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COMMANDANT'S CORNER



Well, what a busy week we just had! Our Publicity Officer, Tina, has hit at least 3 home runs. We had an outstanding article on the front page of the Statesman Journal which not only announced to the community our sunglass program, it also advertised our garage sale for last Saturday, 30 September 2006. As a result of the article we were the subject of a radio program and Channel 12 television news announcement. There were so many people at the garage sale that with sales and donations we cleared over \$2,800.00. We will be placing an immediate order for more sunglasses for the troops. With all of this activity we are adding many new members to the Detachment. Bottom line, i.e. what this means to me, is we are having a lot of fun together doing worthwhile activities for Corps and Country. Thanks to all who worked on the garage sale. It was a fun day.

Semper Fi,
Terry

JR VICE COMMANDANT

It is with great pride that I assume the duties as your Commandant and I want to thank you for your vote of confidence in officers that you have selected to lead our Detachment in the coming year. We want to thank Terry for his leadership and many hours of hard work in building our organization. It was only fitting that with our latest event the, the 3rd Annual Garage Sale, that he went over the top. Terry delivered the necessary funding to continue sending sunglasses to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and to bank roll our Mid-Winter Conference at Chinook Winds Casino. Our Public Relations Officer, Tina Swogger, delivered what was beneficial to our fund raising efforts by supplying us with newspaper ads, radio and TV support, and as a result, Terry continues to receive donations from our community. Not to be out done, James, Mark, Delmer, Dennis, Coralee, David, Garey, Ferrel, Rosy, Angelique, John and Dennis (who was kept busy counting money) worked the Garage Sale and kept things humming all day long. This Garage Sale was hard work for all but as a team effort I want to Thank all of you (including the wife's/spouses) for putting in your time and effort for a VERY SUCCESSFUL EVENT. A special Thanks to Jim Swogger, Mark Meyer and Delmer Sabrowski for helping with the loading and moving of all the Garage Sale Stuff!!! To Garey Price who came to

help bringing his pickup truck but as it turned out we had plenty of vehicles and made the move to Terry's.

It has been a very busy year but it's not over yet. We have several events on our plate that will continue our growth, momentum, and fund our projects in support of our troops defending this great country of ours.

- 1) Installation of New Officers - 11 October
- 2) Birthday Ball - 10 November
- 3) Veterans Parade - 11 November
- 4) Christmas Wreath Sale - 17 November
- 5) Clean out Terry's garage 28 October 1000 hours
- 6) Color Guard Practice every Saturday
- 7) Mid-Winter Conference

We also agreed to purchase an additional 200 pair of glasses and 4 tables to support our Detachment events.

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

New Members: Angelique Flores, Robert Utley and Rosy Macias.



Presentation of Ribbons

MUC for June 05 – June 06 was awarded to Delmer Sabrowski and Dennis Durfee. Barbara Hosier, Claudia Acosta, Warren Novick were awarded the MUC with Bronze Star. The Detachment Staff – Elected Silver ribbon went to Claudia Acosta, Warren Novick, Dennis Durfee, Coralee Berwick, Mark Meyer and Wayne Benson. Terry Williams received the detachment commandant's staff ribbon. Wayne Benson also received the Distinguished Citizen Ribbon - Bronze with FMF device for Marine of the Year 2005. Congratulations to all!



Elections 2006 Results

Commandant – Wayne Benson
Sr. Vice Commandant - Mark Meyer
Jr. Vice Commandant – James Swogger, Sr.
Judge Advocate – Coralee Berwick

EDITOR'S NOTES

Allow me to introduce myself to members whom I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting. My name is Tina Swogger, a Marine Corps League member and the proud wife of a former Marine, James Swogger Sr., incoming Jr. Vice Commandant. I was honored to accept the position of Editor from our incoming Commandant, Wayne Benson and will do the best I can to address worthy news and updates to our members.

I will be including two new segments in this newsletter. One will be a member spot light corner and the other For Sale & Announcement corner. We are growing stronger every month. Not only do we have spirit and energy but we have the talent to accomplish anything we set our hearts and minds to do. A toast to the new incoming officers, our hats off to those who are stepping down. Hold on to your hats, ladies and gentlemen, we are in for a heck of a wild and wonderful ride.

From the Marine Corps League Committee:

The second annual Marine Corps League Birthday Ball Celebration will be held Friday, 10 November 2006, 1800 hours at the VFW Post. The address of the VFW Post is 630 Hood St. NE, Salem, OR. The cost of the ball is \$30 and must be paid by 24 October 2006. No tickets will be sold at the door. Please make checks out to Marine Corps League and send to Coralee Berwick at 5181 Zosel Ave. S, Salem, OR 97306. Only members of the detachment and their invited guests will be offered tickets for the celebration.

MEMBER SPOT LIGHT: WAYNE BENSON, Incoming Commandant

I joined the Salem MCL last August after Terry called me and said he needed my help and was then elected as Junior Vice Commandant. My back ground is, 35 years in the Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve and retired in December of 1999 as a Chief Warrant Officer CWO-4. I was an Engineer Officer and Adjutant/Personnel Officer during my career. I had a great career and now being a member of the Salem Marine Corps League gives me the opportunity to help other members of the active services and our community. I served in many overseas locations and several war zones with my last tour of duty being in Southeast Asia. It was after my last tour I confirmed war is a young man's game and it was time for me to step aside. I will never forget the brave young men I served under and how proud I was to be an American.

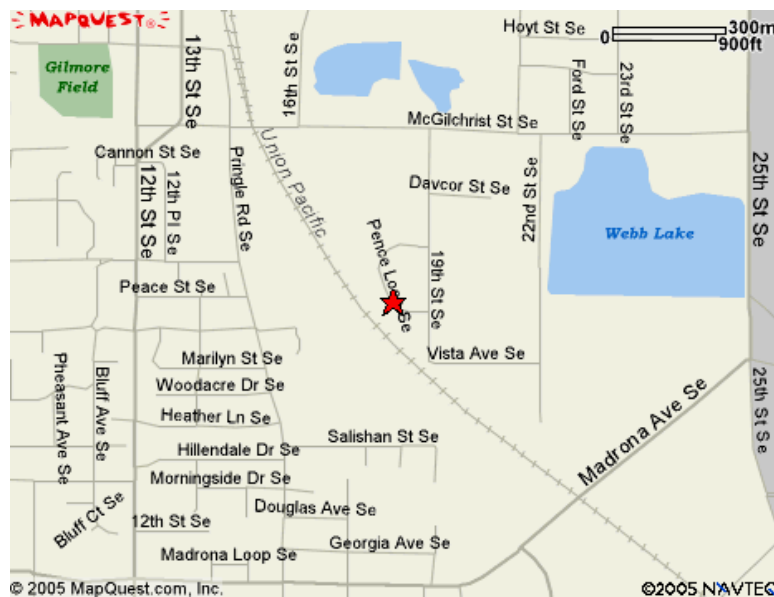
Our next regular meeting is 11 October 2006 at the Eagles Lodge, 2771 Pence Loop SE, Salem, Oregon 1830. The Uniform for the meeting will be Long Sleeve Shirt and Red Jackets with Tie if you have the jackets. Otherwise, Long Sleeve Shirt with Tie. No sunbursts.

AGENDA:

1) Opening ceremony

- 2) Roll Call of Officers
- 3) Applications for membership
- 4) Balloting on applications of membership to be approved by a majority vote of those present and qualified to vote.
- 5) Ceremony of Installation of new members
- 6) Minutes of previous meeting (Coralee)
- 7) Correspondence (Dennis letter to people who donated, and me Mid-Winter)
- 8) Report of Paymaster
- 9) Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress
- 10) Report of Officers (I will ask Tina to report on publicly that supported our Garage Sale Event) (Mark, Color Guard)
- 11) Report of Standing Committees (Coralee, Birthday Ball) (Delmer, Christmas Wreath Sale) (Tina, donation for Mid-Winter)
- 12) Report of any Special Committees
- 13) Unfinished Business (Date and time to empty Terry's Garage)
- 14) New Business
- 15) Ceremony of Installation of Officers
- 15) Good of the League
- 17) Announcements
- 18) Closing Ceremony

This is going to be a full agenda and I am asking each of our officers make their reports as short as possible.



FOR SALE and ANNOUNCEMENT CORNER:

Car for sale--1994 Mazda Protégé DX, 104, 633 miles. Runs good. \$1900.00. There would be a donation made to the detachment. If interested, please contact Coralee Berwick @ (503) 365-7771

You may be aware of the Veterans Week-End concerts being held at Willamette University. You can get more information at:

www.Willamettemasterchorus.org

David will be playing the French horn in both concerts.