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COMMANDANT'S CORNER

The Meeting was rescheduled for January 17, 2007

The Holidays are behind us and we have a brand New Year, I hope all of our members had a joyous and happy holiday. Our plate is full at this time and we have our Mid-Winter Conference but a few weeks away. During the January meeting we will cover in detail each of our responsibilities and for those who can still help please step forward.

If time permits we also need to discuss our goals for 2007, I would suggest we plan on at least Three Garage Sales with the first one in March then June and the last one in October, one Plant Sale in August. Tina suggested we have a lunch event if we can find a location. We also want to discuss increasing membership or as Mark said let's double our membership in 2007.

Semper Fi,

Wayne

JUDGE ADVOCATE

"1. If you want uniforms for the conference you will need to place an order by January 10, 2007, in order to receive them in time.

2. As of January 1, 2007, the membership dues will increase. The renewal dues are \$31.00 and the new member dues are \$36.00. Please see Dennis Durfee if you have any questions.

3. If you are planning on working and/or staying at the convention, please don't forget to fill out the application form and reserve a hotel room. The application can be found on our website at www.MCLeague881.org."

WHAT IS NEW FROM THE DEPT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Coming Soon to My Health_eVet: Copies of Veteran VA Health Records. Beginning winter 2006, My Health_eVet will release features and functions for veterans to view copies of their VA health records online. More and more sections of the VA health record will be made available online as electronic copies over the next year. These parts of your VA health information will be added to your Personal Health Record, along with whatever information you enter yourself.

Health Records can be complicated to display and to understand. My Health_eVet is working with designers, professionals and veterans to make sure that the Personal Health Record is usable—that veterans will be able to understand the information it contains.

We are working hard to prepare our systems to gather your health information from all VA Medical Centers. This information will be added as *your* electronic copy to *your* Personal Health Record for access whenever and wherever you have web access.

Here is what you need to know about your VA health records and your My Health_eVet Personal Health Record.

The first step: Security

My Health_eVet and the VA take the security and privacy of your health records very seriously. We know that veterans want to be sure that they are the only ones who can view their health records. Veterans will only be able to access their Personal Health Record only after they have completed a process called In-Person Authentication.

In-Person Authentication can only be done at a VA Medical Center. Veterans must show up in person, present a valid form of identification, view an instructional video, and sign an agreement. Once an authorized VA employee has verified the identity of the veteran, My Health_eVet will allow this new access to their Personal Health Record.

Piece by Piece

In late December 2006, veterans nationwide will be able to complete In-Person Authentication, and then be able to view additional prescription information online. More parts of the Personal Health Record will become available over time. When My Health_eVet launches delegation functionality in 2007 you will also be able to choose who else will be able to view or manage your Personal Health Record.

Each part of the Personal Health Record will undergo extensive testing and design. Veterans across the country will be able to view records from any Medical Center where they receive treatment.

Why Piece by Piece?

My Health_eVet had two choices: to select one or two regions at a time to offer the entire Personal Health Record, or to offer smaller pieces of the Record to all veterans at the same time. My Health_eVet chose to offer the smaller pieces to all veterans rather than have veterans wait and not be able to view any part of their Records until we reach their region.

AGENDA FOR JANUARY 17TH MEETING

Eagles Lodge, 2771 Pence Loop SE, Salem, Oregon 6:30 PM. Uniform for the meeting is: Long Sleeve shirt with tie.

The Agenda will be as follows:

Wayne	Will outline the overall event, meeting rooms, dinner room, transportation and timing
Mark	Hospitality Event, Color Guard, map of Chinook Winds and location of Hospitality Room
Coralee	Booklet
Claudia	Shirts
Delmer	Transportation, Color Guard
Tina	Silent Auction, Raffle and Bus Trip
Dennis	Funds to support Mid-Winter
Jim	Signs and selling Raffle Tickets

EDITOR'S NOTES:

A United States Marine was attending some college courses between assignments. He had completed missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. One of the courses had a professor who was a vowed atheist and a member of the ACLU.

One day the professor shocked the class when he came in. He looked to the ceiling and flatly stated, "God, if you are real, then I want you to knock me off this platform I'll give you exactly 15 minutes."

The lecture room fell silent. You could hear a pin drop. Ten minutes went by and the professor proclaimed, "Here I am God. I'm still waiting." It got down to the last couple of minutes when the Marine got out of his chair, went up to the professor, and cold-cocked him; knocking him off the platform. The professor was out cold.

The Marine went back to his seat and sat there, silently. The other students were shocked and stunned and sat there looking on in silence. The professor eventually came to, noticeably shaken, looked at the Marine and asked, "What the hell is the matter with you? Why did you do that?" The Marine calmly replied, "God was too busy today protecting America's soldiers who are protecting your right to say stupid shit and act like an asshole. So, He sent me."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For Sale: Coleman 6 man rubber raft, 18 months old. The raft would be great for fishing, swimming, or just boating around. Comes with two oars, pump not included. Asking price of \$75. If interested talk with James Swogger Sr. @ 541-805-8586