mary Lou Webb attend from Springfield. (Bill Webb is our Department Commandant).

A group of Marines attended the funeral of David Hollingsworth, a member of our detachment from the Sunrise Beach area.

During the past year, we have had at least two of our Marines pass away and we did not know about their death until sometime after the funeral. I encourage each of you to make sure your spouse or next of kin has contact information for the Marine Corps League in case of your death. We would like to have a part in the Military funeral honors and have a opportunity to pay our final respects to our departed Marines.

MCL Officer Elections will be held at our Regular Meeting on March 8th, 2016.

A Nomination Committee has been formed with all Past Commandants appointed as members. Jeff McCleary is Chairman of this committee. If any of you are interested in an officer position, please contact one of the past Commandants. Nominations can be made both from the nominating committee and from the floor during the election process.

Elected Positions:

Commandant
Senior Vice Commandant
Junior Vice Commandant
Paymaster
Judge Advocate
Adjutant

The following are appointed positions:

Sgt at Arms
Chaplain
Quartermaster
Facilities Coordinator

We have several activities scheduled for the months ahead and more will be added as the days go by. I encourage you to plug in where you can and participate.

Calendar Items:

02-23 February Officers Meeting 1800
03-08 Regular Monthly Meeting 1800 – Officer Elections will be held during this meeting
03-12 Missouri Department Meeting Jefferson City 0900
03-12 Lake Ozark St. Patrick's Day Parade 1:00 PM – Our MCL Color Guard will lead the parade
03-15 Supper/Game night 6:00 PM Poker/Cards/Bumper Pool/Washers, etc?
03-22 March Officers Meeting 1800
04-12 Regular Monthly Meeting 1800 (New Officers will be installed at this meeting)
04-26 April Officers Meeting 1800
05-07 Magic Dragon Car Show (sell Pistol Raffle Tickets)
05-21 MCL Golf Tournament sponsored by the Jefferson City Detachment –call Alan Sanning 573-659-5069
05-28 Bingo at Columbia Veterans Home
06-10 thru 06-12 Department Conference St. Louis

Our Marine Corps League Color Guard needs more Marines. If interested see Mike Procter.

Semper Fi,

Mike Procter
Commandant cell 573-286-3990

Team Work

by Charlie Morris

MCL Detachment 1137 Brings Home the Gold for 2015

As a result of diligent and prolonged practice sessions and a concerted team effort, Detachment 1137, once again, earned the highly sought after, but often elusive, first place award in the Marine Corps League Department of Missouri Pistol Match. The statewide rifle/pistol match, in conjunction with the National MCL Rifle & Pistol Postal Match, was hosted by the Jefferson City Detachment at the United Sportsmen's Gun Club on August 29, 2015.

Due to increased interest last year, our Detachment was able to field two 5-member teams for the competition. Team A consisted of Charlie Morris (pistol team honcho), Rick (Santa) Smith, Ron (Sky Hawk) Kleiboeker, Jeff (Gunny) McCleary, and Wild Bill Promberger. Team B consisted of Jim (DOD) Hartwick, Bob (Biker) Baker, Teresa (Legal Beagle) Terry, Bob (ATF) Beattie, and Joe (Roy) Terry.

When the smoke cleared and the dust settled, Team A had beat down the competition to take first place in the match with an outstanding score of 2193 – 20X. Very few teams broke 2000. Ooo-rah 1137!!!
Additional awards were as follows:

High Pistol Individual Score – Charlie Morris;

Most Improved Shooter – Jim Hartwick;

and the coveted "Mess Kit" (a traveling trophy for bringing up the rear) went to Joe Terry.

All MCL members, in good standing, are encouraged to participate in this challenging, but fun, annual event. So dig that old weapon out of the gun safe, clean it up and get out to the range.

Chaplain's✝Corner

Greetings, Leathernecks!

I trust this finds you all well and happy. I hope everyone is handling the typical Missouri weather—unpredictable! It is always good to see your smiling faces at the meetings. As always, those who cannot attend are missed. Each of us plays an important role in the detachment, and it's always good to soak up a little *esprit-de-corps*! I trust everyone had an enjoyable Valentine's Day, and that you will enjoy the Easter holidays coming up. Oh yeah—don't be an April fool!

Sick Bay Commandos:

1. Michelle Cartier's condition is progressing. She is a real trooper, though, and on her more lucid days she is a riot! Let's keep our lady warrior in prayer during her struggle.
2. Bob Studt is recovering from a surgical procedure. Let's be praying for a swift recovery.

Final Orders: We are saddened by the recent loss of two fine Marines from the Detachment:

- Kenneth E. Johnson received his final orders on 10 December 2015;
- David Hollingsworth received his final orders on 01 January 2016.

The loss of these two Marines will be felt for some time to come. Let's keep their loved ones and friends in prayer in the days and weeks to come.

**No man is an island,
Entire of itself.
Each is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main.
If a clod be washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less.
As well as if a promontory were.
As well as if a manor of thine own
Or of thine friend's were.
Each man's death diminishes me,
For I am involved in mankind.
Therefore, send not to know
For whom the bell tolls,
It tolls for thee.**

These famous words by John Donne were not originally written as a poem - the passage is taken from the 1624 Meditation 17, from Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions and is prose.¹

I hope to see you all at the March and April meetings!

Semper Fi;

Chaps out.

¹ Retrieved from http://www.famousliteraryworks.com/donne_for_whom_the_bell_tolls.htm.

Adjutant's Corner

Below is a "Letter to the Editor" that was published in the local newspaper:

I read with great interest the letter in the editorial page of the December 7, 2015 Lake Sun regarding the approval by the administration whereby all military jobs are now open to women. This includes Navy Seals, Army Green Berets, Marine Recon, etc. This incredible decision was based on some nine-month study done by the University of Pittsburgh. In this study it was concluded that males only outperformed females in 69% of the criteria studied.

As a career Marine Officer with 25 years in uniform, I can't even imagine what was examined in this study. Was it conducted in conditions such as the jungles and rice paddies of Vietnam, the frozen mountains of Korea, or the desert heat of the Arab countries? If not, it is totally worthless. I don't think the weather around Pittsburgh, PA, quite measures up to those extremes.

This editorial was very well written and almost complete. It did leave out one very important fact. That is if you are engaged in close contact with the enemy in the combat arms, you will have some of the members in your unit captured by the enemy. It has happened in every war in the history of our country and will happen again without fail.

If women are in combat units they will on occasion be captured. Most of you have seen graphic scenes of heads being removed by ISIS I am not going to go into detail about about what the first thing the ISIS warriors would do with the young women they capture. I suspect it will not be to cut their heads off. The truth is they will be brutalized beyond our imagination.

Overall, this is just another example of our peoccupation with making another institutional overhaul to prove equality between the sexes. Ultimately this one will prove to have disastrous results.

The American public will not be pleased to see our daughters being brutalized by Arab terrorists. They will want a full accounting from Barack Obama and Ashton Carter on why they let this happen. The answer will be "we didn't send them to combat" or "we didnt' plan for them to be in combat. We thought perhaps they could stay home and guard the petunias on the south White House Lawn".

How would that work? The male infantry personnel go to war while the females, drawing the same pay, stay home and guard the petunias?

Carl Hubbell