Commandant’s Message

Well, Spring is here and we have several things to look forward to enjoying. First better weather and second a reduced Covus threat. Both mean that we are going to be able to get out and meet with friends and our fellow Marines. We can start taking care of our League business and enjoy each others company at our meetings. A lot is going on and it is election time for our detachments. If you need any help with your elections contact your Division Vice Commandants. We have great people out there who are ready and willing to help you or get help for you. They have started the ball rolling in Ohio and our paperwork and status is coming up. If you don't know who your Division Vice is contact Roger Smith or myself.

April 16th and 17th is the Department Spring meeting in Fairlawn, Ohio at the Holiday Inn. I encourage each and every Detachment to send one of your officers or members to Attend. Come out and meet the Department officers. It is important that you understand that the officers of the Department are there to serve you so we need you to come and let us know how you are doing. If you can come for only one day then come on Saturday, the majority of our business will occur then. Semper Fidelis my Brothers & Sisters!

Semper Fi,

Mike Kirk
Jr. Vice Commandant’s Message:

Division Vice Commandants, It has come to my attention that some senior citizens are having trouble navigating websites to make an appointment to receive a COVID vaccine shot. Remember some are not as computer savvy as others and may require help. I am concerned that some of our Marines may be embarrassed or too stressed to ask for help so as leaders we need to reach out to them. Please ask your Detachment Commandants to check with their membership and their families to verify that those wishing to receive the vaccine are able to make their appointment, and have transportation to the appointment. If there is anything I can do to help please let me know. Semper Fidelis.

Roger Smith

Jr. Past Commandant’s Message:

The days are getting longer and warmer which means more time that we can be outside. Enjoying the parades and gatherings which had been cancelled last year. Plan to come to the Department Spring meeting in April. Marine Tyrone has promised me that there will be plenty of delicious food. We will adhere to the Governors directions of distancing and masks when needed. Most of us have or are receiving their covid vaccinations so the chance of spreading the virus is dwindling. Keep in touch with your Detachment members who may be shut-in and offer to help them when possible. They may need some groceries or medicine picked up, or a ride to a store or just a phone call to see if they are ok. Remember Marines help each other. PDC John Cook

Semper Fi,
MODD Pack Leader Ohio message

I have recently sent out e-mails to all Dog Pound Keepers / Dog Robbers regarding getting their IRS 990 & SOS Incorporation numbers to date if they have not done so already. The Pound number with NO e-mail address is # 156 Montezuma in Cincinnati and with no call back when requested. Pack Ohio needs to have ALL Pounds send in an up dated list of Elected Officers with (good contact Information). You can send this information to me Gary Evans Pack Leader 1185 ST Rt 13 SE Crooksville, Ohio 43731 or to John Cook Pack Dog Robber 2532 Edwards Rd. North Fairfield, Ohio 44855-9668. We need to get all Dog Pounds up to date as per MODD National Kennel.

WOOF WOOF

Semper Fi,

Gary Evans

Message from Dog Robber: Pound Growl Change

Do to unforeseen scheduling events that were not noticed until now. The growl for Pound #164 has been moved to April 25, Sunday at the Medina County Veterans Memorial Hall at 2pm. The Pack will have their regular growl as scheduled on the weekend of the Department Spring meeting April 16-18. Sorry for any scheduling errors this may have caused. I know the Pound Keeper will fine me some big bones for this mix-up. Woof, Woof

Semper Fi,

John Cook
Department awards Committee:

AWARDS AWARD AWARDS No matter how hard we try, someone says they didn't get the word. The word is AWARDS. All special request for awards must be in by the Spring Meeting. The word is very plain and straight forward. Marine of the Year has a sheet that is used to “score” the Marine of the Year. Prior to submitting a Marine of the Year nominee look over the requirements and write the recommendation based upon the scoring matrix.

Place a copy in a seal envelope marked “MARINE OF THE YEAR” and turn it in to the Commandant. The Commandant will collect all recommendations and then hand the submissions over to the Marine of the Year Committee. The committee will me and based on the score determine who the Marine of the Year. Once determined the required steps will be performed and the Marine of the Year will be announced at the Annual Convention Banquet. Only the committee will know who was selected and they are bound by Honor not to reveal the upcoming name. Devil Dog Year just as the Marine of the Year, the recommendation for Devil Dog of the Year has similar requirement with one exception. Place a copy in a seal envelope marked “DEVIL DOG OF THE YEAR” and turn it in to the Pack Leader. The Pack Leader will collect all recommendations and then hand the submissions over to the Devil Dog Year Committee. The committee will me and based on the score determine who the Devil Dog of the Year. Once determined the required steps will be performed and the Devil Dog of the Year will be announced at the Annual Convention Banquet. Only the committee will know who was selected and they are bound by Honor not to reveal the upcoming name. Purple Bone an Ohio Pack award. Follow the same instruction for the Devil Dog. The Department Commandant will present awards they were recommended at the Department Level. The Commandant also present awards based on his/her choice to Members that meet the requirements for the award being presented. So if your detachment has a Marine that you feel should be acknowledge forward a letter of recommendation to the Commandant. Don't forget to bring your Detachment History Book for consideration. Make sure you id the time and place of the photo in your book. The Junior Commandant will also be presenting awards for 100% membership and for the most new members recruited by a member (five is the minimum) to be considered for Recruiter of Year. Please take the time and effort to help your members and detachment received the Awards available. If you have a question look into the Bylaws and Admin to help you determine who is worthy. All request for awards must be in presented to the Department Commandant not later than 1 May in order to insure a review and award can be prepared in a timely manner.

Semper Fi,

PDC Darrell Logan
The VAD’s are searching for a VSO to serve in the Cincinnati area. We are looking for some to that is interested in serving not only the Marine Corps League, but the Veterans and Veterans families. The VSO will serve 2 days a week in the Cincinnati VA Medical Center and 2 days a week at the Hamilton CBOC.

All the required VA Training will take place at the VA Facility and is computer based train. It is required of all who service veterans’ claims. A background will be conducted by the VA, and it routine. Membership in the Marine Corps League is required and must be maintained.

Once training is completed the VSO will be a credited Veterans Service Office and be authorized to file claims on behalf of any veteran that meets the required service and discharge.

The qualified applicant should process good communication skills, and computer skill such as typing and completing forms.

If you feel that you process such skills and are interested in such a challenging position please forward a resume with your qualifications with a copy of your MCL or MCLA membership card to VAD Chairman Darrell Logan via email to logandc@earthlink.net. If you meet the requirements for employment and are selected a In-Person interview will be conducted and you will be requested to contact the other VSO’s for interaction and questions you make have about the position.

Semper Fi,
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From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marine.

Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in every clime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far-off Northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes,
You will find us always on the job
The United States Marines.

Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve.
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes,
They will find the streets are guarded
By United States Marines.