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To: All Members of Music City Detachment 378
All Members of Music City Unit, MCLA

From: Adjutant-Paymaster

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Department Convention

The *Captain Jack Holland Detachment 735* in Jackson did a very good job putting on the 2010 Department of Tennessee Convention. Strictly a personal observation, but in my opinion the rooms were excellent, the meeting spaces were more than adequate, and the Banquet was well above par. This is the first Department function that they have hosted, and they proved that they were capable of doing even greater things with the Department in the future. Commandant Russ Martz and his staff deserve a bunch of "atta-boys" for their work.

What's Going to be When and Where?

I know that I sound like a broken record, but please check the Detachment Calendar of Events frequently to keep track of what events are coming up, not only in the near future, but in some cases several months out. This way you can mark your calendar and be prepared to participate in the planned activities.

Maintaining the on-line calendar is a never ending chore, but it can be rewarding for all of us. The *Calendar of Events* that is on the Detachment's Web Site cannot, however, be maintained adequately by one person. When ever you see something that could be of interest to Members of the Detachment or the Auxiliary Unit, let me know the standard information – **Who, What, When, Where, Why and How** – or as much of it as you can provide. Also, please a contact where I can get additional information. We try to keep up to date, but we really do need your assistance to make this as complete as possible and really make it work for all of us.

There is always something of interest to Marines floating around somewhere out there, and I will try to post all that I can, but sometimes you have to provide a source. The best way to pass the information along is by E-Mail to the Detachment E-Mail Address, or even Snail Mail. It should always be in writing, because sometimes, when there is a bunch of stuff going on, my memory takes a short vacation from time to time.

NOTE: We will continue to keep after some of you for E-Mail addresses. Sending these notes by E-Mail will save a good bit on postage costs. I do know that some of you do not have access to E-Mail or the Internet, so we will continue to send you a copy via "Snail Mail." However, if you do receive this by "Snail Mail", and you do have an E-Mail address, please share it with us by sending it to the Detachment E-Mail Address:

Info@MusicCityMCL378.Org

-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --

The United States Marine Band will be in Nashville on Thursday, 7 October 2010 - More Details Later

Check the Detachment's Web Site

I have frequently checked the links to the news in Afghanistan. The articles seem to be coming in on a regular basis, and they appear to have been done quite well. Some of my informal sources indicate that the information they are getting out of Afghanistan is drying up, possibly due to Command influence.

The "Official" sites at I MEF-Forward and HQMC may be the only sources outside of the Main Stream Media that are still active for the foreseeable future.

I know sometimes it may seem that I am nagging you about the Web Site, but I really don't mean it that way. I just think you really would be better informed if you frequently checked out our Web Site and take a look at the new items as they appear. There are a number of items that are unique to our Web Site that could be beneficial to each of us. The URL is:

<http://MusicCityMCL378.Org>

If you have any information to add to the Web Site, or something that needs to be included in our announcements at the meeting or otherwise passed to the Detachment Members use the E-Mail Address for the Detachment. It is included on the Main Page on the Web Site, and it is:

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There are links to other Marine and/or Marine Corps League entities, so check it out from time to time.

Do You Have a Pin?

I haven't had any responses last two months, but I will try just one more time.

When you first joined the Marine Corps League, the National Headquarters sent your new Membership Card directly to you.

In addition to the Membership Card, you should have received a Membership Lapel Pin, which is sent to the Detachment Adjutant-Paymaster, who just happens to be me. I try to pass out the Pins at the Regular Meetings when ever I can.

Sometimes, that hasn't worked out too well, because individual attendance is sometime a bit spotty, and then after awhile I tend forget about the Pin. (CRS ??)

If for any reason, you haven't received a Membership Lapel Pin, let me know at the next meeting, because I always try to have some with me at the Meetings.

If you are not able to make a Meeting for some reason, contact me via E-Mail or a note to the Detachment P O Box (shown on the Main Page of the Web Site) and I can make arrangements to get one to you.

Of course we would rather have you at the meetings, and we need for you to provide your input on what we can be doing to help veterans and the community.

We Need to Grow

Marines will join various organizations for a variety of reasons. Some do so because they feel that the work of the organization is good for them. Some do so because they feel there is an opportunity to reach out and help others. Whether it is what the organization does for them, or reaching out to help others through the organization, those that join do so to help themselves and to help others. Marines are certainly no exception to this rule, whether it is the Wounded Warrior program, or Marines Helping Marines, the Young Marines or the Boy Scouts, there are opportunities for outreach.

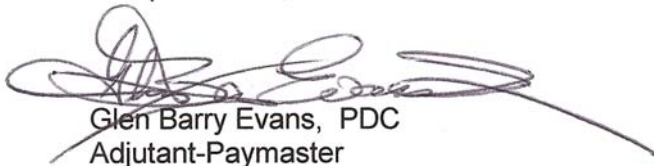
Numbers aren't the "see-all and be-all." The numbers indicate that we have enough hands to accomplish what we want to do. The Membership has been "sorta" steady for the last few months, but we do need to grow to be better able to serve the Veterans, not just the Marine Veterans, but all who have served our country. In 1983, the Membership of this Detachment was something over 300 Marines, but as of 31 March of this year it is at 98 Paid Members in good standing, and possibly dropping from there. We may or may not ever reach or exceed that 1983 total again, but the drop is easy to explain.

Patient demographics have changed a great deal, partially due to the newer techniques used in medicine. We often feel that we are not able to work with the Veterans and the Medical Centers as we once did. If we stick to the "old ways" that is very true. What we need to do is be flexible and respond to the needs of the patients and their families whenever possible and not limit it to the "way we have always done it." Sometimes that would be in individual efforts rather than a group getting together (e. g. Bingo).

We will try to identify areas and projects that can be beneficial that we can participate in. When we do find these needs and projects, we all need to pitch in and do our part.

By working together and sharing with others, we can indeed grow.

Semper Fidelis



Glen Barry Evans, PDC
Adjutant-Paymaster

Upcoming Events

**MCL-MCLA National Conventions – Saturday, 7 August – Saturday 14 August 2010
Greensboro, NC**

**The next Detachment and Auxiliary Unit Meetings are on
Tuesday, 20 July 2010 at 1900.**

**We meet in Buildings M-2 and M-2-A in the
Nashville State Community College Campus.**

See the Web Site for a Map or directions.