



Marine Corps League

Corporal Stanley L. Moore Detachment #159

Attention On Deck!!!

Cpl. Stanley L. Moore Detachment Newsletter #7

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Detachment Commandant – Dave Wojta

Marines and Friends,

Whenever Tim asks me to supply some input for the Newsletter, I almost always refer to the time of the year and what changes the weather and seasons bring to us as a Detachment. Since it is a quarterly Newsletter, it seems pretty fitting. Along with those seasonal changes, comes the natural progression of events that we participate in and look forward to.

Narrowed down, we can look at it as Dream Cruise time, Toys for Tots time, Veterans Day and Memorial Day time. I look forward to these “times” as a validation of what we do. We all have busy lives and the fact that you take time from your schedule to participate when you can, is gratifying. We are heading into the Toys for Tots time and our annual golf outing. We will be finalizing plans for these events at our next meeting and I hope you can attend and that we can count on you for a little of your valuable time. It is worth every minute...

Regarding the change in our meeting night, we have spoken with the Commander of the VFW, John Fulks, and he is agreeable to us maintaining Wednesday night if we want to. Since the Dance doesn't start until 8 pm and our meetings start at 7 pm, we will have the bulk of our meeting completed by the time it starts. We can adjust as necessary to make it work. On that note, I will mention that effective 9/7/2011 our meetings will begin at 7 PM at the VFW as it was in the past. Our reminder email will reflect that as well. Hope to see you there!

Semper Fidelis,

Dave Wojta, Commandant

Detachment News.....

Veterans Day 2011 Just a reminder to keep November 11th reserved on your calendar for the Annual Veterans Day program at the Troy City Hall – Veterans Plaza. The Detachment will once again supply a rifle squad and bugler. Hopefully, all three rounds on the M-1s will fire!

Annual Col. Larry O'Grady Golf Outing Don't forget to get your foursomes together and join us at Selfridge ANGB Golf Course on Saturday, September 24. There will be putting contests, straightest drive and closet to the pin contests. The Cost is \$75 per person that includes bagels and coffee at check-in; hotdog, chips and pop at the turn; and a prime rib dinner. For more information check out our website or call Marine Don Lumsden at 248-737-1856.



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Meetings: We are back to meeting the first Wednesday of every month at 1900 hours at VFW Post 9222 located at 3025 Coolidge Hwy., Berkley, MI. Sometimes we meet at 1730 at a local watering hole for mess and scuttlebutt before the meeting. So if you haven't attended a meeting for some time, we invite you back! Let's not be AWOL forever...and bring a prospective new member...all former active duty Marines and FMF Corpsmen are invited!

Next Scheduled Meetings: September 7, October 5, November 2 and December 7 meet at 1900 at the Berkley VFW.

Website: Don't forget to check us out on our web page at: <http://www.mcl159.org/index.html> And look for us on **FACEBOOK!**

Roster Update: Please keep us informed of any address or telephone number updates...or any news you wish to share...we especially want to hear from our out-of-state members. Please contact Don Lumsden (248-737-1856) or Tim McGee (248-643-0971) with any news.

Bingo at VA Hospital: We continue to operate a Bingo game at the Detroit VA Hospital every 4th Thursday of the month...our next scheduled events are September 22 and October 28...can you spare a few hours to help out your fellow Marines?

Call for Recruits: We are very pleased that we have added to our ranks with two new members, but we need more members to fill our needs. Be on the lookout for Marines or FMF Corpsmen that may be interested in joining our ranks...let the editor know their address and we will start sending them our newsletters...ask them to come to a meeting...bring them to a meeting!

Scuttlebutt: The following items of interest are published for your appropriate action:

#1 US DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: has updated its social media directory. You can find all the web links, blogs, You Tube, Facebook, Twitter and Flickr connections at <http://www.va.gov/opa/SocialMedia.asp>. VA will update the directory on a weekly basis.

 #2 **TOYS FOR TOTS UPDATE:**

Mark your calendars as we will once again be collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program. We hope to once again serve the **RED HAT "HOT" LADIES** a spaghetti dinner (we will supply the fixings) sometime in November and again have Sgt. Santa collect gifts at the VFW on Saturday, December 3rd. We have also been asked to return to the Troy Museum and Historic Village on December 3rd to collect toys. All the details will be worked out in the next couple of meetings.

#3 DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN MCL: We have been talking about the 2013 bid for the National convention to be held at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids.... Well we presented the bid today before the main body of the Marine Corps League and **WON** the bid, in the coming weeks we will be looking for people to help out with the planning and grunt work the next two years.

If you are interested please email either Wendy or I at halfpint16@ameritech.net or gunnyz@ameritech.net or you can call us at (517) 541-1501. There will be a lot of work to do and we will need as many MCL and MCLA members to help this is a Department of Michigan event, so call or email us and we will put a meeting together soon.

Wouldn't it be nice if our detachment showed up in full force for this convention!

#4 BERKLEY PARADE & DREAM CRUISE: Well, Berkley Cruise Night 2011 is in the books. I want to thank Ken and Judy Murray, Keith and Shelley Unternahrer, Jim Slowik, Tim and Julie McGee and Mike Lynch for doing a great job putting this little fundraiser on. It was work, but as I can see it was a labor of love. You all are great!

We netted \$130.00 even, which almost doubled last year's take! A nice chunk of change to help the Detachment which in turn will help others.

#5 AGENT ORANGE REGISTRY: Did you serve in the Vietnam War? If so, then you should schedule an Agent Orange Registry Health Exam...I did last month...more information is available at:

Call your local VA Environmental Health Coordinator about getting an Agent Orange Registry health exam at the JOHN D. DINGELL VAMC in Detroit attn: Cheryl Best at (313) 576-1000 x63489 or email at Cheryl.Best@va.gov and Fax: (313) 576-1094

VA's Agent Orange Registry Health Exam alerts Veterans to possible long-term health problems that may be related to Agent Orange exposure during their military service. The registry data helps VA understand and respond to these health problems more effectively.

This comprehensive health exam includes an exposure and medical history, laboratory tests, and a physical exam. A VA health professional will discuss the results face-to-face with the Veteran and in a follow-up letter.

#6 THE MARINE: This is a poem being sent from a Marine to his Dad. For those who take the time to read it, you'll see a letter from him to his dad at the bottom. It makes you truly thankful for not only the Marines, but ALL of our troops.

THE MARINE

We all came together,
Both young and old
To fight for our freedom,
To stand and be bold.

In the midst of all evil,
We stand our ground,
And we protect our country
From all terror around..

Peace and not war,
Is what some people say.
But I'll give my life,
So you can live the American way.

I give you the right
To talk of your peace.
To stand in your groups,
And protest in our streets.

But still I fight on,
I don't bitch, I don't whine.
I'm just one of the people
Who is doing your time.

I'm harder than nails,
Stronger than any machine.
I'm the immortal soldier,
I'm a U..S. MARINE!

So stand in my shoes,
And leave from your home.
Fight for the people who hate you,
With the protests they've shown.
Fight for the stranger,
Fight for the young.
So they all may have,
The greatest freedom you've won.

Fight for the sick,
Fight for the poor.
Fight for the cripple,
Who lives next door.

But when your time comes,
Do what I've done.
For if you stand up for freedom,
You'll stand when the fight's done



Once a Marine, Always a Marine!

