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Commandants Corner:

I would like to take this time to thank you for the opportunity afforded me to serve as your Commandant. My hope is to fulfill the duties of this position entrusted to me to the best of my abilities. In the below list I placed increase membership at the top. Not taking away from our other goals and tasks as they are important as well, if we all work together to increase our membership I believe that we can better attain our goals that we have set. I would like to see our Detachment double in size this coming year. I am proud to be a part of this Detachment and look forward to working with each one of you. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

- (1) Increase membership
- (2) Finding ways to raise funds
- (3) Color Guard Detail / Honor Guard
- (4) Annual Garage Sale
- (5) Plant Sale
- (6) Sunglasses
- (7) Memorial Day wreath presentation
- (8) Community involvement

There has been some questions and at times some confusion interpreting the MCL Uniform Regulations. At this time it is a work in progress but the regulations are being put together to hopefully help members better understand the Uniform Regulations. As they are put together they follow the MCL Bylaws, though written so that members might have a clearer understanding.

There is no meeting for the month of November as we will be celebrating the Marine Corps Birthday. The Next regular meeting will be December 19th. We'll see you at the Birthday Ball Celebration

Mark Meyer

Judge Advocate:

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT DENNY'S ON DECEMBER 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: LONG SLEEVE WHITE AVIATOR SHIRT WITH BLACK TIE.

"Marine Corps League Ribbons – Those of you that attended the October General Meeting should have received your rated ribbons. The next opportunity to receive ribbons will be at the December meeting. Everyone that rates ribbons will get a duplicate ribbon bar. These ribbons and bars were generously donated to the members by the Detachment."

"Many thanks to the MCL membership for their support and prayers for David and I. We'll be attending the Ball. Hope to see everyone there."

If anyone has any questions, please let me know.

Semper Fi,

Coralee Berwick

What's new from the Oregon Dept. of Veteran's Affairs:

Veterans Identification Card (VIC)

How do I get an Identification Card?

VA provides eligible veterans a Veterans Identification Card (VIC) for use at VA health care facilities. Once your eligibility for VA medical benefits is verified and you have your picture taken at your local VA medical facility, your card will be mailed to you, usually within 5 to 7 days.

The VIC does not contain any sensitive, identifying information such as your social security number or date of birth on the face of the card. The VIC now displays the following special eligibility indicators: Service Connected, Purple Heart, and Former POW (see photo below).

VICs cannot be used as a credit or an insurance card and it does not authorize or pay for care at non-VA facilities.

If you lose your card or do not receive your card in the mail, contact the VA where your picture was taken to request a new card be sent to you. You may also contact 877-222-VETS (8387) to check on the status of your card.

Sample of the Veterans Identification Card



(VIC):

George "Mac" D Brown

"Our friend George "MacD" Brown who passed away September 20, 2007, was a proud member of the Marine Corps having served during WWII. During his many activities in the Corps – one really stands out. To make a little money, he carried a small portable sewing machine with and would sew clothing and stripes on members' uniforms in his unit. George was very active in the Hubert J. Faltyn Det. 881, Marine Corps League until his health began to fail. As is it well known, "Once a Marine, Always a Marine".

Another project "MacD" was involved in was working with the Lions Eye program. He would help deliver an eye donation to the Portland hospitals no matter how far he had to drive or whatever type of weather.

"MacD" was recommended and received the Chaplain of Four Chaplains Award for his community service.

"MacD" was a poet and was always writing poems. They were very good.

For those who knew "MacD", he surely will be forgotten.

Semper Fi - George "MacD" Brown – Semper Fi"

Reflections from Jeannine "Bunny" Gray

Senior Vice Commandant

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"Additional awards – American Defense, Asia Pacific – 4 stars, Victory, Good Conduct, Philippine Liberation, Presidential Unit Commendation, Area Unit Commander – 2 stars."

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