



Once A Marine,

Always A Marine!

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

TO: Detachment Commandants; Department Staff

DATE: 28 August 2006

RE: Quarterly Staff Meeting

Marines:

Our first quarterly Staff meeting is fast approaching. The meeting is **scheduled for Saturday, 9 September 2006**, starting at **0900**. The location for these Staff meetings is 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. Breakfast is available beginning at about 0730 for a donation of \$3.00. Come early, enjoy breakfast, and meet your fellow MCL officers.

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 urge every Detachment to send a representative to this meeting**, as I will have some important documents to distribute, as well as information to share about upcoming Marine Corps League functions.

One of the issues on our meeting agenda will be the unexpected increase in regular membership dues, which was approved at the National Convention in Boston (see summary below), and how it will affect your Detachment. It will necessitate each Detachment revising its dues structure and submitting a change to National. I will have the forms you need available at the meeting.

Remember that each Detachment will be called upon to report on activities that have taken place during the previous three month period (June 18 - Sept 9). Your oral report should be brief and highlight the most significant activities that have occurred. You should then turn in two copies of your report, one to the Department Adjutant and one to me. Enclosed is a report outline that you can use for your Detachment's written report.

I am also requesting that each Commandant bring a copy of your Detachment's most recent set of approved bylaws. We need to have a copy on file at the Department headquarters.

MCL National Convention Summary

These are some of the more important actions that occurred during MCL National Convention which was held in Boston, MA, August 6-10.

There were several proposed bylaws changes. All of Section 900, Disciplinary Procedures, was rewritten and approved. The proposal to lower Life Membership dues was rejected.

The 2007 budget was presented with significant shortfalls on the income side. The budget committee recommended an increase of \$6.00 in regular membership dues to offset the shortfall. **The dues increase was approved effective 1 January 2007.**

The Marines Helping Marines -Wounded Marines program requested permission for a National fundraising event. Their proposal to conduct a raffle was approved and raffle tickets distributed.

New National Officers were elected. Jack Ryan is the new MCL National Commandant, Jim Laskey is the Sr. Vice Commandant, and Vic Voltaggio is the Jr. Vice Commandant .

Our Past Midwest Division Vice Commandant, Jerry Moorehead, lost in his bid for National Judge Advocate to Jim Tuohy.

Bryson Allen (KS) was formally elected as new Midwest Division Vice Commandant and Wendell Webb was elected as his ADVC.

The Cpl. Mason O Yarbrough Detachment won the 2nd place National Americanism Award and the South St. Louis Detachment received an Honorable Mention in the Americanism category.

Marine Ron Wilson of the the Cpl. Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment received the Distinguished Citizen Medal - Gold from Commandant Frank Kish.

The Marine Corps League Scholarship Program reported receiving 408 applications. Applicants received \$150 each. I presented our Department check for \$1000 and a check from the Darrell S. Cole Detachment for \$100 to the scholarship fund. The Cpl. Mason O Yarbrough Detachment also presented a \$100 check.

Detachment membership awards were presented and will be distributed by the Division Vice Commandant at the Fall Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks.

New Detachment being formed

Jr. Vice Commandant Dan Ferrell has been working with Dr. James Brown of Warsaw, Missouri toward the chartering of a new Detachment there. Organizational meetings have been held and the required minimum of 20 potential members has been reached. Additional information will be provided at the staff meeting.

And finally, 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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See you on Saturday, September 9th in Jefferson City. Until then ...

At Ease!

Semper Fi,

Richard

Commandant



Upcoming Events to post on your calendar:

- 9 September 2006 Department of Missouri Staff Meeting beginning at 0900
 Jefferson City, MO
- 20-21 October 2006 Midwest Division Fall Conference - Lake of the Ozarks, MO
 Host: Lake of the Ozarks Detachment
- TBA 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