



MUSIC CITY DETACHMENT 378
DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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All Members of Music City Unit, MCLA
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Happy Birthday, Marines!

On 10 November 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the raising of two Battalions of Marines, consisting of . . .

That is when it started, and it continues even now!

Department, Division and National Conferences and Conventions

We have listed the Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Auxiliary events for 2012 down through the Department Conventions in June at the end of this Newsletter. We think this should be a permanent fixture in the Newsletter. You need to take a good look at the dates and locations and make some plans *NOW* to attend at least some of these events, *preferably all of them*.

We mentioned the importance of coming out and making contact with other Marines from other parts of the country. This is an opportunity to do the same thing, on the state level. Even in the relatively brief Department Staff Meetings, the face-to-face contact is invaluable. If you let these opportunities to meet with other Marines and learn what the challenges are across Tennessee, the Southeast, and the Country, you will not discover how others have approached their challenges, and how they have solved them.

Not only are these meetings opportunities to get out and meet with other Marines from across Tennessee, from around the Southeast Division and across the entire country when you go to the events, they are also opportunities to bring some new techniques and understanding back that could enhance the way we reach out to Veterans and the Community.

The National Conventions, the Division Conferences, our Department Staff Meetings and the Department Conventions all provide that opportunity, and they help us work together.

What's Happening – When and Where?

How many times have you found some event or function that hasn't made its way to the

-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --

Detachment Calendar of Events which is out there on the Detachment Web Site?

Once is enough for you to start taking action on your own. We will continue to tell you that the **Detachment Calendar of Events** cannot be maintained adequately by one person, so whenever you see something that could be of interest to Members of the Detachment or the Auxiliary Unit, let us know the standard information – **Who, What, When, Where, Why and How** – or as much of it as you can provide. Also, please include a contact where we can get additional information, if need be.

We try to keep the **Calendar** up to date, but we **really do need your assistance** to make the calendar as complete as possible.

Use the Detachment E-Mail or even Snail Mail, but it should always be in writing, because our memories seem to take a short vacation from time to time.

Also, you can use the Detachment E-Mail Address to keep us up to date on your address and your family's status.

The Detachment E-Mail Address is: Info@MusicCityMCL378.Org

The Detachment Web Site is @ <http://MusicCityMCL378.Org>

MCLA Toys-for-Tots Dinner

One of those items that should have been on your calendar is the **Annual Toys-for-Tots Dinner** sponsored by the Music City Auxiliary. It will be at 1700-2000 on Saturday, 10 December 2011, at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, 874 Murfreesboro Road.

Each person attending should bring ONE new unwrapped toy (Approximately \$10.00 or better) for Toys-for-Tots, and if you wish to join in the Gift Exchange, bring a unisex gift for each participant (approximately \$10.00).

Officer Elections Are Due In January

We normally skip the Regular December Business Meeting because December is a busy time for many of us. On top of that, the scheduled third Tuesday is somewhere between ten and four days before Christmas, when our attention is on anything but a Meeting.

With this in mind, the Detachment Nomination Committee, headed by Past Commandant Bob Howard has made its recommendations for the Annual Detachment Officer Elections, which are normally held in January, barring any unusual events or weather related problems .

Their recommendation is to nominate the incumbent slate of Elected Officers to continue in office for another year. The incumbents are:

Commandant	Eddie L. Jones
Senior Vice Commandant	Roy C. Webb
Junior Vice Commandant	Terrance W. Hutcherson
Judge Advocate	Glen Barry Evans

Additional nominations for each office may be made from the floor when we go into the Election process.

“Show Me The Money”

We will again dwell on the money because in many cases the money is key to being able to serve some of those who need our help. The title of this section is easily interpreted as “Show me the results of your efforts on my behalf.”

I have been including some statements in the Newsletter about the fact that part of the goal of the Marine Corps League is “. . .to fit its members for the duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve as ably as citizens as they have served the Nation under arms;...” That is extracted from the National Charter.

We have raised a small bit of money, so what do we plan to do with it? There are the ever present requests for funds from *Marines Helping Marines*, the Marine Corps League program that directly addresses the needs of injured and wounded Marines that have returned to ConUS Medical Centers, the *Marine Corps League Scholarship Fund*, the *Marine Corps League Foundation* that, among other things, provides much needed help in some of the disaster areas, and closer to home, there are the *TMF Scholarships* for the children of Fallen Heroes, and of course the *TMF Package Drives*. The list goes on and on, so you can see that there are ample opportunities to engage with the Veterans and the community. Any thing that we do to raise funds will broaden the scope of our ability to serve “*ably as citizens.*”

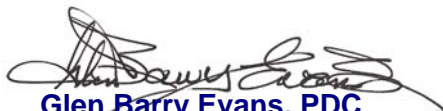
As we have said before, we can have a Koffee Klatch, or we can really be effective.

Address Changes

Please advise us if your address changes. It is always a bit of a shock to find out that you have moved and neglected to let us know. The shock ratchets up somewhat when the first time we find out about your address change is on the quarterly printouts we get from the MCL National Headquarters.

This might contribute to some of the Renewal Notices that sometimes go astray. The correct procedure is to let us know first, and then we will notify National for you.

Semper Fidelis


Glen Barry Evans, PDC
Adjutant-Paymaster

Upcoming Events of Interest

**The next Detachment and Auxiliary Unit Meetings are at
1900 on Tuesday, 15 November 2011.**

**The meeting will be at the
USMC Recruiting Station
2519 Perimeter Place Drive,
just off Royal Parkway across from the “new” Main Post Office.**

See the Detachment Web Site for a Map.

**MCL-MCLA Mid-Winter Conferences – 16-18 February 2012 – Vienna, VA
MCL-MCLA Southeast Division Conferences – 1-4 March 2012 – Myrtle Beach, SC
MCL-MCLA Department Staff Meetings -- 14 April 2012 -- Lebanon
MCL-MCLA Department Conventions – 21-24 June 2012 – Memphis**
