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MAIL CALL
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COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Dear Fellow Marines & Members of the Marine Corps Family I have now served two years as the Commandant of the Detachment, and I am really pleased with direction we are headed! I do not take credit for all we have accomplished as one person simply could not do all that we have done. Attending the conference in Brookings two years ago Coralee and I saw a room full of Marines. We were enjoying ourselves so much, and Coralee said, "Why can't we do this in Salem?" What she meant was why can't we have a group this large for a Marine get together. I replied, "Why not. Let's go for it."

Now we have an enthusiastic and growing Detachment that is doing all kinds of good. The whole idea of my joining was simply to be a part of a local group whereby I could enjoy the company of fellow Marines. I recently asked John Woods, Department of Oregon Commandant, why we were selected as the Detachment of the year for two years in a row. He replied that our Detachment is "busting at the seams with enthusiasm" and he wanted the other Oregon Detachments to take note.

I recently received a letter from Major Rob Fraser, Oregon National Guard, who is serving in Afghanistan. On 9/11 he is going to fly an American Flag over their Head Quarters in Kabul in honor of our Marine Corps League Detachment. The sunglasses, Kettle Chips, jerky, and books have "hit the spot" with the troops. The flag will then be sent to us as property of our Detachment. All I can add to that is, what an honor! He also said a car bomb had exploded close to the HQ killing one of our British allies and numerous civilians. Our Oregon Soldiers have their lives on

the line every day for us, and our Marine Corps League Detachment has demonstrated that we know, we care and we appreciate their sacrifices and service to the Country. We are definitely making a difference.

After stepping down as Commandant I want to remain an active member of the Detachment. There is an official position called Past Commandant. I will be spending time on the Birthday Ball, the conference in Lincoln City, and the Military Ball coming up early next year. I would also like to help Tina with our publicity. We are doing wonderful things, and I would like for the public to know about it. I just hope the rest of you are having as much fun as I am. I will definitely be seeing you.

Semper Fi Marines

Terry

JUDGE ADVOCATE

It's that time of year again – Election Time.

We will be having nominations and elections at our next meeting – September 13, 2006. In October we will have the Installation of Officers.

In the meantime, feel free to nominate yourself or any other willing paid member. Nominations will be accepted for all positions. **PLEASE SUBMIT NAMES TO MY EMAIL OR TELEPHONE ME BY SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 9, 2006.** We're going to be making ballots and want to have the names submitted in order to have the ballots at the meeting. Write ins of either your own name or another member would be allowed at election time.

The elected positions are:

- Commandant
- Sr. Vice Commandant
- Jr. Vice Commandant
- Judge Advocate

The elected or appointed positions are:

- Chaplain
- Sergeant-At-Arms
- Adjutant
- Paymaster
- Adjutant/Paymaster

Semper Fi,

**Coralee Berwick
Judge Advocate
(503) 365-7771**

JR VICE COMMANDANT

We will have several items on the agenda for this meeting and its important that everyone attend.

- 1) By Laws**
- 2) Color Guard**
- 3) Sun Glasses**
- 4) Bonding**
- 5) Nominations**
- 6) Mid-Winter**
- 7) Garage Sale**
- 8) Election of Officers**

Garage Sale, after talking with Terry we conclude that we need another Garage Sale to get Delmer Garage empty and to raise more money for our Glasses, Color Guard and Mid-Winter Conference. What about the 23rd and 24th at Terry's house?????

USMC INVOLUNTARY RECALL: Due to projected shortages in some specialties such as engineers, intelligence, military police and communications, the Marine Corps on 22 AUG announced that they will shortly begin involuntary recalls. They will begin by calling up 2500 members at a time, of the Individual Ready Reserve. They have decided to exempt those who are either in the first or last year of their reserve status. Marines can expect to be deployed for an average of 12-18 months but could be for as long as two years. They will receive five months to prepare before having to report for duty. [Source: NAUS

Semper Fi

Wayne



Our next regular meeting is September 13th at the Eagles Lodge, 2771 Pence Loop SE, Salem, Oregon 6:30 PM

