



Once A Marine,

Always A Marine!

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

TO: Detachment Commandants; Department Staff

DATE: 3 October 2006

RE: Department Information

Marines:

A you know, our first quarterly Staff meeting was held on 9 September 2006, in Jefferson City. Most Detachments, if not all, have held a Detachment meeting since then, and were able to discuss the topics presented at the staff meeting. If not, please do so at your October or November meetings. The following is a summary of those topics:

1) Increase of MCL National Dues.

National dues will be increased by \$6.00 effective 1 January 2007. Each Detachment needs to review their current dues structure and make adjustments as necessary. Be sure to send in a new Report of Officer Installation Form to Department Paymaster John Allquist if you increase your dues, so that he can forward it to National. If this is not done, your renewal notices mailed out from National will not have your new dues printed on them.

While you are considering your Detachment dues, you may wish to also discuss a possible increase in State dues. At our Staff meeting, PDC Dave Hunter indicated that State dues have not been increased in a number of years, and suggested that Detachment Commandants discuss this with their members, and come to the next Department Staff meeting with a recommendation to either increase State dues, or leave them as they are.

FYI: Currently: \$12.00 National + \$3.00 State + local dues = Your Detachment Dues
On 1 Jan 07: \$18.00 National + \$3.00 or more State + local dues = Detachment Dues

2) The Marines Helping Marines - Wounded Marines Program

Raffle tickets were distributed to each Commandant to help raise funds for this

National MCL Program. These were to be offered for sale within your Detachment, not to the public. I hope that each Detachment will participate in this worthwhile fundraising effort.

3) Department of Missouri Bylaws

A Department Bylaws review committee is being formed. If you, or a member of your Detachment would like to be part of this committee, please contact me as soon as possible.

4) New Detachments

A new Detachment has been formed in Warsaw, Missouri under the leadership of Dr. James Brown. Their Charter is ready for signatures and we will install officers as soon as a date is set. Oooorah!

The Jeffco Detachment is being reorganized. St. Louis Regional Vice Commandant Nick Hummel has been assisting on this project and several planning meetings have been held. They may be reorganized and re-Chartered by December.

5) Sharing Detachment Information

Each Detachment was urged to share their activities and successes with the other Detachments across the State. If your Detachment has a newsletter, please try to send it to the other Detachment Commandants.

In addition to the above items, I want to inform you of a problem with our Department website. We have been unable to make any updates to the website since late June due to an internal personnel problem. The Marine currently holding the passwords needed to make the changes will not provide them to us. Therefore, we will be changing web hosting services later this year, and will have a completely redesigned State website at that time.

During the interim, I have moved all of our State information to the website of Detachment 1081. You can go to www.showme.net/MarineCorpsLeague/ and find the following information:

- List of State Officers, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.
- List of current Detachment Commandants, addresses, phone numbers, and email.
- Information on Detachment meetings and locations.
- Download the Department Commandant's newsletters. (#1, #2, #3)
- Download the Department of Missouri Quarterly Newsletter (starting in Nov.)
- Download registration form for Fall Midwest Division Conference and others as they become available.
- Download [Report of Officer Installation](#) form.
- List of Department of Missouri Auxiliary Officers, addresses, phone numbers, email.
- Download Minutes of September Staff Meeting.
- Photos of Department events (coming in the near future)
- List of Upcoming Events
- Links

All of the State items are located on the right side of the home page, which has a red background. The left side contains Detachment 1081 items and has a gold background. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Hope to see many of you at the Lake of the Ozarks later this month. Until then ...

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Semper Fi,

Richard

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Upcoming Events to post on your calendar:

- 20-21 October 2006 Midwest Division Fall Conference - Lake of the Ozarks, MO
Host: Lake of the Ozarks Detachment

- 2 December 2006 Department of Missouri Staff Meeting beginning at 0900
Jefferson City, MO

- 13-14 April 2007 Midwest Division Spring Conference - St. Louis, MO
Host: Gateway Detachment

- 8, 9,10 June 2007 Department of Missouri State Convention, Cape Girardeau, MO
Cpl. Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment