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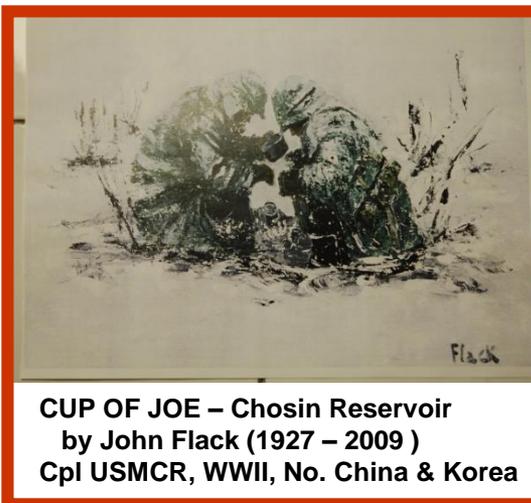
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CUP OF JOE – Chosin Reservoir
by John Flack (1927 – 2009)
Cpl USMCR, WWII, No. China & Korea

Marine Corps League Detachment 968 in the Mason area is seeking sponsorships for wreaths that will be placed on Veterans graves during a nationwide remembrance ceremony at a cemetery in the Cincinnati / Dayton area on December 17, 2016.

Wreaths are \$15.00 and must be purchased before Nov. 28th. To purchase a wreath please visit our web page at

<https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=21207&relate=21036>

Thank You (see articles page 6 & 7)



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JUNE 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The 236th Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Chosin Reservoir Detachment was held on JULY 13th 2016 at the The Snyder House, 5847 Irwin Simpson Road, Cottle Park, Mason OH 45040



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The Snider House, 5847 Irwin-Simpson Road
Cottell Park, Mason, OH. 45040



Date: 20-July 2016

236th Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1. Roll Call of Officers:

All Officers were in attendance with the exception of Jr. Vice Commandant Bob Bell and Adjutant Chuck Klosterman.

2. Applications for Membership: None reported

We received an application for membership from Doctor Richard Woerz, who Honorably served from November 1956 to November 1964. Dr. Woerz provided information about his military tenure and was welcomed by the detachment. Paul Plominski attempted to speak with Gene Smith about his membership but there was a discrepancy with his phone number and he was unable to make contact with him.

3. Minutes from previous meeting:

After a discussion about the 235th meeting minutes, Doug Loughead made the motion to approve them seconded by Paul Plominski. All in attendance supported the motion.

4. Paymaster Report:

Dues -Initial 1st Year: \$33.00 Annual Renewal: \$30.00
As of 1 Jan 2009, the Marine Corps League Life Member dues are: 35 & under: \$500 36 -50: \$400 51 -60: \$300 61 & over: \$150

Applications for Membership: Doctor Richard Woerz.



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Paymaster Gerry Haas presented Gary Copeland with a Marine Corps League life membership pin. He also reported that the detachment received \$1000.00 reimbursement from the Warren County Veterans Services for Memorial Day Ceremony for the years 2015 and 2016 expenses as per section 5901 of the Ohio Revised Code. In addition, the detachment received \$15.00 for outstanding dues paid and \$42.36 for our portion of National Life Membership revenue sharing.

In response to their request a new W9 form with our EIN number and contact information was filed with the Warren County Auditor.

The 2016 membership audit was mailed to the Ohio State MCL Paymaster for forwarding on to National.

Gerry Haas provided the paymasters report. Motion was made by Paul Plominski to approve the Paymaster report as presented, which was seconded by Jim Walker. All in attendance supported the motion.

Gerry Haas advised that Jan Lucier requested an opportunity to address the detachment about the Wreaths Across America project in new business.

5. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence presented at the meeting.

6. Chaplain's Report of members or member's family sick or distressed:

Paul Plominski stated that he spoke with John Tonkin and his wife is doing okay and John will try to attend the meeting tonight. Paul said Bob Collier's health has not changed, but he is feeling good overall. Paul has attempted to contact Frank Hetzer to see how he was doing, but did not reach Frank and couldn't leave a message since his mailbox was full. Gerry Haas spoke with Jim Meyers who renewed his dues, but will not make it to the meeting, because he had surgery today. Paul requested that they all be included in your prayers.

7. Report of Officers:

Sr. Vice: Terry Consider had no report at this time

Jr. Vice: Bob Bell was absent and unable to provide a report

8. Report of Standing Committees:

Uniforms: Terry Consider stated there is no report at this time. As a reminder those who are interested in participating in color guards and memorial team duties will have uniform items reimbursed.



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Rifle Team/Picnic: Terry Consider stated he had nothing for the detachment, but after discussion Paul Plominski advised that he would contact the Clinton County Farmers and Sportsman Association to try to organize an outing for the detachment and their families. The event will be a shoot, fish and barbecue outing. Paul will touch base with them on potential dates in September and October and pass on open times at the next MCL meeting.

Warren County Veterans Service Commission: The Role of the Veterans Service Commission is to oversee the operation of the Veteran's Office; to provide temporary financial assistance to veterans, spouses, dependent children and surviving spouses; and to assist veterans in obtaining earned benefits from federal, state, and local levels of government. The Office Director is authorized to disburse up to \$1,500 per person per visit.

Gary Copeland informed the detachment that during the month of June, 457 Warren County veterans or widows of veterans were transported to and from doctors and hospital appointments for an accumulated distance of 20,027 miles. In addition, the County Veterans Commission provided financial assistance to 61 veterans for a total of \$35,812.21 in June.

Gary reported that the County Veterans Service Transportation Vans were wrapped in a veteran theme display, so people can identify who they are and possibly services the Commission provides.

Chosin Newsletter: Joe Norton the NCOIC of the newsletter advised that the process to get him the needed information for the June newsletter worked very well, and it was received in a timely manner. Joe thanked Paul Plominski for proof reading it and Gerry Haas for posting to the webpage, along with everyone else who provided corrections in the content, or were involved in the process.

Funeral Detail: Is arranged as needed and is still in need of an NCOIC.

Web Sergeant: Gerry Haas advised there is nothing to report and he will ascertain information from the newsletter.

Memorial Team: Memorial Team Leader Chuck Klosterman was not present to provide a report. The detachment discussed two upcoming events. On August 27-28 the Germania Festival will take place and Chuck will provide all the details at the next MCL meeting. The Capt. Seth Mitchell run will be on October 1 and we will get an idea of those who are interested in participating, closer to the date.



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Toys for Tots: Gerry Haas stated that Jim Meyers is working with the Blue Ash American Legion, who is considering holding a Toys for Tots project this year. They are looking at a potential collaboration between the Legion and our MCL Detachment, by collecting toys and donations, and adding them to our own T4T's efforts.

Jim Walker advised that he and Gary Copeland are speaking with various Masonic Lodges about putting 'Toys-for- Tots' bins in their facilities for donations, and they will update the detachment on their progress

9. New Business:

Jan Lucier the surviving spouse of our deceased member Jim Lucier, attended the meeting to speak about various fund raisers to benefit veterans and our MCL Detachment. Jan has been instrumental in the Wreaths Across America (WAA) campaign, by holding a corn hole tournament in memory of her late husband Jim, at the Indian Lakes Camp Ground, in Indiana. She was able to raise \$600.00 at the first event, of which a portion will go to our detachment.

The WAA campaign is a program where donated funds are used to purchase grave site wreaths, which are placed at Veterans Cemeteries. The wreaths cost \$15 each, and \$5 of that donation goes to an approved organization. The internet location is: <https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=21207&relate=21036>, once on this page click on the DONATE button in either the Dayton National Cemetery location / support or the button in the Family and Friends of James Lucier MCL Det. 968 group / support. When you make a donation of \$15 to purchase a wreath using either DONATE button, \$5 will go to our MCL Detachment.

If you have any questions or concerns, Jan said to contact her at 513-290-1519 or by email at: lftyhere@aol.com. Jan is working on another Corn Hole tournament later this year, and it is hoped many of our members will participate, which honors Jim, the Veterans laid to rest in the National Cemeteries and our Detachment.

It was discussed to possibly start a coat drive before the winter months' approach for homeless people and less fortunate individuals.



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10. Old Business:

The detachment discussed holding a pancake breakfast or spaghetti dinner fund raiser. It was determined that the original location of the American Legion could not happen, so Paul Plominski was asked to contact Chris Romano to see if we can use the Snider House for this event possibly on November 12 th.

The intent of the event is 3 fold:

1. as a fund raiser
2. to recruit new MCL members
3. to further observe and celebrate the 240th birthday of the Corps.

Paul will send out an email to the detachment members to convey Chris' response. If this location does not workout, Jim Walker and Gary Copeland will look at other potential sites, such as a Masonic Lodge.

11. Good of the League:

The Loveland July 4 th Parade went very well and we received a lot of positive feedback about our participation in leading the parade. Members that participated include: Paul Plominski, Gary Copeland, Doug Loughhead, Joe Norton and Walter Golladay.

12. Conclude:

Next meeting will be held on August 17, 2016 at 1900 in Cottell Park.



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Arlington Wreath Project



Worcester Wreath Co. and its involvement with the Arlington project was inspired when at the early age of 12 years old, as a Bangor Daily News paperboy, Morrill Worcester won a trip to the Nation's Capital. It was a trip he would never forget, and Arlington National Cemetery made an indelible impression. In later life, he recognized that his success as a businessman was in large part, due to the values of this Nation and the Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In 1992, Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine found themselves with an excess of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Seeing an opportunity to make a boyhood dream a reality, efforts to do something special with those wreaths began in earnest. With the help of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe and the Maine State Society of D.C., arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington. Again an impression was made and he vowed to bring the wreaths every year.

In 2006, in response to thousands of emails and letters, Worcester Wreath expanded its wreath donations nationwide. With the help of the Civil Air Patrol and many others, ceremonies were held simultaneously at 230 locations. From the snow banks of Alaska to the sands of Iraq our Nation's heroes were honored. From here Wreaths Across American, was born..

In 2015, with the help of thousands of individual and corporate sponsors and volunteers, over 900,00 wreaths were donated and placed at nearly 1100 participating locations



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Wreaths Across America



By early 2007, with to many requests for cemetery wreaths, the Worcesters reached out to the community and the nonprofit group "Wreaths Across America", was formed. Mr. Worcester doubled his yearly pledge to Arlington to 10,000 wreaths and continued his tradition of sending 2,500 to the Maine Veterans Cemetery along with providing wreaths for the veteran's graves in the local communities of the small county he grew up in Again in 2010 Ceremonial wreaths for each branch of the military were sent to all of the participating State and National cemeteries along with many local town cemeteries and monuments. Wreaths will also be provided for 24 offshore cemeteries, including Normandy Beach and a large Veteran's commemorative wreath will be sent to each state's State House for the ceremony on the Monday prior to the WAA Saturday event.

Inspired by his commitment Wreaths Across America has turned its attention to answering the requests of many to emulate the Arlington project at their State veteran's cemeteries. By offering sponsorships to the public, Wreaths Across America hopes that one day every veteran's resting place will be adorned with a wreath. We need your help to make this a reality.

Your wreath sponsorship places a wreath on a Veteran's grave to fund Veteran and educational outreach.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2016

August

Oktoberfest Parade - Saturday August 27th

October

Marine Captain Seth Mitchell 5K Run/Walk - Saturday October 1st:

November

The Works Brick Oven Restaurant Marine Corps Birthday - Thursday, November 10th.

December

Toys for Tots Super Walmart Mason-Montgomery Road. - Saturday December 3rd



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MARINES – LIVING ON – IN PERPETUITY

**Chris Schott, Sr
Ted Ottesen
Bob Parker
Bob Landacre
Jack Thompson
George Copeland
William Barham
Vern Flannery**



**Dick Ratliff
Jim Hurst
Ulis Childers
John Carroll
Russell Brown
Lige Tussey
Jim Lucier
Cpl. Adam Tonkin**