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Commandant's Message

They haven't given me a word count limit on this yet, so I will try to keep this informative and brief. Our next meeting will be at the Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association on March 23 rd . Details are on our website. Check it out.

The theme of MCL's Mid Winter Conference this year is Veterans and Youth. With the changes to the PACT Act still being implemented the focus is to have EVERY VETERAN registered with the VA. In Ohio we have our own Marine Corps League Veterans Service Officers, (their Names and Contact Info are on Our Department Website), as well as our own County Veterans Service Commission. Steven Miska, Transitional Executive Director Pact Act from the Office of the Secretary U.S. Dept. of the VA said that after March 5 th every Veterans can and should register with the VA. Even if you do not need assistance at this time, Register. At the very least register with your County Veterans Service Commission Office, Individual County Contact information will be available on our website by the time you receive this. If you are already registered, bring a buddy who isn't, they will thank you someday.

The future of our Country and the World is our Youth, and while the MEDIA may be pushing the doom and gloom of our society on the nightly and weekend updates, I and so many others can assure you that is not the whole story. The Young Marines and the Scouting programs are growing as fast they can find responsible adults to volunteer for them. Each and every one of us have children in our lives and we all hope for a better future for them. The truth is, the future is better, if only from the advances of scientific achievement, but there is so much more.



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Commandant's Message (cont.)

Yes, there are distractions, and we have always had those, we have also had structure available to help us direct our energy and efforts to a goal worth achieving. Young Marines and Scouting offer that, supporting them is supporting your family's and our country's future. And yes we will have information soon on our website.

At our January meeting, Marine Bryan McGown of eTMSOhio.com offered possible treatment options for Veterans and First Responders dealing with PTSD. The cost for First Responders and Veterans is covered by the State. Marine Jason Rutledge, Executive Director of SAVE22.VET spoke on the necessity of sharing experiences as one avenue that has proven successful in Veteran Suicide Prevention. The best resource is each and everyone of us. Veterans and First Responders are more likely to share with one of their own than with a stranger, that is why it is so important for all of us to be there for each other. You can get more information from their websites.

Megan and Jordan are working with our Compliance Office PDC PDD Roger Smith to make our website one stop shop for information. Rather than looking for this or that here or there our plan is to develop Roger's, Megan's and Jordan's vision to make it easier for you by including information and resources we can use to help each other. Our Website is www.ohiomarinecorpsleague.org. you want to check it every now and then just to see what else we have found to share with you.

See you at the CPPA in Cleveland for the March Department meeting. Words of Wisdom, we must always be mindful that none of us can do everything but all of us can do something, just one more example why we are Semper Fidelis.

Thom Seymour, Commandant

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FAMOUS MARINES

Bea Arthur



Late actress Bea Arthur acted in the long-running sitcom *Golden Girls* (1985–1992), and she served as a Marine before breaking through into acting. She enlisted just five days after the US Marine Corps called upon women to recruit, submitting a letter, which showcased her dedication to the cause. "I was supposed to start work yesterday, but heard last week that enlistments for women in the Marines were open, so decided the only thing to do was join," she wrote.

After undergoing basic training, Arthur was sent to Washington, DC to serve as a typist. She later requested a transfer to the Motor Transport School at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, which was subsequently approved. This led to her becoming a driver and dispatcher at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point. Arthur kept her military service a secret her entire life, going so far as to deny it in various interviews. It wasn't until her records were made public that the long-withheld details were revealed.

Sr. Vice Commandant's Message

Good evening Marines,

Life has many challenges. It throws you a lot of curve balls in your daily, weekly, and monthly schedules. You think you have everything well organized! Guess again. Keep the white out handy right next to your day Timer. You will need it!

My wife (President of the Department Auxiliary) and I have our reservations made for the Central Division Conference in Kalamazoo Michigan. April 4–7 2024. We will be home in time for my wife to have a shoulder replacement on April 26. Followed up by a second shoulder replacement and/or a second knee replacement a few months after that.

We're still working through the process of recovering documents after the death of my sister in Denver Colorado. Her apartment was vandalized just before we arrived and again after we arrived. She was found dead of natural causes and the apartment was designated a crime scene. Her computer, cell phone, all her records and her car were stolen.

I recently had another CT scan and another upcoming test to see if my cancer has returned. I do have some related issues that need attention.

I have attended the department zoom meetings. Sometimes I don't have much to say because I may have something else on my mind at the time. I still attended the meetings of the two detachments that I belong to.

We have several Good Marines with serious health problems within the Department. One of the Detachment Past Commandants just went home to be with our Lord on Thursday. PDC Roy Trembly, May He Rest in Peace. I would have attended but just found out it's a private service. The wife of Roger Fowler Medina Detachment (Rose) who was a founding member of the Medina Auxiliary passed away this month.

Marines. We are a tough group of men and women that can work through any of life's challenges. When times get the best of you, reach out to another Marine for help or your support system. Attend your detachment meetings. They need you there and you need to be there. Improvise, adapt, overcome and reach out.

John Harkness, Sr. Vice Commandant
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FAMOUS MARINES

Steve McQueen



Steve McQueen, famous for being the King of Cool, enlisted in the US Marine Corps in 1947. He was promoted to private first class and assigned to an armored unit. In classic McQueen rebellious fashion, the future actor was demoted seven times. One incident involved him going AWOL for two weeks to visit his girlfriend, resulting in 41 days in the brig.

Following his bout of rebelliousness, McQueen decided to turn his military career around, later going on to say, "The Marines made a man out of me. I learned how to get along with others, and I had a platform to jump off of." This change in attitude was evident in his saving the lives of five other marines during an Arctic exercise, pulling them from their tank before it fell through the ice.

McQueen was also assigned to the honor guard, tasked with guarding the yacht owned by US President Harry Truman. Following his honorable discharge in 1950, he went on to star in a number of popular films, of which many had a military theme: *The War Lover* (1962), *The Great Escape* (1963), *Soldier in the Rain* (1963) and *The Sand Pebbles* (1966).

Pay Master's Message

Over the past 8 months I have learned a lot about the current workflow process from Detachments to National regarding Paymaster issues. Generally, most of us get the job done well and manage to keep our membership rosters squared away. Moving forward into a new year is a good time to re-access and see where we stand.

My observations have been that a lack of technological skills is keeping our Department from processing information quickly and efficiently for our members. Computer skills are essential for Detachment Paymasters now and if you have a lack of enthusiasm desire to learn these skills it puts your detachments in a weaker position.

Part of the problem lies in the lack of equipment. All Detachment Paymasters should have a desktop computer - and preferably a laptop that can be brought to Detachment meetings. Your Detachment Paymasters also need a copier/printer/scanner to process everything he/she needs to do. I suggest each Detachment make these one-time purchases and each current Paymaster can pass on the

equipment to the next Paymaster, so the investment is well-made.

We also need to realize that internet and computer skills are imperative to be a successful Detachment Paymaster. We have a few that refuse to use email or have a neighbor monitor their Paymaster email. We have others that have their spouses run their email accounts and process Detachment Paymaster membership forms. This makes it hard to communicate with you if you are not available to resolve an issue with one of your members.

Your Detachment Paymaster should have one MCL email address used for all Dept. business. He/She should also have basic computer skills such as downloading, uploading, and filling out PDF forms. This is where the younger Marines should step it to assist since they probably have more experience with these tasks. Please remember your Detachment Portal users do not have to be your Detachment

Commandant and Detachment Paymaster. The access to this administrative portal can and should be given to someone who has attention to detail and the ability to follow through with tasks.

So much of our communication is online now and it is here to stay along with ever-changing updates and new platforms. We must be able to improvise, adapt and overcome to meet these challenges with the tools and skills needed to get the job done right.

Amy M. Imperatore, Pay Master
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FAMOUS MARINES

Adam Driver



Before his acting days, 17-year-old Adam Driver joined the Marines shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"I joined . . . feeling like I think most people in the country did at the time, filled with a sense of patriotism and retribution and the desire to do something," he said in a TED Talk. "That, coupled with that fact that I wasn't doing anything."

The Star Wars and Girls actor "loved" being in the Marines, but was medically discharged after two years of service.

Judge Advocate's Message

Semper Fi Marines and fellow League members,

Because I'm the only member of our Department Ways and Means committee I will start my article off by reporting on our Department fundraiser which just concluded. The lottery raffle was a huge success and generated \$5,000.00 for our Department. My sincere thanks to all of the Detachments that participated in selling tickets and my congratulations to all of the winners. I will have the fundraiser ledger at our Department spring conference if you would like to see how it was conducted. The winning Detachment with the most ticket sales was the H Eugen "Doak" Walker Detachment #963 in Springfield with 187 tickets sold. 2nd place was Cleveland Police Det #1410 with 100 tickets sold and 3rd place was the Pvt Henry Kalinowski Det #782 with 80 tickets sold. With 75% of the Detachments within our Department participating in this effort, you are all to be congratulated on a "Job Well Done"!

I'll now put on my Judge Advocate/Compliance Officer cover for the rest of my article. With the new year well under way, we all now have a clear understanding of how important it is to keep our annual reporting requirements current. As a Detachment PayMaster myself, I have learned that the sooner I get it done the sooner it is behind me. Please double check your ROI's before submitting them to ensure they are filled out completely and correctly and that "All" officers on the ROI are members in good standing. Also, please ensure that your entire membership is aware of our Department website ohiomarinecorpsleague.org. Our website is a great tool to help us keep the entire Department membership informed and make informational resources easy to get to. I hope to see you all at the Department conference in a few weeks and as always if you have any questions please get in touch with me. Semper Fidelis.

Roger Smith, Judge Advocate

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**This is Hallowed Ground
Why we do not walk between the Colors**

**Between the flags that proudly fly
Let no one dare to stand
For here our fallen comrades lie,
We call it Hallowed Ground.
A symbol, yes but mark it well;
Here let us ever humbly pause
In Memory of the ones who fell
In fighting for our sacred cause.**

**On sea or land these buddies died.
Some lie beneath a foreign sod
In graves caressed by winds and tide
In spots unknown to all but God.
And so this place is Hallowed Ground.
And it shall be forever blessed.
As though it were a grassy mound
Beneath which gallant heroes rest.**

**Be ever watchful, Legionnaire/Marines
Of these two flags which signify
That we should guard this spot with care
Where our departed comrades lie.
And, if a man should dare to tread
This spot where lie our gallant brave,
He desecrates those noble dead
As tho he walked upon their grave.**

Marines Hymn

**From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
Of United states Marine**

**Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in every slime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far-off Northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes,
You will find us always on the job
United States Marines**

**Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve.
If the Army and the Navy
ever look on Heaven's scenes,
They will find the streets are guarded
By United States Marines**