

# Maryland Muster

## From the Commandant

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I welcome you to the introductory issue of the Department of Maryland Newsletter. This Bulletin is to provide communication on administrative policy and pending events within the department. These are areas that I want the Detachments to focus on to ensure the Department of Maryland complies with directives from MCL National HQ and Mid East Division. Disperse and direct this information to all members. Detachments are requested to submit any information on scheduled events within their area to the Department Newsletter Editor

Your contribution of the information stated will be of benefit to the other detachments throughout the department. This can only succeed with your committed participation. We hope you find these articles interesting, informative, and enjoyable, but regardless of what you think, we want your feedback!

We plan to publish this newsletter quarterly, so be on the look out for our next issue in the winter. ENJOY



Semper Fidelis,  
*Stuart P. Blair*

## Events within the Department

- **Anne Arundel County Det 1049 - Annual Bull & Oyster Roast**  
Sunday, October 12th 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. \$35.00 per person  
VFW Post 160 - 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie MD 21061  
Joseph Wright at (410) 590-6511 or artycpl@verizon.net
- **Baltimore Detachment 565 - Marine Corps Ball**  
Saturday, November 8th 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. \$40.00 per person  
Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave, Fullerton, MD  
Jack Colleran at 410-647-3877 or Stuart Blair at 410-665-6440
- **Sgt. Mileo Detachment 1147 - Marine Corps Ball**  
Saturday, November 1st 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. \$30.00 per person  
Bay Country Moose Lodge, 6154 Main Street,  
Queenstown, MD  
Al Athey, Jr. at 410-758-8783 or 410-490-2889
- **Harford County Detachment 1198 - 10th Anniversary**  
Saturday, March 28th 2015, Columbus Gardens  
4301 Klosterman Ave, Fullerton, MD
- **5th Annual APG Marine Corps Birthday Lunch**  
Friday, November 7th, 1200-1330  
Ruggles Golf Course, APG, MD  
Craig Reeling marineharddog@aol.com
- **Annual Leadership College**  
To be held for one Saturday this spring.  
Location and date TBD.
- **Mountainside Marine Detachment 1071 - Birthday Ball**  
Saturday, November 15th 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Ali Ghan Shriner Club, 13100 Ali Ghan Road, NE,  
Cumberland, MD

## Mid East Division Highlights

The Mid East Division issues a bulletin to all members within the division. If you haven't received this bulletin, but would like to; please contact the Mid East Div Adjutant, Roger Ware at [rrware@yahoo.com](mailto:rrware@yahoo.com)

At the 2014 National Convention in Charleston, WV Mike McLain, Dept of WV was reinstated as the NVC for the Division. Bruce Rakfeldt, Dept of NC was reinstated as Assistant NVC.

The 2015 National Convention will be 9-15 August in Scottsdale, AZ . You can make your reservations with the Scottsdale Plaza Resort at 480-948-5000. Room rates including tax is \$106.38 per night. Breakfast, Wi-fi and parking is included.

The 2015 Midwinter National Conference will be February 12-14, 2015 at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church, VA. Reservations can be made at 800-228-9290.

The Dept of VA will be hosting the 2015 Division Conference June 26-28, 2015 at the Hospitality House Hotel in Fredericksburg, VA - 800-682-1049

## Sr. Vice Commandant - Craig Reeling

It was a busy summer. I, along with a number of Maryland MCL members, attended the 91st National Convention in Charleston, WV. A great time was had for all that attended. Planning has already begun for our 2015 Department Convention. Per the Dept Bylaws, every Detachment Sr. Vice is on the committee. I look forward to working with all or you. My other project for this year is to consolidate all the "vital information" on each local Detachment. I will be collecting EINs, Charter Dates, MD State ID numbers, MD State Incorporation Dates and most recent IRS 990 filing dates to name a few. Every Detachment Commandant will be receiving a letter with the requested information. The Department needs to make sure that every Detachment is in full compliance with the IRS and state of MD.

I look forward to getting out to some local Detachment meetings and attending a few Marine Corps Birthday celebrations with you all.

If I can be of any assistance to you or your Detachment, don't hesitate to contact me.

## Jr. Vice Commandant - Evelyn Remines

By now, all the Detachment Commandants and JVCs should have received information on forming a Marine Retention Program (MRT) within their detachment. This is an important program to implement as it will help regain non-attending members and recruit more members into the League. If you need a copy of the MRT SOP or help with setting up an MRT within your Detachment, you can contact me at [mclchick@hotmail.com](mailto:mclchick@hotmail.com) or 443-243-2430.

Take every opportunity to recruit Marines, FMF Corpsmen and FMF Chaplains into the League!

We need to make sure the League grows and thrives and this is an ideal way in which to achieve this mission.

## Judge Advocate - Charlie Warns

Members,

The Bylaws that were passed at National will be implemented into the Department's Bylaws soon. If there are any Department Bylaw changes that you would like to make, you must have them submitted to me by 1 December 2014. If you have any questions about submitting a Bylaw change, you can contact me and I will be glad to send you an example to follow.

I would also like to remind you to try to solve any disputes at the Detachment level with your Judge Advocate. If there is no way to resolve issues, then you can contact me for guidance. The last thing you should do is to air your dirty laundry out to the public or other Detachments. This brings dishonor to the League and should be avoided at all costs. We do not want the general public to think that we are a bunch of petty squabblers and we also don't want to discourage people from joining because we cannot get along. I can be reach via email at [bcpl440@aol.com](mailto:bcpl440@aol.com)



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 [marineharddog@aol.com](mailto:marineharddog@aol.com)

## Pack Leader - Jim Brady

Woof! Woof!

Thank you again to all you Devil Dogs for electing me as your Pack Leader. We'll see how much you regret it after this first Pack Growl!

I want all of you to keep me informed of when you will be holding Pound growls so I can try to attend. I may even have some free loading dogs try to tag along thinking they're important or something.

Right now the Maryland Pack is working on a trophy that will be awarded to the Pound or Pack who donates the most passport bones to the Kennel. Remember that this is for the kids, not for the Kennel or for other things. The Maryland Pack donated \$2110.00 bones this past year and I would like to see us surpass that amount.

The Mid Winter growl in Falls Church will be on the 13th of February, 2015. This is the only Kennel Growl that can be attended by Dogs of any rank, so try to make plans to attend.

Keep on the looking out for good MCL members to be brought into the Devil Dogs.



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Marine Corps League**

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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.

## KEEP US INFORMED!!

The Department staff wants to help support the Detachments in order to help ensure their success! Please contact your DVC or the Newsletter editors if you have any events that

you would like to have advertised in this newsletter or on the Department of Maryland Facebook page.

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***The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.***

- George Bernard Shaw