



Attention on Deck

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Marine Corps League, Carlisle PA 17013

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Commandant's Corner

Detachment Honored by Visit from Marine Corps League National Commandant, Helen Hicks



Flanked by Detachment Officers Robert Gilbert (L) and Ernie Hoffstetter (R), MCL National Commandant Helen Hicks addresses the Detachment at the February meeting

MCL National Commandant, Helen Hicks, while on a visit to Pennsylvania, honored the Detachment with her presents at the February meeting accompanied by Past National Commandant Paul Hastings. The Commandant commended the Detachment's active participation in "Toys for Tots", Veterans Visitations, Scout Recognition. Having seen our first efforts at publishing a Detachment Newsletter, the Commandant encouraged the Detachment to submit our Newsletter in the National MCL Newsletter competition.

Other Programs the Commandant suggested that the Detachment participate in were Wounded Marine, Marine for Life and forming a Detachment Auxiliary.

A social hour was conducted following the meeting and all enjoyed having the opportunity to meet and chat with the Commandant.

From the Top

The 2005 MCL PA Department Convention:

June 22 - 26, 2005, Bethlehem PA 18017

The 2005 MCL National Convention:

August 07- 13, 2005, Cleveland OH. 44114

MCL PA Department "Veterans and Youth Program" Drawing

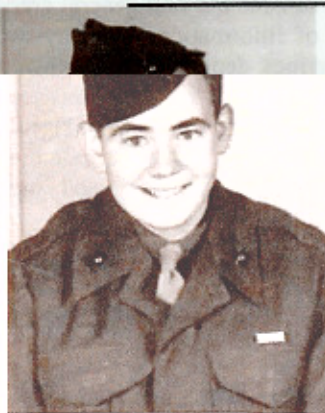
The PA Department MCL's "Veterans and Youth Programs" Drawing will be conducted on June 25, 2005 at the State MCL Convention. Tickets (\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00) are available at Detachment #524's monthly meetings. Show your support for this great program.

Welcome Aboard

Detachment's Newest Member

Welcome Aboard, Marine!

Jack K. Callaghan



Marine Callaghan enlisted in the Corps one day after his 17th birthday on 29 July 1942. After completing Basic Training at San Diego, Jack was shipped out for duty in the South Pacific with the 1st Marine Division, seeing action on Guadalcanal and Cape Gloucester New Britain. Marine Callaghan underwent seventeen months of surgeries and rehabilitation for wounds suffered in January 1944. Marine Callaghan was discharged in October, 1945 at Camp Lejeune NC. Jack currently resides in Carlisle PA

Sick Call and Light Duty

Col. Arthur McDermott –

Southeastern Veterans Center,

One Veterans Drive, Spring City, PA 19475

S-I Says..... (Veteran's Info)

Cumberland Co, Viet Nam War Commemorative Medal

The presentation ceremony for the Cumberland County Vietnam War Commemorative Medal is scheduled for April 30, 2005. Check the Detachment's website for additional information and an application.

Marine Corps Trivia

Not Just a "Few Good Men" – Women Marines

In secret, Lucy Brewer became the first woman to serve in the Marine Corps. Disguised as a gung-ho man, she served in the Marine Detachment aboard the *USS Constitution* during the War of 1812.

Over 100 years later on 12 August 1918, the Secretary of the Navy granted authority to enroll women for clerical duty in the Marine Corps Reserve. The next day, Opha M. Johnson enlisted and became the first official Woman Marine. During the remainder of World War I, 305 women enlisted to "free a man to fight."

During World War II, roughly 1000 officers and 18,000 enlisted women served, led by Col. Ruth C. Streeter. While all available male Marines were battling the Japanese in the Pacific. In their absence, Women Marines represented over half of the personnel at Marine Corps bases in the continental United States.

A year after the end of the war, the Marine Corps retained a small nucleus of Women Marines in a postwar reserve. But, in 1948

Congress passed the Women's Armed Forces Integration Act, which authorized women in the regular component of the Corps.

Katharine A. Towle was appointed Director of Women Marines with the temporary rank of colonel. The following year the Corps set up a recruit training battalion for women recruits at Parris Island, and a women's officer training class at Quantico.

During the Vietnam war in March 1967, MSgt. Barbara Dulinsky requested reassignment from the United States to Vietnam. She was transferred to the main military headquarters (MACV) in Saigon, the first Woman Marine to be sent to a country torn by war. Seven years later the Commandant authorized Women Marines to serve with specialized rear echelon elements of the Fleet Marine Force.

In May 1978, BGen. Margaret Brewer became the first general grade Woman Marine, serving as Director of Information. Twenty-two years later roughly 1000 Women Marines deployed to Southwest Asia in 1990-1991, prior to and during the Gulf War. Later, because of legal mandates, the Corps was forced to accept women into Naval Aviation pilot training. In July 1993, 2ndLt. Sarah Deal became the first such Woman Marine to begin training. She graduated and received her Golden Wings on 21 April 1995.

The next year MGen. Carol A. Mutter became the first two-star Woman Marine. Two years later she was promoted again, the first Woman Marine to wear three stars

The elite Marine Corps remains the only U.S. armed service with the wisdom and courage to maintain separate boot camp training units for men and women recruits. Despite the childish whining of liberal

theorists, despite the rabid ranting of ignorant, politically correct zealots, the Marine Corps has not faltered. Basic training for men and women will remain separate -- but equal. All who qualify will earn the title, United States Marine.

(Excerpt from *Warrior Culture of the U.S. Marines*, © 2001 Marion F. Sturkey)

Meet Your Fellow Marine

Jim Washington, Jr.



USMC: 1974 - 1984 **Rank:** CAPT
MOS: 0802 Field Artillery Officer
 3502 Motor Transport Officer
Decorations and Honors: Navy-USMC
 Commendation, Sea Service Deployment,
 Humanitarian Service,
Tour Of Duty: 1 Battery 3/10 2nd MarDiv
 (Med Cruise), 3rd Med Bn on "The Rock"
 (Okinawa), 1st Mar Bde (West Pac),
 Company Commander - ITS Camp
 Pendleton
Hometown: Carlisle PA
Family: 2 Children & 4 (Future Marines)
 Grandchildren
Employed: Executive Director, Hope
 Station, Carlisle PA

Past. Jr. Commandant

Hobbies, Interests and Activities: Detachment "Toys for Tots" Coordinator; Committee Chairman for Cub Scout Pack 149, Sickie Cell Support Group, Sect-Treas. Joint Veterans & Memorial Committee for Carlisle. President - Carlisle Housing Opportunities Corps, United Way Board, Summerfair Board, Hometown Development Board, Exchange Club, & member of West St AME Zion Church and Self-proclaimed "World Greatest Trout Fisherman".

What Does a Marine Captain Say to a Navy Ship's Captain????

... "I have my orders, Sir....Can Do, Will Do!" While serving as Embarkation Officer on West Pac "Operation Team Spirit" in Red Beach in Korea, an LST arrived with supplies for unloading. It was the Marine's priority to have the Water Purification Equipment and supplies unloaded first. The LST's Skippers response was that it was impossible due to the way the cargo had been stored in the ships hold. Capt. Washington flew out to the LST on a Helo to resolve this issue. The landing required the entire ship's crew to go to Flight Quarters, regardless of duty or rate all personnel are required to man emergency equipment while the Helo came on board. After some negotiation, the Skipper reluctantly permitted Capt. Washington and the Marines to attempt the impossible. **Lesson Learned:** Tell a Marine that it is difficult, not easy, not practical - BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE! As you may have guessed the first item on the beach was the Water Purification Equipment & Supplies!!

FORE!!-ward Golf

3rd Annual Detachment Building Fund Golf Tournament

Mike Clepper, Golf Outing Chairman, has announced details for 3rd Annual Golf Tournament. The Four-man shotgun start will commence at 1300 Hours on Friday, May 20, 2005 at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course. The \$60 (Individual) /\$240 (Team) entry fee includes prizes, green fee, cart, steak dinner and beverages.

Registration forms and additional information will be available at the March 16th meeting and on the Detachment's website.

Great Job Mike!!

"On My Honor" - Scouting and the League

Local Boy Scout Council to Honor Area Marine

Last fall a nomination was made on behalf of Col. Glenn K. Cunningham, USMC (Carlisle Barracks) for the Boy Scout Venturing Leadership Award. The Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Detachment #524 was proud to endorse this nomination with a letter of recommendation for the Colonel.

On Sunday, April 17, 2005 at 1600 Hrs. Col. Cunningham will be presented the Award at the Old Court House in Carlisle. The public is welcome to attend.

This is the highest award that a Council can grant to recognize the contribution that an individual has made to the Boy Scout Venturing Program. Col. Cunningham, the Advisor of Venturing Crew 293 Mechanicsburg, is only one of two Venturing Leaders in Keystone Area Council to be recognized for this award.

Congratulations to Colonel Cunningham.

Detachment's MCL Scouting Certificates of Recognition (2005)

Jan-Mar 2005: 1 (Venturing) Total 2005:

Plan of the Month

Upcoming Activities and Events

- Mar 17 - Detachment Members to visit Mac McDerrott AF's
- April 30 - Cumberland Co. Veterans Affairs Viet Nam War Commemorative Medal presentation
- May 20 - 3rd Annual Detachment Golf Outing
- May 30 - Carlisle Memorial Day Parade
- TBA - Detachment Summer Picnic

Assemble on the Grinder....Next Must

3rd Wednesday of the Month - 1900 Hours
AmVet Building, 40 E. Louthier St., Carlisle PA
April 20, 2005 - May 18, 2005 - June 15, 2005

Editor's Footnote

We recently received the National MCL Newsletter judging and we are "Right On Target". Some enhancements in format etc will garnish us additional points in the competition. Suggestions for improvement, new feature are appreciated. Thanks for your and support. Jim Reed - 582-8315 - jim_reed@tricity.com