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COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Our meeting in January was cancelled due to bad weather and because we are approaching the deadline for the Mid-Winter Conference our February meeting will be very important for all the last minute planning and scheduling. I would appreciate it if all members would make it a point to attend even if you can not make the conference. I would also ask if any member can not make the meeting to please advise me.

While we missed our January meeting the Officers and I managed to have a staff and planning meeting to work out the conference details and will present them during our February meeting. It is important for me to know if you plan on attending the conference or not I know some people work but for those of you who do not work and have not yet sent me your registration form please do so or call me so we have the correct head count for the conference and dinner. I will be making a trip this week to the Chinook Winds to finalize most of the last minute details.

If you have not looked at our web site lately you might want to I received a letter back from Sgt Major Mennig with the 2nd LAR thanking us for our support, we have sent two shipment of Sun Glasses and some Kettle chips to our MARINES in IRAQ what I call our SHOOTERS and we will be sending more.

After we get the conference behind us we are going to look at have a Big Garage Sale between me, Terry and Del I think we have enough STUFF to support our biggest garage sale yet, we will discuss it (time permitting) at our next meeting, and Tina had suggested serving Saturday lunch or dinner (for a price).

This is to let the members know that I just shipped the last of the glasses we had around 500 pair to 2LAR in Iraq. Last night I also picked up the next shipment that we will have to repack and ship over the next few weeks. If any one wants to volunteer their time and effort I will deliver the glasses to you to be repacked. Cut off price tag and place a note inside each pair. Ferrel and his Grandson packed most of the last shipment and then Garey stepped up and packed around 160 pair...Thanks again guys that really helped. Our next regular meeting is on the 14th of February it will be our last planning meeting before the Mid-Winter Conference please attend.

Semper Fi,
Wayne

JUDGE ADVOCATE

If you are planning on working and/or staying at the Midwinter Conference, please don't forget to fill out the application form for the conference and reserve a hotel room. The hotel rooms at Chinook Winds are full. Try the Liberty Inn (walking distance from the casino). The application can be found on our website at www.MCLeague8881.org <<http://www.mcleague8881.org/>> The conference is for ALL MCL members. Come and meet more Marines from Oregon!"

AGENDA FOR February 14TH MEETING

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

AGENDA: Mid Winter Conference

WHAT IS NEW FROM THE DEPT OF OREGON VETERAN'S AFFAIRS:

Funding and Eligibility for VA Care

Senate Bill 3421 of the 109th United States Congress has been passed and awaits the signature of the President. The Bill will add \$65 million for increasing the number of clinicians treating PTSD. [Director Jim Willis](#) of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) applauds this investment into the veteran rehabilitation community. "PTSD outreach programs should remain in place and I think it is imperative that the VA health care budget receive the necessary funding to deal with the ongoing research and treatment of this very real disorder," he said.

Veterans needing assistance for any PTSD or other medical symptoms must be enrolled into the VA medical system before scheduling an appointment. The VA provides cost-free health care services and nursing home care for conditions possibly related to military service for veterans with combat service after November 11, 1998, for a period of two years beginning on the date of their separation from active military service. Veterans who served in any combat zone and received a military campaign ribbon are eligible for Vet Center services. Family members of combat veterans are also eligible to receive Vet Center readjustment services.

Willis understands the issues surrounding the funding increases required to meet the needs of Oregon's military men and women. "PTSD continues to be one of the most challenging veteran issues occurring as a result of their wartime service," stated Willis. Surviving parents, spouses, children, and siblings of service members who die of any cause while on active duty, including service members federally activated in the Reserve and National Guard, may seek bereavement-counseling services from Vet Centers. It is important to note that Vet Center staff will not turn away a veteran or family member, but they must be enrolled in the VA to receive continued treatment.

Every veteran in Oregon can find local resources through a [County Veterans' Service Officer \(CVSO\)](#). ODVA also staffs [Veterans' Service Officers \(VSO's\)](#) in Portland and Salem. Service Officers assist veterans with claims seeking compensation and pension benefits for service-connected disabilities such as PTSD. Veterans should be prepared to meet with the Service Officers by bringing their copy of Form DD-214. ODVA also provides an [interactive web-based directory](#) as a service to veterans, families, survivors, and the public for geographically locating Service Officers throughout the state of Oregon. Additionally, all of Oregon VA Healthcare facilities mentioned in this article can be located using the directory that includes maps with driving directions.

Christopher Dauterman, Staff Writer, ODVA

MEMBER SPOT LIGHT:

Born in Salem, Oregon. Graduated from Robinson High School, Santurce, Puerto Rico in 1973. Joined the Marine Corps at the age of 25 in 1980. After Boot Camp in Parris Island, SC, attended Radio Operator School in 29 Palms, California. Assigned to Marine Air Group 38 at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, California. Never worked as a Radio Operator, instead worked OJT in the G-1 office for the rest of the enlistment. IBM display writers were the high tech office equipment. There were still an abundance of IBM selectric typewriters and multiple carbon copies were commonly used. After four years of active duty was honorably discharged as a Corporal in 1985. Reenlisted as a Select Marine Corps Reservist for four years. After three drill week-ends was promoted to Sergeant and was stationed at I MEF (I Marine Expeditionary Force) Camp Pendleton, CA for eight years. Attended Basic Administration school at Camp Pendleton, CA. in 1987 and graduated with the MOS of 0151, Administrative Clerk.

In January of 1991, the entire detachment was mobilized in support of Desert Shield/Storm for an average of six months. Most of the Active Duty personnel were mobilized to Saudi Arabia which left the IMA det reservists to fill in for the Active Duty Marines. Now, was the test to find out if the training we had received by working side by side with the I MEF personnel for six years would be

Requested a transfer to MCAS El Toro RSU (Reserve Support Unit) where the mission there was also to mobilize reservists. Requested transfer to Camp Pendleton RSU. Years nine to seventeen rotated between these two units.

Promoted to Staff Sergeant in 1994 and picked up the Administrative MOS of 0193. The twilight tour of three years was stationed in the G-1 office at Headquarters FMFPAC, Camp Smith, HI. Did not reside in Hawaii just performed all drills and AT's at once each year. Promoted to Gunnery Sergeant in 1998. Retired in November of 2000 with twenty years.

EDITOR'S NOTES:

James and I hope to see many of you at the MCL conference this month. We have had several nice baskets made up for the raffle prizes as well as some other nice items. I will be going around during the conference selling tickets. The tickets will go for \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5. I will also be a roving photographer to catch memorable moments of the conference. We will see you there!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Veteran's Muster
Sponsored by United Veterans Groups of Oregon
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2007
Time: 11:00 am
Place: Oregon State Capitol Front Steps

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