

DETACHMENT

1417



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February 2016

Year 1, Edition 2

A Message from the Commandant



Here we are half way through February with our regularly scheduled business meeting on Tuesday. This meeting and next month's meeting are especially important. Tuesday's meeting will be the meeting for nominations. The various officer positions are basically wide open. Jack plans to run again for Judge Advocate. We also have a possible candidate for Commandant. Beyond that, all of the positions are wide open; Sgt at Arms, Sr. Vice Commandant, Jr. Vice Commandant, and Paymaster. Gene is planning to continue as Chaplain and I am hoping to see Cynthia remain as Adjutant. Why all of the vacancies? Some of us have held our positions for two years. It is simply time for new blood. Time for others to lead the way for the best detachment in North Carolina. So, Tuesday's meeting is the time for nominations. You can nominate yourself or someone else. On a personal note...it has been my very great privilege and honor to have served as the Commandant of 1417 for the past two years. Cannot think of a greater group of people to call my brothers and sisters. Semper Fi!

Larry Thornton, Commandant



CORPSMAN

"A long haired, bearded, Marine-hatin' Sailor with certain medical skills, who would go through the very gates of Hell to tend to a wounded Marine."



Monthly Dinners (All dinners start at 1800 (6pm) unless otherwise noted):

March 8: Harbor Inn Seaford, Brevard Road, Asheville Outlet Mall

April 12: Lone Star Steakhouse, Airport Road

May 10: Apollo Flame Bistro, Brevard Road

June 14 (1700/5pm): Tommy's Family Restaurant, Weaverville

MCL Annual Summer Picnic:

July 9, 1100 (11am), Asheville Firefighters Camp, Clayton Road
(More details to follow in the coming months.)



May 9 at 1830 (6:30pm) is the Promotion & Awards Night at Asheville High School main gymnasium for the JROTC. First Sergeant Jesse Warren has asked that members of the Detachment come to support the JROTC and present awards. Please contact First Sargent Warren at jesse.warren@acsgmail.net. If needed, a sign up sheet will be passed about at the April meeting. Thank you!

Please see Pete or Betsy Watts to volunteer for any of the committees for our activities. Events cannot happen with the efforts of just one or two, so please volunteer to help out on all upcoming events! Thanks!

A Message from the Senior Vice Commandant

I will be collecting coats from anyone that would like to donate them at your next monthly meetings. I will then take these to the Veteran's Quarters to donate. This gives everyone plenty of time to clean out your closets and give warmth to those less fortunate.

Semper Fi, John Dies, Sr. Vice Commandant



A Message from the Junior Vice Commandant

Greetings Marines & Associates

I just want to take a moment to thank all of you for what you do

within our detachment and I hope that this next year will provide even more opportunities to grow our detachment and our outreach to other Marine veterans. As we approach the election of new officers for the detachment I hope that you all will take a moment to thank our current officers who are vacating their positions. Larry Thornton has done a fine job as Commandant and has devoted many hours to the success of our detachment. The same can be said for John Dies in his role as Sr. Vice Commandant. I hope that they will continue to provide assistance to the new officers who are elected into those positions. Please continue your own outreach to recruit new members to our detachment so we can grow and prosper. Semper Fidelis!

Ric Ledford
Jr. Vice Commandant

A Message from the Judge Advocate

Hi Folks,

I'm mentoring a Vietnam Vet Marine as he walks the road of recovery. He is presently getting to the point where he will be receiving subsidized housing and he needs HOUSEHOLD GOODS including furniture, kitchenware vases, radio, disc player etc. etc., so PLEASE go through your attic and storage areas and give this Marine a hand and a BIG self-esteem boost knowing he's appreciated for his service to the nation and the Corps.

Semper Fi,
Jack Albright, Judge Advocate



Judge Advocate Jack Albright and Jr. Vice Commandant Ric Ledford hold the new MCL 1417 Asheville banner that was given to the Detachment by Judge Advocate Albright. Thank you sir for your donation!

Please remember those Marines who came before us.



The front four soldiers are (left to right) Ira Hayes, Franklin Sousley, John Bradley and Harlon Block. The back two are Michael Strank (behind Sousley) and Rene Gagnon (behind Bradley). Picture taken by Joe Rosenthal (Info. courtesy of <http://www.iwojima.com/>)

For most people, today is just like any other Friday. But not for us Marines. And not for patriotic Americans who remember the sacrifices of our Armed Forces.

People like you know that on this day, 71 years ago, the first of what would eventually become 80,000 Marines and Navy Corpsmen landed on the black sands of Iwo Jima ... and that they fought a virtually invisible enemy for an unrelenting 36 days. And we remember that more than 6,000 Marines and Sailors died during this pivotal chapter of World War II.

Semper Fi,

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February Marine Minute



Anthony Guidone

USMC 1953 - 1957

Boot Camp	Parris Island
Advance Infantry	Camp Lejeune, NC
Quantico VA	1954 - 1955 Printing &
Reproduction	Camp GIFU
Japan	Camp Courtney
Okinawa	Sergeant
Rank	1957
Honorable Discharge	

Civilian Life	
Advertising	Marketing, Retail Department Chain Store (238
Outlets)	
Builder	Single family Constructions (Owner}
Real Estate	Associate Sales (New York State)

Real Estate	Florida Real Estate Agent (Broker- Owner)
Financial Mortgage	Broker Florida (Owner)
Insurance	Real Estate Title Insurance Company, (Owner)

Retired	To the East Coast of Florida (2006)
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Activities Flying (Single Engine Planes) - Racquet Ball - Boating - Fishing - Photography

Residences	Brooklyn, NY - Mass - New Hampshire - Texas, Florida & North Carolina
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Personal	Married to Phyllis 1961 to present
Children	Daughter, School Teacher - Son, Registered Nurse
Grandchildren	Two Boys, Three Girls

Prior Memberships	Habitat for Humanity (Member Board of Directors & Treasurer)
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Milford Mass - Community Theater, Founder, As a startup community program, active in all stages of theoretical requirements.

Melbourne Art Festival, 25 Years (Member Board of Directors)

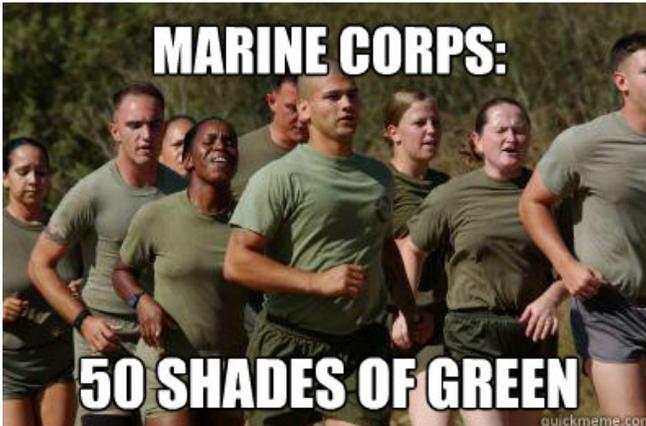
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Philip R Swartz

In case you
missed it

Asheville's own VA scored the top in the nation! For more information, visit the following link:

<http://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/local/2015/04/30/charles-george-va-medical-center-scores-tops-nation/26652943/>



**Remember that nominations are now due.
The following positions are open for
nomination: Commandant, Senior and Junior
Vice Commandant, Paymaster, and Sergeant
at Arms. These positions are for members
only.**

You may nominate yourself!

NOMINATE

**The Adjutant position will be available. Anyone
interested in being appointed let the board know at
the meeting!**

**Without your help, we would not be the Detachment
we are today! Thank you!**

January 30, 2016

A Message from the National Commandant
Marines:

It sure is nice to be able to get back to "The Information Highway" on this page and fill everyone in on what has been going on in the League. I hear that you have been waiting for more news so that tells me that there is interest in this space and you are reading it. Thank you for listening.

I am sure that by now that you are aware that if you need new forms you can pull them up online and print them without having to order them from National. No more delays waiting for shipments and if you need more they are at your fingertips. This results in a savings in funds that had to be paid to suppliers who manufacture them.

A new Detachment locator is being implemented and we were hopeful it would be completed in time to introduce it a Mid-Winter. This will enable everyone throughout the league have contact information on all our Detachments. This info was destroyed when the site shut down and is being completely rebuilt. When installation reports are submitted this enables the most current info to be put onto the locator.

If you look onto the calendar you will see when some of the Divisions are having conferences making the membership aware of the dates, times and locations. As more information is received from the Departments and Divisions it will be added making it easier to plan your schedules so you can attend.

THE MCL History/Awards page had not been touched for several years; the MCL History is now up to the present and those that have been presented awards from the MCL is current. We were happy to make the awards and are more than happy to recognize the achievement on our webpages.

On the Links webpages we have installed easily recognizable as links. So instead of having to squint to read what the link says, this made it easier even us "older" people.

In regards to Veterans Info --We are updating the website with outside resources and within a very short time we should be in full swing and have useful and viable info to pass on. We have just sent two people to school for handling veterans claims cases, as soon as the certification is completed they will start handling cases for the League.

The Web Team is also working on installing video capability similar to YouTube. They hope to have it available in the near future. This way we can provide video clips from our conferences, conventions and other events that affect our Marine Corps League.

Also in the works are new committee pages that will contain the committee roster information, forms, reports and other information they deem valuable to the membership.

The Web Team is working hard to keep the website responsive and compatible with mobile devices. If the site is slow we may lose potential new members. The website is a communication tool for our membership but it is also a great recruiting tool, especially for the younger generation of Marines.

