

Calendar of League Activities & Events 2008

Aug 6	Board of Trustees Meeting
Aug. 10-16	National MCL Convention
Aug. 11	MCL Auxiliary Meeting
Aug. 20	Detachment Meeting
Sept 3	Board of Trustees Meeting
Sept. 8	MCL Auxiliary Meeting
Sept 11	MODD Pound 132 Growl
Sept. 17	Detachment Meeting
Oct 1	Board of Trustees Meeting
Oct. 13	MCL Auxiliary Meeting
Oct. 15	Detachment Meeting
Oct. 15	Submission Deadline for Detachment Awards
Oct. 17-18	Dept MCL Fall Meeting
Nov 5	Board of Trustees Meeting
Nov 8	USMC Birthday Ball
Nov. 10	MCL Auxiliary Meeting
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day Program
Nov. 19	Detachment Meeting
Dec 3	Board of Trustees Meeting
Dec. 8	MCL Auxiliary Meeting
Dec 11	MODD Pound 132 Growl
Dec. 17	Detachment Meeting

Newville "Fountain Festival"



The Detachment was represented at the annual Newville "Fountain Festival" by Jr. Vice Bill Myers (Center-L) and Jr. Past Cmdt. Bob Gilbert (Center-R) and Jerry Gilbert on June 21st. Thanks to all in helping to promote Detachment and League Activities. The Festival was the Kick-off for the 2009 Youth & Veterans Ticket sales. Blue Star Flags were presented to families with members serving, "Marine Roses" were distributed to ladies present and several leads for new members were collected.

Assemble on the Grinder ..Next Muster

3rd Wednesday of the Month , 1900 Hour - American Legion Post 101, 142 North Hanover St., Carlisle PA
Aug 20 - Sept 17 - Oct 22

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Commandant's Message

I would like to thank the membership for your vote of confidence on being elect to serve as the Detachment Commandant for the upcoming year. During the brief time I have been a member of the Detachment, I have seen tremendous growth thanks to you, In 2003, the Detachment had 35 members in good standing, today well over 100. In the past five years many new programs have come on board - Eagle Scout Recognition; Newsletter, Detachment Website, Detachment Awards and Recognitions, Detachment Marine of the Year, the formation of a MCL Auxiliary Unit, increased VAVS participation to name just a few.. Based on the above, my goal for the upcoming year are 1) With the IRS scrutinizing non-profits, to identify the cost to run our Detachment program on an annual and put in place procedures for control and accountability. (2) Increase the number of members actively involved in the Detachment programs and establish a procedure to communicate effectively with all members and (3) Bring on board new program opportunities for the Detachment - Rifle and Pistol teams, Youth Fitness Program, etc. The Detachment Officers have been tasked to address and make recommendations on these issues and are already in the process of putting initiatives in place. I would like to thank my predecessors - Bob Gilbert, Ron Hoover, Jim Washington, et. al. who have provided us a basis to help take a GREAT Detachment to an even higher level. Over the years, I have belonged to many organizations, but I have never had the excitement and pride that I have by being associated with you as members of the Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Detachment. MCL. With your support and assistance, I am looking forward to an even greater program year

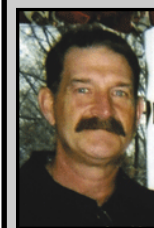
Semper Fidelis

Jim Reed, Commandant

Jim Reed

Clarence "Butch" Boudier

1951-2008



The Detachment sends its sincerest condolences to Barbara and the family of Detachment Member, Clarence "Butch" Boudier, Jr who passed away on March 27th. Butch, a long time member of the Detachment will be remembered as a friend and an active participant in all of the Detachment event. Butch was laid to rest on April 3rd at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.
Rest in Peace, Marine

Detachment Marine of the Year - 2008

James R. Washington, Jr.



Detachment Jr. Past MOY, Ron Hoover (L.) congratulates Jim and presents him with MOY Medallion and Certificate as the 2008 Detachment MOY. Jim Reed (R.), MOY 2006, looks on.

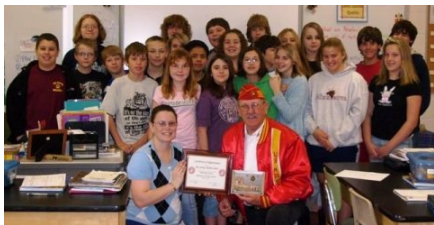
Congratulations to Jim Washington on being selected by his fellow Marines as the Detachment Marine of the Year for 2008. Jim was recognized by his fellow members for his commitment to the Detachment, Community, especially the Area "Toys for Tots" program.

Valentine for Veterans



In a combined effort from the community, 333 handmade Valentine's Day Cards were collected from Big Springs Middle School (246); Carlisle Christian Academy (42) and members off the Adam's County Bank, Newville (45).

Two Hundred eighty-eight of the cards were sent to military units stationed in Iraq. The cards are really appreciate by our troops. "They really enjoyed them (cards) and they brought a lot of smiles to the soldiers over here. Thank you again for thinking of us and taking the time to remember us during the holiday. ... Take care and God Bless," - **1SG Kenneth D. Horst, HHC 213th ASG, First Sergeant, LSA Anaconda, APO AE 09391**
On Sunday, February 10th, Ccmdt. Gilbert and wife Pat visited the VA Hospital in Martinsburg WV and distributed the remaining forty-five cards to the veterans there.



On May 23rd, Jr. Past Commandant Bob Gilbert presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Heidi Gilbert's sixth grade class at Big Spring Middle School for creating the Valentine's Day Cards

"Marine Roses" for Mother's Day



The Detachment distributed Marine Roses over Mother's Day weekend at a Carlisle area Shopping Mall. Commandant Jim Reed presents a "Marine Rose" to Michelle Miller. Ms. Miller's son, Marine PFC Christopher Panilatis, is stationed at Camp LeJeune NC. The donations received from the Marine Roses will be used to provide activities for area Veterans as part of the Detachment's VAVS program.



MODD
&
FLEAS



Congratulations to the Detachment's newest members of the Military Order of Devil Dogs, the "Honor and Fun Society" of the Marine Corps League - Eric Fussenegger, Dick Grove, Allen Ferguson, Bill Myers and Alan Hostetter. Congratulations to Pound Smart Dog Bob Gilbert for advancing to Devil Dog from Pup at the Department Convention. If you have been a member in good standing in the Detachment for at least one year then you are eligible to become a Devil Dog. See any Dog in the Detachment for details. The next Growl for Pound 132 is scheduled for 11 September (1900 Hours) at the Landis-McClellan Detachment Home.

A special Thanks and Congratulations to Pat Gilbert on becoming the Auxiliary Unit's first FLEA. The mission of a MODD Flea is to annoy and make life miserable for a Devil Dog. I am sure that Pat will be more than up to that challenge.

Congratulations to Gordy Sheriff on being elected as the Pack Leader for the Department of Pennsylvania for the next year. I know that the Pack Growls will be a fun time under Gordy's leadership. Plan on attending the Pack Growls at the Quarterly Meeting and next years Convention and see the "Worthy Pack Leader" in action.

WOOF-WOOF!

Detachment Officers - 2008



At the April Detachment Meeting the Officers for the upcoming year were installed by Central District Vice Commandant Gordy Sheriff. Jim Reed - Commandant; Bill Chaney - Sr. Vice Commandant; Bill Myers - Jr. Vice Commandant; Judge Advocate - Dick Grove; Paymaster - Allen Ferguson; Adjutant - Eric Fussenegger; Chaplain - Dick Shaffner, Sgt-at-Arms Alan Hostetter and Jr. Past Commandant - Bob Gilbert.

Marine Corps League on the Web

National: www.mcleague.org
PA Department: www.pamcleague.org
Detachment 524: www.MCL524.org

Youth & Veteran's Tickets



Youth & Veterans Drawing at the 2008 Convention

From Leanna Dietrich, PA Department Jr. Vice Ccmdt - "The Detachments set a new record, selling tickets this year by 83,137. The income to the Department prior to paying the bills was \$44,589.50. The detachment income was \$38,547.50. **Outstanding job Marines!!!!**" The R. M. Butterwick Detachment sold in excel of 10,000 tickets and First Capitol over 15,000. This represents a \$5000 and \$7500 profit for these Detachments. The Y&V Tickets are a Win-Win for everyone, the Department's programs and a great fundraising opportunity for the Detachment. All Detachment members are encourage to help support the Department and the Detachment's programs through the Youth & Veterans Tickets. Ticket are available at the regular Detachment meetings.

"Lets Get On Board"

VAVS - Essex House



On Sunday, May 25th under the leadership of VAVS Chair Jim Clouse, Detachment and Auxiliary Unit members spent the afternoon with the Veterans at the Essex House Retirement Community in Lemoyne. The Members and Veterans participated in an afternoon of camaraderie and sharing cake and ice cream.

Photo Left: Jr Past Commandant Bob Gilbert talking to US Army Veteran Joe Valonis

Photo Right : Patriotic Flag Cake was shared and enjoy by the Veterans.

Sixth Annual Golf Outing



On Friday May 23 the Detachment's sixth annual Golf Outing was held at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course. Only sixteen teams participated but the Detachment was still able to raise \$2,100.00 for the building fund. The winning team members were, Dan Shay, Greg Sharpe, Jeff Nygaard and Mike Clepper. A steak dinner followed the tournament and fun was had by all. , This years Tournament was dedicated to the memory of "Butch" Bouder. Outstanding Job, as usual, Mike!

Flag Retirement - October 4th



The Detachment's 3rd annual unserviceable Flag Retirement Ceremony will be conducted at Thornwald Park on Saturday, October 4th at 0900 Hours. All members are encouraged to participate in the event that has been well received by the Community. Thank to Chair Jim Clouse for his efforts.

Flag Collection Box Placed



Jr. Past Commandant Bob Gilbert has recently built and placed an additional collection box for the Flag Retirement Ceremony at the North Middletown Township Building. **Thanks Bob.**

Memorial Day Activities

Members of the Detachment and Auxiliary Unit placed flags on Veteran's Graves at the Westminster, Union and Cumberland Valley Cemeteries in Carlisle area in preparation for Memorial Day Weekend activities.



Carlisle & Newville Parades



Detachment Assembled



Pass in Review



Detachment Float



"ALWAYS REMEMBER"



WW II W.M. Jean Artz (Seated)



"Hometown Hero" Nick Morrison

Eagle Scout Recognition

During the past months the Detachment recognized the following young men with the MCL Good Citizenship and Medal for obtaining the Boy Scout Eagle Scout Rank - Nathan Ryan Bobb, Troop 94, Shermans Dale; David Albert Shane, Troop 115, Walnut Bottom; Andrew Todd, Troop 94 Shermans Dale; Matthew Culbertson, Troop 168 Carlisle, Thomas Kidd, Troop 94 Shermans Dale and Logan Fritz, Troop 105 Blain.

MCL & IRS Deductions

The MCL being a non-profit organization, many of the expenses you incur are tax deductible as a charitable contribution. This includes Marine Corps League uniform and accessories. Mileage for MCL activities where you are representing the Detachment - VAVS, Quarterly Department Meetings, parades, etc. are also a valid tax deductions. You must be able to provide documentation and/or receipts in case you may be audited.

Detachment Membership

New Members - "Welcome Aboard"

Brent Lettich, Dale Johanson, George Snell, Joseph Bendig, Herman D. Smith, Luke C. Macke, Charles Reed, Daniel McCreedy, Chris Tibbs, Terry L. Linn, Aaron Rehm, Micah Hamilton, Barry Hollenbaugh, Keith Taylor, Barbra Cross, Bill Foster and Ray Schroeder (Transfer from Bronx County Det. NY)

Dues Renewals

Just a heads-up, the following members have Membership Renewals coming up.

August: Joseph Miller, Bill Chaney, Ted Canaday, Kathy Charette, Richard Charette, James Folk, Robert Goulet, Larry Gore, Robert Keiter, Richard Looney, James McMillan, Gerry Melhorn. Paul Orr, Robert Sgrignoli, Jeff Sparling, Parvin Weaver

September: William Boldosser, Betsy Payne, Robert Gutshall, Jeffrey Line,

Life Membership

Congratulations to our newest Life Members: Bill McNaughton

Sick and In Distress

It has been reported that SgtMaj Charlie Awkerman's condition with his bout with Alzheimer's is deteriorating. Jack Callaghan is recovering from broken ribs from a spill on his bicycle. Honorary member Connie Frye is recuperating from recent back surgery

Keep these people in your thoughts & prayers.

Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Auxiliary Unit



PA Dept. MCLA President Syd Minchin (L) presents Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Unit Pres. Kelly Tennyson with the Unit's Charter at the Dept. Spring Meeting.

At the April meeting of the Lewis B. Puller, Jr. MCLA, the Unit's charter was presented by Dept MCLA President Sydney Minch to the membership. Assisted by Department Officers Joan Hastings, Joan Devlin, Pat Engle Tracey Killinger and Pat Bulger an installation of Officers was conducted. Officers for the year are President Kelly Tennyson, Sr. Vice President Marie Keefer, Jr. Vice President Norma Grove, Judge Advocate Mary Grove, Secretary Pat Clouse, Treasurer Sis Grove and Chaplain Pat Gilbert. Detachment Commandant-elect Jim Reed was present to offer his congratulations and stated that he was excited the new partnership between the Detachment and the MCLA Unit and that the MCLA Unit could count on the continued support from the Detachment.

The Unit is involved in many worthwhile projects, including - "Our Little Angels" which supports area domestic violence programs.

Life Member Rate Increase

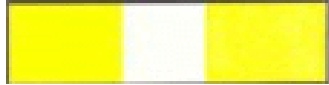
Effective 1 January 2009, the Life Member rates will be increasing between \$25 and \$100 depending on your age bracket.

Age	Current	As of 1/1/2009
0-35	\$400	\$500
36-50	\$350	\$400
51-60	\$250	\$300
61+	\$125	\$150

Life membership eliminates the annual dues renewal process and ensures that you will always be a "member in good standing". See our Paymaster Allen Ferguson about the Detachment's Life Membership Installment Plan.

63rd Annual Dept. of Pennsylvania MCL Convention

Meritorious Unit Commendation



The Detachment was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation by the Department. Of all the awards that the Detachment has received this should be the one we are most proud of. It reflects the collective effort of all members in promoting the Detachment's programs, which has brought visibility and recognition to the Detachment and League. All member in good standing during the past year are authorized to wear the MUC ribbon. Subsequent awards are denoted by a 3/16" star on the ribbon.

Dept. Membership Award

For the second consecutive year, the Detachment showed the greatest increase in membership for a Cat II Detachment. With 80 members a year ago the Detachment has grown to 102, 137% above the previous year. The previous year the Detachment went from 55 to 80 members for a 145% increase. An increase of 47 members in only two years is an outstanding accomplishment that all can take pride in. It is truly a tribute to our program and the enthusiasm of our members. The formal recognition should take place at the October Quarterly Department meeting.

Americanism/Scrapbook

Thanks to Allen Ferguson, Americanism Chair, his wife Betsy and all who assisted in preparing the Scrapbook for the Americanism Competition. Their efforts in chronologically documenting the Detachment's activities is truly a "Labor of Love". The Detachment was recognized with Second place in the Competition for their outstanding effort. **Congratulations and Thanks.**

Recruiting Awards



Congratulations to Bill Myers, Bob Gilbert and Ron Hoover by being recognized at the Dept. Convention for their recruiting efforts during the past year. Each received a certificate of recognition. Their achievements has qualified them for Detachment Recruiter of the Year recognition at the Birthday Ball in November.

Detachment Members Honored

Members of the Detachment were recognized by Commandant Tony DeGregorio for their contributions to the Detachment, Department and the Marine Corps League. Jim Washington, Eric Fussenegger and Jim Reed were awarded the MCL Distinguished Citizen Silver and J.R. Wells the Distinguished Citizen Bronze. The Distinguished Citizen Silver is the highest recognition that the Department can bestow on an individual member. Congratulations to all.

Department Changes

There were no By-Law changes introduced at this year's Convention, but there will be one procedural change that will effect our members. The Department Scholarship Committee has been reorganized with PDC Tom Tanner serving as the Chair. For next year the Scholarship application will be available on the Internet and the submission of the 1040 and transcripts will no longer be required. These changes should make the application process more streamlined.

Detachment Delegates

The Convention is a good way to see the League in operation outside the local Detachment and to pick up tips from other Detachments in attendance to help make our own program that much better. Thanks to Eric Fussenegger, Bob Gilbert, Jim Washington, Dick Grove, Allen Ferguson, Bill Myers, Bill Chaney, George Sheriff, Roger Fugere and Jim Reed for serving as Delegates to this years Convention and for their assistance and support in helping plan and staff a very successful Hospitality Suite.

Frank Agosta Appointed Staff Award



The Fred Agosta Appointed Staff Officer Award is presented to the Department Appointed Staff Officer who, in the opinion of the Department Commandant, has contributed most effectively to the goals and programs of the Department of Pennsylvania during the immediate Past Year. Jim Reed was selected by Commandant Tony DeGregorio for his contributions in helping to make the Department Web Site a viable information tool for the Department and League Members. The Frank Agosta Elect Staff Officer award was presented to Ralph Ussack, South West District Vice Commandant.

Detachment Newsletter



It was a pleasant and unexpected surprise when the Detachment's Newsletter "Lew's Canons" was selected as the first place winner in the Department's Newsletter Competition. More than 40 Detachments in the Department submitted their Newsletters for consideration. The Detachment and Editor both received plaques for the efforts.

Hospitality Suite

The Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Detachment served as the Host for the 2008 Department Convention. Through the collective efforts of our Detachment, P.W. Milano, 1st Capitol, Landis-McCleaf, Boot Marine, Gettysburg Battlefield Detachments and their Auxiliary Units, the Hospitality Suite was an overwhelming success. The number of individuals who when above and beyond to make this happen is too numerous to list, but all will be recognized for their efforts. Special thanks is definitely in order for Eric Fussenegger who served as the Convention Committee Adjutant providing timely web updates and coordinating the efforts to make it a success. **THANKS TO ALL!!**

Department Offices 2008

Congratulations to the newly elected Department Officers for 2008-2009. Commandant Dick Brown, Sr. Vice Leanna Dietrich, Jr. Vice Neil Corley, Judge Advocate Ed Ringer; Paymaster Kathy Van Gorter, Adjutant Paul Hastig and Chaplain Johnny Gill. This great team, building on past successes, will be bring the Department and League to an even higher level. Special thanks is in order for some of our Department Officer who have done an excellent job in leading the Department and will be stepping down - Commandant Tony DeGregorio; Adjutant Mary Lou Farole; Judge Advocate Noel Haynes, Chaplain Gary Farole. **"Outstand Job, Marines"** Special Recognition for our own Adjutant Eric Fussenegger who will be assisting Department Adjutant Paul Hastings with his duties. Other Detachment member serving as Appointed officers include Jim Washinton - Toys for Toys Chair; Eric Fussenegger and Jim Reed - Web Team.