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MAIL CALL

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Your Marine Corps League Officers during the swearing in process performed by Jeannine "Bunny" Gray Sr. Vice Commandant

Commandant's Corner

As we go into the new year I have been thinking about goals that I would like to see our detachment accomplish. I couldn't help but be reminded of an old poem by Rudyard Kipling which goes like this, "In times of war, and not before, God and the soldier we adore. The war is over and all things righted, God is forgotten and the soldier slighted." That is an artistic but blunt reminder of human nature. We all at times tend to forget what others have done for us. However, by supporting our troops and veterans the way we have in the past year we are having an impact on their morale by showing our appreciation of their sacrifices.

I recently talked to the CO of the Redmond National Guard unit who just returned from Iraq. He was overjoyed to have received our books and sunglasses. He said they were just what the doctor ordered. He further stated that he would not allow any of his Guardsmen to go outside the wire without good eye protection. He asked me to pass along a heartfelt thanks to you all. So be it. Let's get to work and send more such items to the troops.

Semper Fi,

JUDGE ADVOCATE

If any MCL members want to order uniform items and would like to do a group order – here is your opportunity! If anyone wants to order their items separately I can give you the supplier information.

The MCL uniform is not a requirement to be a member but it is useful to have to wear to H.J. Faltyn meetings, Mid-Winter (Feb.), Annual Conference (June), public appearances and the list goes on.

Our uniform items are ordered from three different suppliers. I'll list the various items available.

1. Red cover
2. Emblem
3. Patches for both shoulders – U.S. flag and MCL Logo
4. Sunbursts for both collars
5. White short/long sleeve blouse/shirt
6. Ties – men/women
7. Red Blazer
8. MCL Crest for blazer breast pocket.

Some of the officers have assorted parts of the uniform and other members are just starting out.

Some of the officers have discussed getting our uniforms together for the Mid-Winter in February. In order to do this successfully, a deadline for order and payment will be Jan. 11, 2006. Items 1-4 usually take 7-10 days at the most. The blouse/shirts take about the same amount of time if the sizes are in stock. If not in stock, it doesn't usually take much longer. We have not ordered the Red Blazers yet, so I don't know how long to allow for delivery. Please take into consideration that the patches must be sewn on the blouses and shirts.

Membership Cards

If you have paid your dues in the last six months, please check to see if your MCL membership card has arrived in the mail. If not, please notify me by January 11, 2006, our next meeting date.

Miscellaneous

I don't have the date for the Mid-Winter. I'm going to get in touch with Terry today.

Semper Fi,

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Our next regular meeting is January 11th at 6:30, Eagles Lodge, 2771 Pence Loop SE, Salem, OR

