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# **MAIL CALL SEPTEMBER 2007**

## **Commandants Corner:**

Another year has rolled by and as your commandant I have been inspired by the dedication and hard work of all the members. You have made our detachment a shining example of what can happen when we apply team work and determination. You have continued to complete a task in support of our troops. As we move forward with nominating and electing of the members we want to lead us into the coming year we must also revisit our project list. We must determine what we can do to help make our deployed Marines lives just a little easier by supplying a list of comfort items that just might make their stay a little better. During our upcoming staff meeting we will be discussing our next project list.

As you all know by now your commandant is now working on a full time bases which is leaving me little time to do anything else. But with the outstanding staff that we have I will continue to dedicate as much time as I have available in moving our detachment forward and building our membership. There will be times when I must ask our Senior Vice to take over the leadership because of my work schedule, I would normally have Tuesday or Wednesday off during the week and Sunday. However, at the end of the month our schedule calls for us to work on Sunday so as you can see my time is limited. We should all thank Coralee, Mark, Dennis, Delmer, Jim, Tom and Terry for their leadership this past year and Tina for continuing to take on the responsibility of our newsletter. This is TEAM WORK.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next regular meeting and if you think you would like to submit your name in nomination for a staff position please do so.

Semper Fi,

Wayne Benson

## **Judge Advocate:**

**THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT DENNY'S ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2007 AT 6:30 PM. DENNY'S IS LOCATED AT 3155 RYAN DR. SE., SALEM, OR 97301. THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBER IS: (503) 585-8424. THIS DENNY'S IS ACROSS FROM COSTCO. THE CROSS STREET IS HAWTHORNE. The conference room will be open at 5:00 pm for dinner prior to the meeting for those interested. Uniform for the meeting is: SHORT SLEEVE WHITE AVIATOR SHIRT.**

"Oregon State Fair Uniform Watch"

"On behalf of Mac MacDonald and Jeff Bodenweiser (Veterans' Museum), I want to thank Ferrel Koski, Garey Price and Rosy Macias for standing their watch during the State Fair. This is our first year for this duty and I can say that all three of our MCL members had an enjoyable time. Their time and efforts were much appreciated by Mac and Jeff."

"Yes, we still have ball caps and polo shirts"

"I have one ball cap for \$12.00 and three polo shirts at \$23.00 each."

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBER(S): Gary Williams**

From Connie Riecke:

Operation Santa USMC volunteers will pack holiday stockings on Nov. 10th at Capitol Manor and Nov. 17th at Chemeketa Community College. Donations for stocking stuffers are needed and financial contributions will help with shipping costs. Packing begins at 10:00 am both days and will continue throughout the day. We hope to pack and send holiday packages for 2,000 Marines on these two days. Currently we have more than 8,000 Marines adopted for the holidays and hope to send holiday packages to 25,000. If you know of a school group, church, employee group or just a group of friends who would like to support our Marines contact the Marine Corps Family Foundation. For additional information call Connie Riecke at 503-409-5905.

**What's new from the Oregon Dept. of Veteran's Affairs:  
Shingles Vaccine Available to VA Patients**

**Nicholson: Single Inoculation Provides Protection**

WASHINGTON—A vaccine for shingles, which Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) researchers helped develop, is available to veterans who are patients at VA medical facilities nationwide.

"Shingles can seriously degrade the quality of life for those who suffer from this disease," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson. "Offering this vaccine to our patients is further evidence of VA's commitment to provide world-class health care to America's veterans.

"VA will continue research that leads to real-life solutions like the distribution of this shingles vaccine for patients at VA facilities across the country," Nicholson added.

VA physicians will offer the vaccine to patients with appropriate medical conditions, usually those who are 60 years of age or older and have healthy immune systems. A single dose of the vaccine offers protection against shingles, which is scientifically named Herpes Zoster.

VA researchers and patients from across the country participated in studies which led to the vaccine's approval by the Food and Drug Administration. The vaccine is available immediately to those who are recommended for the treatment.

## This month in History:

- 1847** US soldiers and Marines storm Chapultepec Castle, Mexico City
- 1850** Congress outlaws flogging in the Navy and Merchant Marines.
- 1942** Guadalcanal, Bloody Ridge: Kawaguchi Detachment repulsed by the Marines. Later this month, Marines probe the Japanese positions and the US carrier Wasp was torpedoed and sunk of Guadalcanal.
- 1944** 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Div sails from the Solomons for Palau
- 1944** US Navy shells the Japanese on Wake Island.
- 1944** Marines land on Peleliu, 450 miles east of Mindanao in the Phillipines
- 1966** Vietnam: Operation Attleboro begins against VC sanctuaries on the Cambodian Border

## EDITOR'S CORNER...Tina Swogger

Hello all! Attached are the results of the National Newsletter Competition that was judged and presented during the conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico in August. Our detachment did send in copies of the newsletter, but was not selected as a winner. We will try again next year and hope to be more competitive.

### National Newsletter Competition 2007

#### Level One, Platoon

1 <sup>st</sup>	Siouxland	507	Russell Lehr	MW Iowa
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maj/Gen Marion Carl	1089	Gayle Thomas	NW OR
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stones River	1158	Bill Citelli	SE TN
HM	Kettle Moraine	1203	Jim Krudwig	Cent WN

#### Level Two, Company

1 <sup>st</sup>	Harford County	1198	Ray Ayres	ME MD
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Greater Greensburg	834	Joyce Arrigoni	NE PA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Coastal Bend	430	Josemaria Lopez	S TX

#### Level Three, Battalion

1 <sup>st</sup>	Greater Greensboro	260	Trisha/Steve Winsett	ME NC
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gen Smedley Butler	741	Sandra Mauer	ME PA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Baltimore	565	Stuart Blair	ME MD

#### Departments

1 <sup>st</sup>	Texas Marine	Bernie/Juanita O'Dell	S TX
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michigan	Jim Tuohy	Cent MI
3 <sup>rd</sup>	New York	Robt Becker	NE NY

The Honorable Mention was awarded for the first time in recent memory because the scores between Stones River and Kettle Moraine were like tenths apart. This information has been given to National Headquarters and should be posted on the Newsletter Competition portion of the website shortly.

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