

# Maryland Muster

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## From the Commandant - Craig P. Reeling

Happy New Year Marines ! I hope you all had time over the holidays to spend time with your family and friends. So far the winter has been mild for most of us and I hope it stays that way. I did get an AWD vehicle last summer, so the weather won't stop me from getting around the Department visit your Detachment Meetings and Events.

January through May always seems to be the busy season for the MCL. Most Det's hold their nominations and elections of officers. Please provide your Installation Dates to the Dept Adjutant. The Dept Staff is looking forward to attending your Installations.

The National Mid-Winter Conference held in Falls Church VA moved to March 3-5. This is a great opportunity to see how the National Staff operate. EVERY Member is invited to attend. Even if you can only make on Fri or Sat. Make sure to pre-register (see the latest edition of the Semper Fi Magazine). The MODD holds a great Growl on Friday Night!

I want to extend a special thank you to every MCL, Associate, Auxiliary Member and Family who volunteered their time for TOYS FOT TOTS. This is a mission we Marines hold near and dear to our hearts. The final numbers are not available yet, but I know of several local campaigns that had banner years. Any support your Detachment provided to TFT is now being tracked here at the Dept level. For more info, contact our Dept TFT Chairman Marian James.

If you have a newsletter, make sure you include the Department Board of Trustees on your distribution.

Now to be blunt: 2016 is the year that we make sure all of our Detachment's are abiding by the National Bylaws and the Department Bylaws. Every Detachment has responsibility to file certain paperwork and keep that paperwork up to date. Some of the items on this "Vital Info" List include Annual IRS 990N e-Postcard filing (or similar), maintaining a current Maryland State Incorporation ID # and annually Filing a Maryland State FORM1 tax form. These items are required for you to maintain your status as a Detachment. If steps are not taken to correct deficiencies, you may be in jeopardy of losing your Detachment Charter. You need to start with your local Detachment Paymaster to see what records he/she has.

The 2015 Dept Bylaws that were approved at the last Dept Convention were submitted to the National Judge Advocate for approval last summer. There were a few issues that conflicted with the National Bylaws and he would not sign off on them until they are corrected. We will be discussing those issues at the Dept Winter Meeting. We will published them to the Dept website shortly thereafter. Remember we had 21 changes in 2015 that were good and he had issues with the 2008 Bylaws version.

Keep up the good work, stay visible in your community and continue to bring in new members into our MCL family.



## Sr. Vice Commandant - Evelyn Remines

Welcome to 2016! I am throwing it into high gear for the Department Convention on April 28-30th. I'm very excited to be spearheading the convention and hope that I can make it a stress free and enjoyable experience for all!

I encourage all of you to make a family weekend out of the convention. The Princess Royale has an indoor pool & arcade for the family to enjoy while you attend meetings and you have to admit, just being at the ocean is better than sitting at home! I will be bringing my face paints again and we will be having an Elvis impersonator entertain us on Friday evening.



Registration forms are available on the website and will be handed out to the Detachment Commandants at the January Department meeting. Be sure to register all attendees, including children.

If you have any ideas or suggestions to make the convention a better experience, please let me know! The convention isn't just for me, it's for all of us and our families! We won't be able to make the most of the experience if I don't get feedback from all of you.

## Jr. Vice Commandant - Bill Kelly



Greetings to all!!! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season!! Now with the start of the New Year it's time to get back to the task at hand and recruit, recruit, recruit!!!

Overall we ended the year on a positive note with 6 of our 19 detachments showing an increase in growth for the reporting period. I was unable to extract the individual unit numbers for the Vice Commandants, but I hope to correct that for the next reporting period. Regardless, there was sufficient information provided to show how each of the respective detachments were doing in respect to the same time frame of the previous year.

Recruiting is still our primary thrust . I have used the Florida Mentoring Program Guide to develop a similar guide for Maryland. This document has been submitted to Department Commandant Craig Reeling for approval and should be available shortly to all Detachments.

Consider using an information card similar to a business card to identify all of the pertinent information for your Detachment and pass them out to prospective members.

Identify the place, time, and a point of contact with a phone number. All ads, pamphlets, and other media can never replace the one-on-one recruiting effort. The real message here is to get out there, shake hands with another Marine and start a conversation. You never know where the next member and potential leader will be found!

## Judge Advocate- Gerard Devlin

Not a great deal of news this period. I have talked informally with some individual Detachment Members, usually about parliamentary issues.

I have had no requests for formal rulings which is a good sign. It means either things are going well in the Department or that problems are being solved at the detachment level which is as it should be.

I am here to help with any bylaw interpretations or if there are any issues within the detachments that cannot be solved through the Detachment's Judge Advocate.



## Mideast Division News

The 2nd smallest state in the union is going to be the best Mideast Division Conference yet, and you are all invited to register and attend! It will be held at the Hilton Wilmington/Christiana in Newark, Delaware from 24-26 June, 2016.

Registration forms are available and can be found on the Mideast Division's website and from your Department's staff. If you need a registration form, you can email Evie Remines at [mclchick@hotmail.com](mailto:mclchick@hotmail.com)

Room rates are \$124.99 per night and includes two (2) full breakfasts per room per day. The banquet will be held in the Hilton Grand Ballroom. A few unique destinations nearby include Delaware Park Raceway & Casino, Longwood Gardens, Delaware Museum of History, the Christiana Mall and Colonade.

Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 800-348-3133 or 302-454-1500. Also see their website at [www.hiltonstate.com](http://www.hiltonstate.com).

To have your name tag printed and packet prepared prior to your arrival you must be registered by 27 May 2016.



## District One Vice Commandant - Ed Elder

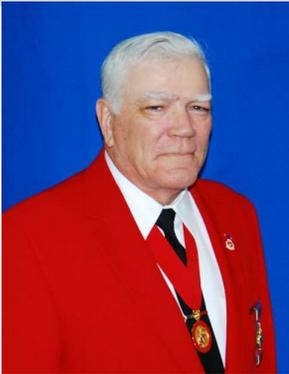
Since the last Department meeting I have:

- Traveled to the National Museum of the Marine Corps with members of the Choptank Detachment
- Attended the 240th Birthday ceremony and 20th Anniversary of the Found of the Snow Hill Marine Corps JROTC with Jim Siegel
- Helped the Mileo Detachment prepare for T4T and their float for the Annual Centreville Christmas Parade
- Aided in the Salisbury Annual Boat Parade and T4T delivery
- Attended the memorial service for Jimmie Lee Howard
- Helped members of the SSgt Cohee detachment clean Gloria Howard's yard

The Seaford Young Marines and Jeff Merritt with Operation We Care support projects for our Soldiers out of Country.

SSgt Cohee's T4T campaign did well and supports the 3 counties of the Lower Eastern Shore

## District Two Vice Commandant - Donald Benson, Sr.



I have had quite a busy time since the last Department meeting, attending many activities for my home Detachment as well as some for Detachments in my District.

Some of those activities included:

- Various events for the Jarrettsville Young Marines
- Harford County Detachment events
- Tomb Trek at Arlington National Cemetery with the Military Order of the Cooties
- Toys for Tots fundraisers
- Received honors from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Baltimore Chapter
- Attended Pound 333 and Pound 204 growls
- Attended the Anne Arundel County Detachment's meetings
- Attended the LCpl Copenhaver Detachment's meetings
- Attended the Baltimore Detachment meetings
- Attended a funeral for an unclaimed veteran. Marine Russell Geter, who had been in residence at Perry Point VA hospital for the past 15 years

I have asked each of the Commandants from my District to send me reports for the Department meeting and have encouraged all of them to attend.

My full report will be available at the Department meeting.

January 2016

## District Three Vice Commandant - Tim Hoernig

Participated in the St. Mary's County Toys For Tots Campaign. The campaign distributed toys 17,749 toys to 1437 needy children throughout St. Mary's county over a two day period. The very large "at-a-boy" needs to be extended to the Coordinator and the volunteers from the Pax River Detachment 1305 and the local community volunteers for holding an outstanding campaign.

Participated with the Pax River Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Celebration on 10 Nov. in Leonardtown, MD. A cake cutting ceremony was conducted in Marine Corps time honored tradition.

Manned a booth for the Patuxent River Detachment, during the Leonardtown, MD Veterans Day Parade on Nov 11th. For the past three years the Detachment's Color Guard lead the parade.

Jan 5th I held nominations of Officers for Patuxent River Detachment for 2016. Installation is to take place March 1st at the California, MD VFW Post 2632 at 1830.

Upcoming events include Mar 1st Installation of Patuxent River Detachment Officers for 2016.

March hold Recruitment Fair for Southern MD Leatherneck Detachment date not set.

April 28th - 30th attend the Department of Maryland State Convention at the Princess Royal Hotel.



## District Four Vice Commandant - Marc Fisher



I have enjoyed participating in several District 4 activities since our last meeting, as well as those of other detachments.

The Million Dollar Real Estate Professionals of the Carroll County Association of Realtors held their annual crab feast and bull roast at the Carroll Post 31 American Legion. The Carroll County Young Marines assisted at this event and truly made a huge impact on the enjoyment of all by delivering crabs to the tables, busing the tables, etc. Everyone commented on how professional and courteous these young folks were!

I attended the Baltimore Detachment Marine Corps Ball, which is always a first class affair. My father, who served from 1955-63, remarked that there were Marines there older than he! He particularly enjoyed talking to the China Marine who was in attendance. A good time was had by all!

The Carroll County Detachment commemorated the Marine Corps Birthday with the Young Marines. Commandant Reeling joined us for a fine dinner and ceremony. The Young Marines and their families did a wonderful job and were very serious

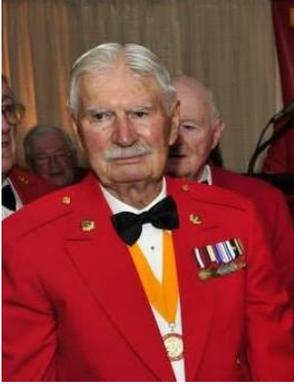
The Lance Corporal Deane Detachment celebrated with a dinner and ceremony at the Mount Airy Tavern. My family and I attended along with several Department Officers. As always, a fine time. It was a very well attended event, and we were honored to have as our guests so many Department Officers, some of whom traveled a distance through rush hour Baltimore traffic to join us! We were also joined by our own Paul Gunther, Commandant of our newest Detachment, whose chartering I had the honor to attend.

We also attended Staff Sergeant Karl Taylor Detachment's annual Veterans celebration, which included a Marine Corps Birthday ceremony. Always a consistently good and well attended event, I was pleased to have 18 folks from the LCpl Deane Detachment attend- Marines and wives, and of course, one child!!!

I am looking forward in the near future to visiting Shangri-la Detachment!

All in all, a very active and healthy District !

## District Five Vice Commandant - Bud Raines



I am responsible for the following detachments:

- Antietam - Hagerstown
- Mountainside Marines - Cumberland
- Garrett County - Oakland

If you need any assistance with your Detachment or are having trouble with communication between your Detachment and the Department, please let me know. It is my primary job to ensure my Detachments know what is going on with the Department and to assist you with any items that may come up.

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### *Did you know???*

On March 20, 1779, Captain William Jones of the Continental Marines placed a recruiting advertisement in the Providence Gazette:

*“The Continental ship Providence, now lying at Boston, is bound on a short cruise, immediately; a few good men are wanted to make up her complement.”*

We’ve been using the slogan “A Few Good Men” ever since.

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## Department Adjutant - Paul Taylor

Within the next three months, most of Maryland's Detachments will be holding election of officers.

### **Incoming Commandants:**

1. Don't forget to invite the Department staff to your installations. And if you would like one of the Department Officers to do the installation, let him/her know ahead of time.

2. Have the Adjutant prepare an Officers Installation Report for the installing officer to sign at the time of the installation. When this is done, keep the bottom copy and forward the rest to the Department Adjutant. Remember that the information from the installation report is what is included in the Department Directory that is distributed at the fall department meeting. Don't be too lazy to fill in all the information.

**Installing Officers:** If the Detachment doesn't have an Officers Installation Report ready for your signature, don't do the installation.



## MODD MD Pack Leader - Jim Brady

Voof Voof (German for Woof Woof) to all the Dogs in Mer-Lin, from the best Maryland Pack Leader ever:

It's that time of the year again when I have some pushy Department Officer asking me to wake up and bark some words of wisdom. If they only knew how hard that is for me to do because I am really a very shy dog at heart.

Now that I have your attention, the Dogs of Mer-Lin should be very proud and continue to be so. We are well on our way to continue to be the best Pack in the Kennel in collecting "BONES" for the kids in Tulsa Oklahoma. Not only Maryland Pack but we also have three worthy Pounds who are looking real good in collecting "BONES" as well. I guess all the Dogs don't want to hear Manny Airey complaining and turning in to a sniveling mangy cur with his tail behind his derriere.

Going forward in to 2016, we have our Pack Growl coming up in April and on that Friday we expect to initiate a few more mongrels in to "Devil Dogs". Let's all get your credentials up-dated and your registrations submitted to attend this public display of our "Marine Corps Spirit" of brotherly support, fellowship and in addition to making fun of ourselves.

It still is my fondest hope to continue to have fun at the growls make them worth attending and getting more dogs involved at every level to which they wish to participate in. Bob Rossi has done a fabulous job in getting us to sing better but there are some things in life that will not get better and us singing better is one of them.

If you've read these dribbling's to this point, let it be known that I will be appointing a new "Mascot Handler" at our January Pack Growl, so if you have a worthy Mongrel, let me know his/her name and I may consider them for this very distinguished position. I was once a "Mascot Handler" so this Marine could someday be our Mer-Lin Pack Leader, after all if Jack Severn could do it anyone could (ha ha ha).

As so many before have said "It is an Honor to be a Devil Dog" so let's go forth and do wonderful things for ourselves, our Pounds, our Packs, our Detachments, our Department and our Marines, Semper Fidelis.

Jim Brady  
PDD 05-288



# MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS

The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

## Toys for Tots - Marian James

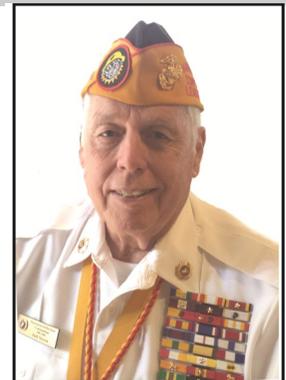


First, I would like to say we wish you and your family a happy, healthy and wealthy New Year. Secondly, I would like to thank Ray Chatary and the members, family and friends from his Detachment for the wonderful job they did on raising funds for the Toys for Tots Program., However, as of this date, it is the only report that I have received and I am again asking that you please e-mail me your information so that I can compile the data so that it can be presented at our upcoming meeting. If you do not have anything to report, please let me know that you did not run a drive. Your attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated .



## Chief of Staff - Jack Severn

I have been busy since the last Department meeting in September. Along with many Marine Corps Birthday celebrations, I also participated in the Veteran's Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery with Ed Sullivan. I aided with the LCpl Deane's golf tournament to benefit Marines Helping Marines, attended the MCL Expo in Quantico, participated in 9/11 remembrance ceremonies, helped with hot dog fund raisers, collected & distributed toys for the local Toys for Tots campaign and also presented an award to the Carrol County Young Marines for their support to the LCpl Deane Detachment.

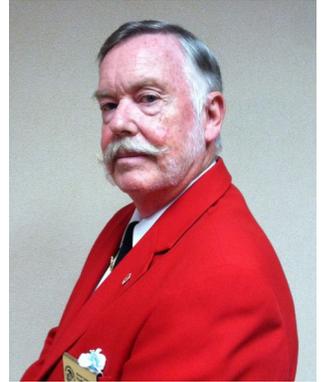


I also attended the Memorial Services for our Past Department Commandant and fellow Honorary Chief Devil Dog, Jimmie Lee Howard. He was a great Marine and Devil Dog and we will really miss him and all the contributions he made the MCL and MODD.

## Seargant-at-Arms - Howard Koontz

Good day to all,

Thanks to all who signed the muster book at the last department meeting. It is important that this is done in a readable fashion. Please print all information. A few weeks prior to future meetings I will contact the detachment to see if everything is ok and what equipment is need for me to bring. We need the flags, a few small tables and a sound system. Our convention is drawing near, April 28 - 30 at Ocean City. Please don't wait until the last minute to make your room and banquet reservations. Please make yourself available when volunteers are need to do what ever is needed.



Semper Fi

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## Historian - Jack Severn

Commandant Reeling has asked me to put together information on every Maryland Detachment that is named after a Marine. We need to know about these great Marines as they are part of our history.

I have asked the following Detachments for help and still need information from the following Detachments:

- Sgt Jack Hettchen
- SSgt Cohee
- Sgt. Mileo
- LCpl Copenhaver

Many thanks to the LCpl Deane and SSgt Taylor Detachments for providing me with information. I am looking for:

- Marine's full name
- Where/When the Marine passed
- Wars in which the Marine fought
- Photos of the Marine
- Any Medals awarded

Any information that would help us honor them.

I am still looking for suggestions on a permanent home to display the Department's awards.

Thank you & Semper Fi

## Department Paymaster - Ed Dahling

Changes, changes, and more changes. With the restructuring of the National HQ a report was presented that they will eliminate the distribution of forms from National to detachments and departments. In its place, forms will be made available on line from the National website Go to [www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org). Or on the Department website at [www.deptofmdmcl.org](http://www.deptofmdmcl.org) On the Home page select the Documents Button and from the drop down select Official Forms. The short story here is if you are not computer literate it is time to jump on the band wagon. I have not read or heard instructions from National but I am going to offer the following. The forms are Fillable PDFs.



Transmittals: (Completed of course), you will need to print five (5) copies Distribution as follows:

Original Signature page and three copies forward to Department, the last copy is for Detachment Records. You must sign all copies, or use carbon paper, you can, but I have not heard those instructions from National. Officer Installation: You will need to print five (5) copies. Four (4) copies forward to Department, the last copy is for Detachment Records.

As above, ditto on additional copies. Death Notice: Same as Officer Installation. I have also been tasked with identifying which Detachments, have or have not filed for an IRS EIN number, or have not filed timely form 990s with the IRS, and have or have not filed Officer Installation forms annually.

All Detachments mail all forms to the Department Paymaster, (Oh yea, more mail for me).

Semper Fi & Woof woof  
Ed Dahling MCL  
Department Of Maryland  
Paymaster

## Legislative Chairman - Gerard Devlin

As I am writing this report for the Maryland Muster the General Assembly is meeting for its annual 90 day session in Annapolis. A number of bills were read across the desk in both Houses. They have not yet been broken down by subject matter so I have to wait until this is done

Each week, I will submit through Depart Adjutant Paul Taylor a list of bills of interest to the members, where they are being held and on what date and at what time. We would like to see more MCL covers and red blazers in Annapolis.

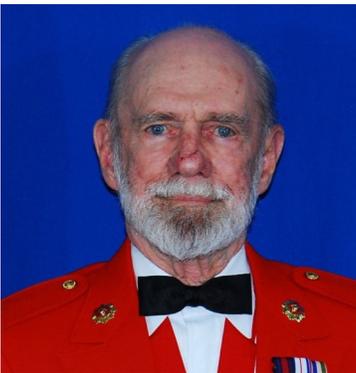
## Young Marines East - Bruce Vanden Bos

Due to health restrictions, I have not been able to make visits to all of my YM units. The Southern MD YM's collaborated with the Pax River Detachment to assist with toy solicitation for the St. Mary's County T4T campaign. They also assisted Bill Plath with the Third Annual Gun Shoot with the proceeds going to the St. Mary's T4T campaign. The YMs also helped to collect, sort and count toys in order to prepare them for distribution to eligible families.

I am hoping to report on more of the YM units in the East district soon.



## Young Marines West - Joe Clemente



If you have any YM events going on in the West area, please contact me so I have an opportunity to attend. The following YM units are in the West District:

- Carroll County
- Hamilton
- Jarrettsville
- Mountaineer Platoon
- Central MD
- Elkridge
- Maryland Line

I can be reach at 301-829-5455.

## Charlotte Hall - Bruce Vanden Bos

The Southern Maryland Young Marines Passed out Christmas bags to the residents of Charlotte Hall Veteran's home. This has become an annual event and opportunity for service to the Veterans from the Young Marines.



## Chaplain - Tony Begenwald



Since our last quarterly meeting on September 12, 2015, I have received NO reports of any MCL member or family member who may have been ill or in distress. Personally, I find this hard to believe especially in view of the fact that I have received 15 Death Notices during this same time frame. This has to be simply the result of Detachment Chaplains not being notified, thus they are not able to forward the names and addresses of ill or distressed members to me.

As mentioned above, I received 16 Death Notices for Department members who have passed on to their final duty station. For some, the date of death is not known because they passed many months or even years ago and were discovered only as a result of the Detachments reviewing their delinquent member list. The following is a listing of those 16:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Detachment</u>
Earle Railey	Unknown	Garrett County
Carl A. Hasselbach	Unknown	Garrett County
William C. Klotzbaugh	Unknown	Garrett County
Eugene D. Helbig Sr.	Unknown	Garrett County
Marvin J. Seyfer	Aug 27	Baltimore
Robert W. Filkosky Sr	Oct 2	Mountainside
Benjamin R. Manning	Oct 9	Baltimore
Edward Bennett	Oct 30	Garrett County
William A. Goldsbrough	Nov 11	Baltimore
Paul H. McGregor	Nov 15	Mountainside
Charles D. Mueller	Nov 19	Mountainside
Milton A. Davis	Nov 26	Mountainside
John N. Huber	Unknown	Mountainside
Jimmie Lee Howard	Dec 5	SSgt Walter Cohee III
Ray E. Goodman	Dec 26	Shangri-La
George Runyon	Jan 6	Harford County



## Eagle Scouts - Bob Rossi



It is a pleasure to report that 2015 was a year of successful transition from Chaieey Warns to myself. Under Charlie's administration the number of awards issued by Maryland detachments increased from 62 in 2014 to 118 in 2015. Congratulations Charlie – Well Done!

Shangri-La made 43 presentations and was the largest producer. Congratulations Carl Lenhardt. Free State's Donal Alexander driven by Ray Chaterly's attention awarded 10. Pax River and Harford County came in next with 9 each. Congratulations Joe Fay and Evie Remines. The Department of Maryland Commandant Reeling leading by example did a cool 27.

Prospects for 2016 look even better. Stuart Blair Chairman at the Mid-East level made a presentation to the BSA Baltimore Area Council CEO Brian Steger and his staff in early November. Stuart gave out about 20 packages to circulate the information the MCL Eagle Scout Award Program. As part of that briefing I was given the name of Charles Dobbins Area 6 Director as the point of contact for Montgomery County. It falls within the purview the newly chartered Sgt. Jack Hettchen Detachment 1428 under Commandant Paul Gunther, were I am a member.

There is a new optional presentation certificate with the following citation:

*Good Citizenship Award  
John Doe*

*By authority of the Congress of the United States as vested in the Marine Corps League, through its charter signed into law by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on 4, August 1937, this award is presented in recognition of your attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout. Well done!*

*Awarded in the year of our Lord xx , month year*

*Commandant XYZ Detachment XXXX  
Department of Maryland*

This citation is intended to be used with the MCL Logo Marine Corps League blank certificate form and the red presentation folder. It may be used in lieu of the certificates with the ES Medal image. Contact me at 301-972-0101 or [robert.rossi@mrisc.com](mailto:robert.rossi@mrisc.com) for a full size email copy.

## 4th CEB Liaison - Harry Hierstetter

On 6 November 2015 MVC Commissioner Stuart Blair presented the Governor's Citation, signed by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and Lt Gov. Boyd Rutherford, to the 4th Combat Engineer Battalion for their outstanding effort of the Family Readiness Program. Accepting the Citation were:

- \* LtCol Lance Windel CO,
- \* LtCol Walter Carr, I & I
- \* Ms Bea Ramos, Family Readiness Officer.



I Assisted Commissioner Blair in my role as, the Department's Liaison to 4thCEB. Also in attendance were MCL Associate member Judith Hoffman and MCL MED Auxiliary Asst. Pres. Bernadine Blair.

4th CEB Marine Family Readiness Officer Bea Ramos has coordinated with me as liaison for the Baltimore Detachment, furnishing names of Marine Families in need of assistance. As part of this program, the Baltimore Detachment has provided food packages and monetary assistance for Marine families in need.

## Perry Point Veteran's Hospital



Many thanks to all the Marines who came out to say farewell to Marine Russel Geter. Marine Geter had been in residence at Perry Point for the last 15 years and had no family in order to help send him to meet the Supreme Commandant. A call was put out and members from the Harford County and LCpl Copenhaver Detachments came to make sure that Marine Geter had proper funeral service. The Memorial flag was given to the nurse who had cared for him for the last 15 years. She advocated for him while he was in residency and was as close to family as he had.

If you live near the Perryville area, there are always events for the Veterans in residence. Consider become a registered volunteer so you can help out and make the stay a bit easier for all of those who live there. It is always appreciated by the residents to have someone come by to do things, or just to sit and talk with them.

## Joint Veteran's Committee of MD - Ray Chatary

The Joint Veterans Committee of Maryland Veteran of the Year for 2016 is Andy Martel from AMVETS.

Andy is a Past Chairman of the JVC of MD and Past State Commander for AMVETS. The JVC Veteran of the Year Banquet will be on Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Bowie Elks Lodge in Crofton, Maryland.

Cost of the tickets is \$35.00 per person. This is a great event and the leadership of most of the Veterans organizations in Maryland are present.

Department Commandant Reeling will be presenting an award on behalf of the Marine Corps League. Department Officers are encouraged to attend to show support for Andy. Those Marines who have been honored with this award previously are Past Department Commandant Ray Chatary; Past Department Commandant Jerry Devlin and Department Chaplain Tony Begenwald.



Complete information regarding the Veteran of the Year Banquet and Advertising, also a Biography of Andy Martel will be forwarded in the next couple of days.

The JVC of Maryland meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from September through March. The next meeting will be on Wednesday January 20, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m. at Omaha Beach Chapter No. 7 DAV, 8205 Laurel Bowie Road, Bowie, Maryland 20715 Phone: (301) 464-8899.

Members of the JVC of MD representing the Marine Corps League this year are:

Commandant Craig Reeling; Jr. Past Commandant Stuart Blair; Sr. Vice Commandant Evie Remines; Jr. Vice Commandant Bill Kelly; Department Adjutant Paul Taylor; Past Department Commandant Jack Colleran; Department Chaplain Tony Begenwald; Don Benson; Harry Hierstetter; District 3 Vice Commandant Tim Hoernig. Past Chairmen are Past Department Commandant Ray Chatary; Past Department Commandant Jerry Devlin; Past Department Commandant Wayne Virgin and Past Detachment Commandant Bob Flick. All members listed above are responsible to attend the JVC meetings. January, February and March are very important meetings since the Maryland Legislature is in Session in Annapolis and Legislative Chairman Jerry Devlin give very comprehensive reports on Veteran's Legislative bills filed.



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The members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorable discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marine and former Marines and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.



Marine Corps League license plates are always available! As long as you are a member in good standing you qualify for these plates. If interested, please contact Craig Reeling at [Craig.Reeling@MarylandMarines.org](mailto:Craig.Reeling@MarylandMarines.org)

***If you would like something posted in the next issue of the Maryland Muster, email either Evie at [mclchick@hotmail.com](mailto:mclchick@hotmail.com) or Don at [msgte8don@yahoo.com](mailto:msgte8don@yahoo.com)***