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GUNG HO



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MCL celebrates 100 years . . . Where did we begin ?

As we celebrate the Marine Corps League 100 years, we are reminded of its beginning and the early years.

The New York detachment would be the first chartered as New York Detachment No. 1, thus making it the League's oldest continuous detachment. Buffalo, New York was the second and Newark, New Jersey the third. Other detachments quickly followed with the detachment from Baltimore, namely the Charles H. Lauchheimer Detachment. By 1926 there were 54 detachments nationwide.

It is unknown how long the Louchheimer Detachment existed with original documents lost. On July 1950 the present Baltimore Detachment was chartered.

The original detachment in Baltimore was named after a native Baltimorean, Brig. Gen. Charles H. Louchheimer, USMC.

Charles Henry Lauchheimer

Charles Lauchheimer born September 12, 1859 in Baltimore, MD, where he attended Baltimore City College. Late Lauchheimer graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Class of 1881. Around 1896, he wrote five books on Naval Law, Forms of Procedures on Naval Law and Naval Court. As a Marine Corps Brigadier General he was the Adjutant and Inspector of the United States Marine Corps, with station at Headquarters, during the World War. He became seriously ill, was admitted to the hospital on July 10, 1919, where he died on January 14, 1920.

Brigadier General Charles Henry Lauchheimer, United States Marine Corps, was honored with the Navy Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious service in a duty of great responsibility in the organization and administration of the Adjutant and Inspector's Department of the U.S. Marine Corps throughout the period of World War I. Through his energy and efficient management this Department was able successfully to meet the greatly increased burdens and responsibilities placed upon it



Brigadier General Charles H. Lauchheimer, USMC

Commadant's Message

Baltimore Detachment Marine of the Year *Paul Taylor*

The Baltimore Detachment Marine of the Year Award is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a regular member of the Marine Corps League. The candidates for this award are nominated by the people who know them best; the Marines of our own detachment. The recommendations are screened by a panel of judges made up entirely of past Detachment Marines of the Year. The new Marine of the Year is honored in a ceremony at a designated detachment meeting.



Marine Paul Taylor, the 2022-20223 Marine of the Year, was honored by Commandant Earl Ruff. and Past Marine of the Year recipients at the detachment meeting 21 July.

Paul has demonstrated by leadership and performance an extraordinary contribution to the Detachment, Marine Corps League and Community.

His personal conduct has reflected favorably on and has brought credit to the Detachment, Marine Corps League and the United States Marine Corps

Congratulations to an outstanding Marine



Greeting Marines,

The summer is slowly starting to come to an end, school kids will be getting ready to head back to school and it's time to plan the last vacation for the season. As of this writing I'm in Oklahoma attending the Marine Corps League National Convention and 100th Anniversary celebration. The attendance is 550 members from across the country, Maryland had 21 members in attendance and the Baltimore Detachment had three members representing, Earl Ruff, Howard Koontz and Gary Roundtree and Rose Mary Koontz from the Auxiliary. The convention has opened with business meeting that included reports from the National Officers and voting on changes to some national bylaws. I look forward to reporting more in the next news letter.

It's that time of year for annual dues please see that paymaster gets your on time and please update your contact information so that our records are up to date for the upcoming year. And we hope to increase attendance at the monthly meeting as well as start some new activities to get together to socialize during the month.

During the upcoming months we have several activities going on, in October we will host the Young Marines Anniversary Banquet and in November Toys for Tots Campaign begins and runs through mid December. November is also Veterans Day celebration and Marine Corps Birthday. This year will be potluck party (see more in Gung Ho calendar). And December will be the Holiday potluck dinner.

Everyone have a safe end of summer and let's see if we can make the upcoming year a more active one as well as productive by recruiting more new members.

Semper Fidelis,
Earl Ruff, Jr.

Sr. Vice Commandant's Message

Greeting Marines,

I hope to enhance my participation and completion of my assignments more physically and mentally as the year progresses. Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve as a Detachment Officer.

We are fast approaching the end of summer season which means that many of us have been to numerous conferences and conventions.

Please take care that you are prepared by always keeping plenty of water and sun block with you. Our health is important and as we have birthdays each year, we realize how many new things we must do to keep healthy.

The Detachment has lost some members who were responsible for making this building what it is today. Remember their families by calling them or sending them a card from time to time. Hopefully we can develop a list so that more officers and members can make contact with those who do not attend our meetings regularly.

By the time you receive this newsletter, a few of us will have attended the Mid East Division Conference held in Baltimore, and the Marine Corps League National Convention in Oklahoma City. We hope that everyone traveling will have a safe trip and the ability to network with others to come up with ideas that will be beneficial for both the Detachment, Division and National subsidiaries.

Remember that our Toys for Tots Program kick off on October 1, 2023. However, if you see something that you think that our young people would enjoy, please feel free to make the purchase, especially if it is on sale. Should you want to have an individual fundraiser within some of your other organizations, please feel free to do so because there are many young people who benefit from this program. If you are working in an area other than our Detachment, please remember to count the toys and other items so that we have a more accurate number of the items that we are donating. To those members who are networking with other organizations this summer, please remember that we are looking to increase our Detachment membership. So, while you are socializing, remember to ask if they are Marines interested in joining, or if they are interested in becoming an Associate Member of our Detachment. If you don't ask, you cannot recruit and as members, we need to recruit.

Also, if any members are interested in volunteering at Loch Raven or for Special Olympics, please feel free to contact me for more information at ehpierce@comcast.net or 410-736-9673. I look forward to any information or suggestions that will provide more funds for the Detachment. As members, we should participate in fundraisers or make a monetary contribution to assist with the programs that we support. Please make a monetary contribution which will make our Paymaster happy!

Respectfully submitted,
Marian C. James, SVC

Jr. Vice Commandant Message

Greeting Marines,

We celebrated another holiday, Labor Day. Our members and families probably enjoyed the day, with the last great cookout of the year. Summer has come to an end.

I sincerely hope that all of us fared well and are healthy and safe. In the spirit of the Corps, I hope that some of you reached out and made contact with members we missed seeing over the past year, checked on them to see how they fared and encouraged them to stop by the meeting hall. As always, the need to recruit new members is important but it's even more vital that we retain current members.

There are a lot of activities set to happen in the coming months that work out so much better when we are all participating. Veteran's Day comes to mind as well as the Marine Corps Birthday and Christmas.

We have a proud tradition of supporting the Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots campaign, in a big way and making Christmas sparkle bright for local children. We need the generosity, effort and assistance of our entire group to continue that accomplishment.

If you have been absent for awhile, get up off that sofa and drag yourself out to the next meeting. You have been missed.

Semper Fidelis.
Ray Vaughn, JVC

MCL Baltimore Pistol / Rifle Team Coming Events

MCL Rifle match
Millvale Sportsmen's Club
Ohio Valley Marines
654 Charette Place, Sewickley, PA
Date: 9 September 2023

MCL Pistol Match
First Capitol Detachment 521 YORK, PA
Date: 16 September 2023



Semper Fi Prayer Circle

*"And the Prayer of Faith
shall save the sick,
and the LORD shall raise him up"*

*Almighty God, the author of peace,
Whose boundless love reaches beyond our
limited vision,
And who holds all thy children
In tender compassion and concern,*

*We pray for those men and women
Listed as "Missing in Action".*

*Give especially to their families and loved ones
The assurance that none are even missing in thy sight,
But held forever in the safety of thy love.*

*So we would pray that the day will come
When peace will always prevail.*

*So that no more loved ones need ever again
Be listed as MISSING IN ACTION.*

By the love that undergirds our lives,

*And by thy grace that gives us courage and strength
We raise this prayer.*

Amen.

Sick / Distressed

Prayers go to those on our "Sick and Distress
Jack Colleran, Marian James, Will Priest, Nelson Dickerson,
and Rosemary Koontz.

Most High God, god that Liveth, Heal and deliver all of us that
are in need of your healing, mercy and grace Amen.

If you know of anyone sick or in distress, please call:
Chaplain Harry Hierstetter. & Judith Hoffman
410-296-1088 / Email:1stsgtjwhusmc@comcast.net

As always may God's blessing be with
all military and their families

*Harry Hierstetter / Judith Hoffman
Chaplains*

Detachment Home Dispatch

Maintenance

I would like to thank the very few who show up to help around the Detachment Home. General house cleaning and various maintenance projects are an on-going necessity that requires help. I have included a list of some of the repairs needed around the building, some are small, and some require planning and time to gather supplies. If you and a friend are interested in giving a hand (No experience needed). Please let us know. I would like to schedule some sort of work party for the large tasks.

- ✓ General house cleaning, vacuum, clean and mop the kitchen and restroom floors.
- ✓ Replace damage ceiling tiles in the 1st and 2nd floor kitchens.
- ✓ Remount the vinyl baseboard along the wall on the 1st floor.
- ✓ Replace the 220v outlet for the museum a/c unit, install large A/C unit in the window.
- ✓ Get the large ladder down from the hose tower.
- ✓ Remove the bird nests from under the 2nd floor A/C unit (need the large ladder).
- ✓ Replace flagpole ropes at Latrobe Park (need the large ladder)
- ✓ Clean out the chimney well in the basement.
- ✓ Cleanup basement (take lumber, old pumps, light fixtures, and drainpipes to the dump).
- ✓ Clean, caulk 2nd floor windows, replace broken channel slides (springs) assemblies.
- ✓ Clean and caulk around 1st floor windows.
- ✓ Re-point mortar joints and seal kitchen walls.

As always, any help in the weekly upkeep and maintenance of the building would be greatly appreciated. The building is open between 8:30 AM till around 12 Noon, Wednesday, and Saturday.

Ernie Disney, and the building committee.

Baltimore Detachment Hall Rental

If you know of someone who is looking for a hall to rent, please keep your Detachment Hajj in mind. We can seat 100 comfortably. Keep promoting the hall rental. Information call: Ernie Disney @ 410-977-7975.

Military Order of the Devil Dogs

*The Fun and Honor Society
of the Marine Corps League*



Woof woof,

83rd Supreme Growl

Oklahoma City, 15 August 2023

The MODD conducted their 83rd Supreme Growl at the Marine Corps League National Convention celebrating 100 years. Marines attended business meetings (bylaw changes, committees, training, etc.) as well as socialize at an ice breaker talent show, river cruise, and a grand banquet. The MODD website states, "The Military Order of the Devil Dogs is the fun and honor society of the Marine Corps League."

The Children's Hospital VOLUNTEERS group was the recipient. The group formed in 1973 and their purpose is "to make a difference for kids at the hospital." Volunteers deliver toys, use pets and music as therapy, schedule special events that make children's dreams come true, and much more.

The MODD presented a check for \$74,000 and proceeds from the Dice Run to representatives of the Oklahoma Children's Hospital on Aug 15, at 5:00 p.m. at the Scissortail Park.

Schedule

Merlin Pack Growl

9 September

*Following DM Staff Meeting

Hound Dog Pound 204 Growl

17 September

GATHERING OF THE DOGS Host Midwest Division MODD Sheraton Westport Chalet

5-7 Oct. 2023 191 Westport Plaza,
Maryland Heights, Missouri 63146

Remember: It is an honor to be a Devil Dog

*Woof woof,
PDD Stuart Blair
Barking Dog*



Maryland Veterans Commission

MVC Quarterly Meeting

On Tuesday 18 July 2023 the Maryland Veterans Commission held the Summer quarterly meeting at Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic, Silver Spring, MD

MDVA Secretary Anthony Woods:
Update on the Department:

**Maryland Veterans Trust Fund
Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
Service and Benefits Program
Cemetery and Memorials Program**

Presentations:

Mallory Lass, Steven A. Cohen Clinic

Dr. Crum from the Maryland Department of Health for his presentation on the current status of COVID-19 in Maryland.

Subcommittee Reports

- Substance Misuse.
- Homeless Subcommittee VA reports 148 homeless Veterans in Maryland. More housing is being built at Perry Point VA Medical Center.

*Update on the Commission to Establish a Women Veteran's Memorial from Commissioner Karen Calvert, who is Chair of that Commission:

- Commissioner Calvert reports the Commission is looking at locations and have visited the site chosen for the second Veteran Home, a location in Havre de Grace and the Maryland Veterans Museum in Southern Maryland. The Commission meets again on August 14th and anyone is welcome to join.

* Details on updates and presentations by contacting Commissioner Stuart Blair: thistleman@verizon.net

Next MVC meeting will be Tuesday 17 October 2023 Still Standing Community Corporation, 1520 S. Caton Ave., Baltimore, MD 21227

S/F,
Stuart Blair, PDG
Commissioner, MCL
Maryland Veterans Commission

MCL Scouts BSA Award Program

"On My Honor"

**Scouting . . .
Eagle Scout for Life**



Why Scouting ?

For more than 100 years, Scouting programs have instilled in youth the values found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Today, these values are just as relevant in helping youth grow to their full potential as they were in 1910. Scouting helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

Most importantly, Scouting promotes activities that lead to personal responsibility and high self-esteem. As a result, when hard decisions have to be made, peer pressure can be resisted and the right choices can be made.

Good Citizenship Awards Presented

In the past two months, July & August, there have been (7) seven presentations of the "Good Citizenship Awards" by the Baltimore Detachment.



*Eagle Scouts, Perry Hall Presbyterian Church presented
"Good Citizenship Award"
by Marines Stuart Blair & Harry Hierstetter * 8 July*

+*NOTE: If you know of or part of a Scout BSA Troop in your area, inform the Scout leaders of the MCL Eagle Scout Award Program. Access on line @ Marine Corps League, Dept. of Maryland or Contact me: Phone 410-665-6440 Email: thistleman@verizon.net

Stuart Blair, Chairman

Detachment Programs

Detachment General Fund

Pick Three Lottery Calendar Fundraiser

The proceeds from this are used for detachment general expenses, assistance to a detachment Marine or family member in need and the Baltimore Green St. VA Medical Center Project

The calendar fund winners for the month of May 2023 are:

01 May	Robert Gillespie	#717	\$25.00
02 May	Pearl Kittles	#564	\$25.00
04 May	Irv Becker	#720	\$25.00
05 May	Precious Palmer	#490	\$25.00
20 May	Seven Slips Received		+\$140.00
05 January	Earl Ruff III	#113	\$25.00
30 January	Joseph Villanueva	#304	\$25.00
12 May	Jimmy Hoffman	#299	\$25.00
14 May	Irv Becker	#511	\$50.00
Mother's Day			
22 May	Paul Taylor	#942	\$25.00
16 May	Marie Thompson	#917	\$25.00
29 May	Jimmy Hoffman	#299	
	\$100.00 Memorial Day		
31 May	Bob Walton	#266	\$25.00

The fund had a total of twelve (12) winners in May. Ten won \$25.00, one (1) won \$50.00 on Mother's Day and one won \$100.00 on Memorial day for a total payout of \$400.00 leaving a balance of \$4,920.00 in the fund.

The calendar fund winners for June 2023 are:

07Jun	Anthony Jackson	#628	\$25.00
08Jun	Joseph Villanueva	#304	\$25.00
13Jun	Michael Zrevhoffer	#747	\$25.00
15Jun	Gloria Roman	#282	\$25.00
17Jun	Betty L. Walsh	#912	\$25.00
19Jun	Irv Becker	#511	\$25.00
20Jun	Anthony Jackson	#006	\$25.00
24Jun	Evert Surapik	#956	\$25.00 **
30Jun	Lisa Hergenham	#743	\$25.00

**Donated winnings to the General Fund

The fund has eight (8) winners off of which won \$25.00 for a total payout of \$200.00 leaving a balance in the fund at the end of June 2023 of \$4,695.00 .

Auxiliary

*Reaching Further . . .
. . . Touching More*



Greetings,

The MCL 100th National Convention

was held in Oklahoma City in August. Representing the MCLA Baltimore Unit was Kate Pratt, a new member and I.

The MCLA theme was "Fishing." Our costumes for the event were unusual but appropriate for the task at hand. While I held a small fishing pole, Howard drew a black bass on aboard for me to catch. And I eventually hooked it with a plastic hook. No paper fish for dinner !

MCLA National President Linda Chamberlain conducted the annual business meeting with updates on bylaws, forms and procedures.

Also at the convention, Operation Little Angel program donations were presented to a family assistance program. The Auxiliary Operation Little Angel Committee continues for a great job.

The MCL authorized a 2023 100th Anniversary ribbon for the MCLA. The ribbon can be worn on our jacket. Only those who were present at the convention can wear the gold frame. All others are permitted to wear the pin with "2023" fixed to the pin.

With our banner on display, we were presented the ribbon to attach to the pole.

Hope our members have paid their dues for another year and are ready to attend our meetings this New Year. We need new ideas for ways we can be of service this year. We plan to contribute to Toys for Tots and the Festival of Trees. We need to start in October on the Festival of Trees to have tree and decorations ready in November when the festival begins. Hope our members will join us.

God bless America,

*Rosemary Koontz
SVP*

MCLA Dept. of Maryland Summer Staff Meeting

Date: Saturday 9 September

Location: Pete Arnold Detachment

Marine Corps History Question of the Month

In each month's "GUNG HO" we will feature a question about U.S. Marine Corps history. The question will test your knowledge of well known facts of Marine Corps.

The answer to each question will be in the following issue.

Answer to July - August Question

On August 3, 1950, eight Corsair fighter planes launched from an escort carrier and carried out the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War. The raid targeted enemy installations with incendiary bombs, rockets, and strafing runs near Inchon, Korea. What was the name of the escort carrier the planes took off from ?

USS Sicily

September - October Question

During World War II, this regiment was assigned to the 2nd Marine Division and participated in combat operations on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa, earning three Presidential Unit Citations in the process. What regiment was this ?

- a) 2nd Marine Regiment
- b) 6th Marine Regiment
- c) 8th Marine Regiment
- d) 10th Marine Regiment

Members Birthdays

We would like to wish the following Marines a "**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**" and many more:

SEPTEMBER - BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Donald L. Rollette, Sr., Joseph R. Lantz, Nelson J. Dickerson, George H. Keen, Sr., Charles J. Cooper, John F. McCurdy, Richard J. Koel, Keith Custard, Michael J. Ratajczak, Jr., Darrell N. Truesdale, Sr., Eugene (Terry) Gill, Calvin L. Johnson and Adam Sims.

OCTOBER - BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Ralph W. Souder, Paul E. Taylor, David C. Mioduszewski, Howard R. Gurley, Bronson W. Sweeney, Rodger F. Weeden Sr., Howard S. Koontz Jr., Marlin B. Johnson, Charles H. Obitz III, William S. Holland, Samuel A. Evans Jr. Benjamin L. Luster and Ashton Smith Jr.

Marines, if you had a birthday this month and your name did not appear, please let me know.

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"To observe a Marine is inspirational, to be a Marine is exceptional."

Irreverent Warriors Silkies Hike - Baltimore, MD

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Saturday, November 4 · 8am - 5pm EDT

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*We bring veterans together using humor and camaraderie to improve mental health and prevent Veteran suicide.
www.irreverentwarriors.com*

*Irreverent Warriors events create a network of enduring support by
Communicating the message; 'Your existence matters.'*

HEALING THROUGH HUMOR

Irreverent: -irrev-er-ent - adj. - an inability to take serious things seriously.

*Veterans operate differently than most others in the face of tragedy or adversity in that they are more likely to use
humor and camaraderie as a coping mechanism.*

SILKIES HIKE EVENT

*Silkies Hikes are a series of therapeutic events that are designed to prevent veteran suicide by bringing veterans
together using humor and camaraderie to improve mental health. In order to create and maintain this environment
of support and understanding,*