



Once A Marine,

Always A Marine!

FROM: **Richard L. Bollwerk, Commandant, Department of Missouri, MCL**

TO: Detachment Commandants; Department Staff

DATE: 31 July 2007

RE: Department Activities

Marines:

The Cpl. Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment #1081 did an outstanding job of hosting the 2007 State Convention. The Convention was well attended, with 17 of our 18 Detachments represented. On behalf of the Department, I want to thank Detachment #1081 for all their hard work! And I applaud each Detachment that sent delegates to the Convention. Oorah !

Next year's State Convention will be hosted by the Kansas City Detachment.

Convention Summary

Your new Department Officers are: (Home Detachment in parentheses)

Richard Bollwerk	Commandant	(Cpl. Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment)
Dan Ferrell	Sr. Vice	(Lake of the Ozarks Detachment)
Teresa Terry	Jr. Vice	(Lake of the Ozarks Detachment)
Janice Hartley	Adjutant	(St. Charles Detachment)
Tom Zych	Chaplain	(Cpl. Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment)
John Allquist	Paymaster	(St. Charles Detachment)
Dave Hunter	Judge Advocate	(Central Missouri Detachment)
Martin Tootle	Sgt. At Arms	(Sgt. Darrell S. Cole Detachment)

The revisions to the Department Bylaws were approved as recommended by the committee, and have been forwarded to the National Judge Advocate for ratification.

The Department voted to donate \$1000 to the MCL Foundation Scholarship Fund.

The Department dues were increased from \$3.00 per member to \$5.00 per member. This increase goes into effect 1 September 2007. Please be sure that your Paymaster is aware of this increase.

2007-2008 Goals

We have made tremendous progress in setting the example for proper MCL uniform wear during the past year. I want all Detachment Commandants to continue to insist that members read and follow the National uniform regulations which were revised last year. As I have visited the various Detachments, I have been impressed with the efforts made to be properly attired.

As mentioned during the Convention, I would like to see all Detachments acquire an official set of Marine Corps League Colors. It may take a special fundraising activity to accomplish this task, but I believe your members will take great pride in seeing their Detachment Colors posted at Detachment meetings and carried in your community parades. I hope to have some additional information about purchasing costs and suppliers of MCL Colors after attending the National Convention next week.

I would also like to see the Department assist in the forming of a Detachment somewhere in the northeast part of the State. We have had some inquiries from that area, but we have yet to tap it. If you can help in that area, please let me know.

We need to continue to improve and facilitate communications between the Detachments. There are 18 very active Detachments with ideas, suggestions, questions and needs. The sharing of the Detachment Newsletters has been very useful in this endeavor. I will continue to post information of importance on the Department website, so that we can all “stay in the loop” during the coming year. The Department web address is **www.momcl.org**

My contact information remains the same. If you have any MCL questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to contact me in whatever fashion you feel most comfortable. I have voice mail on my cell phone and an answering machine on my home telephone. I stay up late and get up early, so don't hesitate to call.

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I will make every effort to get back with you within 24 hours of receipt of your communication. Additional goals and plans for the Department will be shared at the September Staff meeting. Up-to-date lists of Department Staff contact information, as well as Detachment Commandants and Detachment meeting dates and times, will be forthcoming.

If you have not renewed your incorporation status with the Missouri Secretary of State Office, you need to do so this month. The easiest and quickest way to do it is online at www.sos.mo.gov/ and then click on “File Annual Report Online”.

The next Staff Meeting will be on Saturday, 8 September 2007, starting at **0900**. The dates of the 2nd and 3rd quarterly meetings will be Saturday, 1 December 2007 and Saturday, 1 March 2008. The location for these Staff meetings will continue to be at the Central Missouri Detachment headquarters in Jefferson City. For those who have not been there yet, from Jefferson City you go west on Highway 50 and take the Apache Flats exit north for 1 block. The building will be on your left. Remember, you can bring as many members of your Detachment Staff as you wish. It is good experience for your future officers and an opportunity to meet with and share ideas with other Detachment officers. I look forward to seeing a full house at the September meeting.

I will be at the MCL National Convention in Albuquerque, NM next week. When I return, I will send a convention report and a reminder about the September Staff meeting.

Finally, I want to thank you for your support at the 2007 Convention. I look forward to working with the outstanding new Department Staff which you elected, as well as with each Commandant and Detachment. There is much work ahead of us, but by working together I know that we will be able to accomplish anything that we set our sights on.

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Semper Fi,

Richard

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Upcoming Events to post on your calendar:

- 8 September 2007 Department Staff Meeting, Jefferson City at 0900
- 5 - 7 October 2007 Midwest Division Fall Conference - Dubuque, IA
Host: Dubuque Detachment & Unit
- 18 - 20 April 2008 Midwest Division Spring Conference - Watertown, SD
Host: Watertown Detachment