

The Scuttlebutt

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

JAN 2019



Calendar of Events

15 January
Officers meeting
1800, Barracks

15 Jan
Devil Dog Growl
1900, Barracks

17 January
Regular meetings,
MCL/MCLA
1900, Barracks

22-24 February
Gun Show
Show Me Center

26-27 April
Midwest Spring
Conference Sioux
City Iowa

7-9 June
Dept of Missouri
MCL, Arnold MO

4-9 August
National Convention
Billings Montana

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Happy New Year Marines & Members! As we closeout 2018 and roll into 2019, I feel it is good time to reflect on the past year and look forward to a great year ahead.

In January of 2018, we were all notified that we had lost a key member of our league. A horrible way to start the year. We miss you Jeff.

In February, we kicked off our 2018 rifle raffle with a Remington model 700 .270. Tickets were sold at several events, over the first half of year and was very successful.

In March we had another Mess Night, or a Modified dining as some would say. The food was great, the drinks were smooth and the evening was fun. Rules were followed, mostly. If not, they were fined. March also saw the World Famous S.O.S. Breakfast. Chief Devil Dog Spicer always conducts and profitable, fun and filling event. Woof Woof CDD Spicer.

April and May we had a Rose Event and a Marine night at the Cardinals game. Several Marines also attended the Midwest Division Spring conference in La Vista NE. Planning for the Department Convention was kicked up a few notches during this time.

In May, we again ruled the annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Osage Center and performed Honors at the Jackson ceremony. We always have a good presence at these events.

In June, we hosted the Department of Missouri Marine Corps League convention. Sr. Vice Knapp and his appointees/volunteers did a wonderful job with the convention. We heard over and over again about how we did such a great job. Marines Maevers and Bollwerk, along with Angie, were instrumental with this event. Even though I didn't win the smoker at the auction, I had a great time.

July is my birthday month, however no one attended. Shame on all of you. July is also the month that the rifle team starts shooting weekly. This is a team I always wanted to be on, and joined this year.

August saw the national convention in Buffalo NY. It was well attended by our league. Reports from the convention assured me I missed a good one. The highlight was Chief Spicer being re-elected as Chief Devil Dog. Woof Woof!

September is SEMO Fair month. Jim Halstead, Jim Stroman along with several volunteers maned the booth almost the entire time. This is an extreme drain on manpower but we always seem to pull it off. We raised a lot of money with our Riffle Raffle. Thank you Marines Halstead and Stroman.

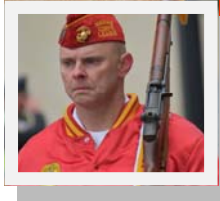
In October we held the second of two Rose Events for the year. Pulling in around \$1000 for distressed Marines and veterans.

November is our birthday month. The Ball was held at Rays Convention Center. Marine Matt McGill was a key individual in this event. Thank you Marine McGill. Marine Jim Maevers, Len Knapp and CDD Spicer also contributed. Our speaker was very interesting, the food and ceremony is always good. November is also the kick off for Toys for Tots. Again Matt McGill along with Sr. Vice Knapp pulled off a great, record breaking, campaign. This marks the first year we combined forces the Jaycees Toy Box. I think it went very well. OooRah McGill and Knapp.

December brought a close to our Toys for Tots campaign and the end of a successful year. Our final numbers are not in yet but our league performed honors at more than 100 funerals. Our membership numbers have stayed steady. Our income from the rifle raffles have greatly outweighed our expenses. Lastly, our league and members have been published multiple times in the Semper Fi Magazine, putting us in a national spotlight. This was a good year.

For 2019, we will have a change in command as I step down and another takes the gavel. I will assist as much as I can to make the transition smooth. I look forward to concentrating my attention on the membership/public information part of the league. I would like to see a social night at least every quarter, where we can get together at the barracks or any other fun spot, and blow off some steam. Movie night is an idea I like. We have already started the process for our next rifle raffle and expect to do a Birthday Ball and Mess Night again. So, for your new year's resolution, what are you going to do for the league?

Commandant Matt Anders



Chaplains Corner

As many of you are aware, I enjoy music and history. Often music reflects what is going on in history. This is the case with a story I recently read and will share with you.

It was Sept. 14, 1814. Francis had been sent by the White House to attempt to gain the release of Dr. Beanes. Francis was a well known attorney. He was sent to attain the release of the prisoner but this was not something that Francis had experience in, Hostage negotiation during a war. Francis was captured by enemy troops and was forced to watch the brutal assault on the Eastern seaboard. The bombardment of American forces lasted 25 hours Toward morning, Francis penned words that you and I know, on the back of an envelope.



After sunrise, the British released Francis, and back in Baltimore he wrote out this hymn in a fuller form and showed it to his brother-in-law who promptly gave it to a printer who ran off handbills for distribution on the streets. One copy landed in the hands of an unknown musician who adapted it to a tune, " To Anacreon in Heaven." The first stanza we all know but have you ever sung the last stanza of "The Star-Spangled Banner"?

Blest with Victory and Peace
 May the Heaven - rescued land
 Praise the power that hath made
 and Preserved us a Nation!
 Then Conquer we must
 When our cause it is just.
 and this be our motto.
 "In God is our Trust."
 and The Star-spangled Banner
 In truth shall wave
 O'er the Land of the Free
 and the Home of the Brave.

And so was born the patriotic Hymn that was to become our National Anthem, and yes, Francis Scott Key, a Christian Attorney and writer of many Christian Hymns, wrote the words that will ever be held close to our Country.

As a new year has come, I wish you a Happy New Year. Pray for our Nation, First Responders, all Military and our beloved Marine Corps.
 May God keep you safe and in the center of His will.

Marine, Jim Stroman, Chaplain
 Marine Corps League Det.1081
 Cape Girardeau MO.

Sr. Vice Commandant's Report

2019 is here. Lets look forward, and decide what direction we need to take our beloved detachment. I would like to see more social events in our future. Both on the League side and the Dog side. As far as I know, we do not have a social director. How about a team effort? If Marine or member wants to put together a fun night, with the help of others of course, please step up. The next event will be set up by another Marine or member. We'll talk more at the meeting.

Dogs remember, we have a Growl this week on Tuesday.

Thank you all, for your help with all our events over the past year. We couldn't have done it with out you.

Knapp Out



Sr. Vice Len Knapp

Jr. Vice Commandant's Report

Marines and Associates,

The new year is among us and I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. With the new year here, we need to start building our membership. If you do not have any applications to hand out, when you are talking to Marines, we have plenty at the barracks.

There are still magnets at the barracks too, if anyone wants to display one. The Car magnets display contact information for our league and detachment.

Here's to a New Year, may our detachment grow and prosper!



David Loyd
Jr. Vice Commandant

Honor Guard Report



The Honors team has performed 4 Honors since last meeting. Total honors performed, year to date (12/20/17), is 101 Honors so far in 2018.

Respectfully submitted
 Jim Halstead

Auxiliary Report

Happy New Year Ladies

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Party in December. Hostess Vera planned some fun games and made some beautiful decorations. Thank you Vera for your hard work. We also collected a lot of items for the Veterans Home.

We will initiate Karen Francis in as a new member in January.

Toys For Tots was another great success. Thank you to everyone who helped.

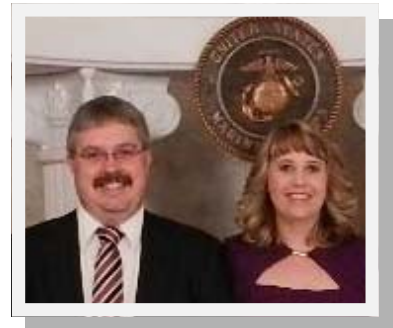
We will discuss continuing Show Me Center at the next meeting.

Food for the next meeting is Angie Bollwerk.
 Dessert is Debbie Allen.

I hope to see everyone there.

Stay warm and safe during this winter season.

Melissa



Our 2018 Campaign After Action Report has been filed. I'm happy to report that we served 3,063 children in our four counties, including the City of Cape. We collected 14,025 toys and 11,232 stocking stuffers.

I want to express a huge thank you to all who assisted this year! I have already filled out an application for the LCO for next year's campaign.

I am entertaining the idea of hosting a golf tournament next year. As well as adding Mississippi County.

Coordinators, please forward any special acknowledgements or citations for individual or specific businesses efforts during this year's campaign.

I'm planning an appreciation dinner toward the end of the month, details to follow, and I look forward to seeing everyone there!

S/F - M. McGill, USMC, Ret.



