



Marine Corps League
Chosin Reservoir Detachment #968
Newsletter January 2017

OUR NEXT MEETING
Wednesday Jan. 18
7:00 PM

LOCATION
The Snyder House
5847 Irwin-Simpson Road
Cottell Park, Mason, OH.

February Meeting Date
Wednesday – February 15th

If interested in becoming a member, please join us at our next meeting. See Membership requirements on last page of newsletter.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Well the holidays are over and 2016 is in our rear-view mirror. We have a new year to look forward to and hopefully it will be prosperous year for our Detachment and members.

December 3rd Toys for Tot Drive



The Detachment Toys for Tots drive was held on Saturday December 3rd at the Wal-Mart store on Mason Montgomery Rd in Deerfield Township.

The event was a big success with twelve shopping carts of toys collected and \$325 dollars in cash. Each year the detachment is amazed at the generosity of the Wal-Mart customers in the Deerfield township area support. Commandant Copeland invited Store Manager Mark Hays to review the toys collected so he could see the

benefit to his store in hopes he will allow our Detachment space to set up in 2017.

American Legion Post 630 in Blue Ash dropped off toys and money collected during their meetings. Detachment Marines Plominski and Walker attended the Christmas meeting of the Masonic Lodge in Lebanon to receive toys collected in their meetings, A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone for their support.

Detachment Marines participating in the event included, Gary Copeland, Terry Consider, Gerry Haas, Wally Huff, Dave Julien, Chuck Klosterman, Doug Loughhead, Paul Plominski, John Tonkin and Richard Woerz.

Additional pictures available at our website; http://www.chosinreservoirdet968.org/photos_4.htm

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December 17th Wreaths Across America:



In December, the Wreaths Across America organization coordinates wreath laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery as well as National Cemeteries located in all 50 states. The National Wreaths Across America Day this year was December 17th.

At the Dayton National Cemetery, even though it was a cold rainy morning, about 150 people assembled to lay wreaths. In 2015 the Cemetery only had a little over 600 wreaths for placement, this year the total was over 1800. Chosin Reservoir Detachment

members and families in association with Jan Lucier, Detachment Marine Jim Lucier's widow, purchased 54 wreaths for placement. MSgt Lucier is buried in Section 37 Site 426.

December 21st Detachment Christmas Party

Our detachment celebrated the Holiday Season with a Christmas dinner after a brief meeting at the Snyder House on December 21st. The detachment supplied the fried chicken and each member brought a side dish. This was a great opportunity for some camaraderie amongst our members and their family members.

Members who attended with their families were; Gary Copeland, Chuck Klosterman, Dave Julien, Paul Plominski, Wally Huff, Doug Loughhead, Gerry Haas and Joe Norton. Two new Marines joined us during the meeting and dinner. They were Chuck's son, who was home from active duty and another Marine just recently discharged from active duty. A special thanks to Gary's son; Gavin, who played the piano and for all who sang "Jingle Bells".

Sorry no pictures, we all forgot to take any.

From the Warren County Veterans Service Commission:

The Role of the Veterans Service Commission is to oversee the operation of the Veterans' 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. If you need assistance contact their office at 513 695-1363.

During the month of December, 626 Warren County veterans or widows of veterans were transported to and from doctors and hospital appointments for an accumulated distance of 22,821 miles. In addition, the County Veterans Commission provided financial assistance to 68 veterans for a total of \$45,601.06.



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From the Paymaster:

National has restructured the dues expiration dates.

All current non-life memberships will expire as of midnight 31 August 2017

For those members, whose expiration date is between Jan through June they will pay National dues of \$10 plus \$5 Dept. of Ohio dues and the \$5 retained by the Detachment. Total due in the month their dues currently expire is \$20. Their next dues date 31 August 2017.

For those members, whose expiration date is in July or August will pay National dues of \$20 plus \$5 Dept. of Ohio dues and the \$5 retained by the Detachment. Total due by 31 August 2017 is \$30 and the expiration date for these Marines is 31 August 2018.

For New Members, the dates are as follows:

1 January – End of February: Cost will be the full annual National Dues plus the National new join fee. (Current cost is \$20.00 + \$5.00 = \$25.00) plus the \$5 Dept. of Ohio dues and the \$3 retained by the Detachment Total amount due is \$33. Renewal date will be 31 August 2017.

1 March – End of July: Cost is half of the annual National Dues plus the National new join fee. (Current cost is \$10.00 + \$5.00 = \$15.00) plus the \$5 Dept. of Ohio dues and the \$3 retained by the Detachment Total amount due is \$23 The renewal dues will be due by 31 August 2017.

New members joining during the month of August will pay the full annual National Dues plus the National new join fee (Current cost \$20.00 + \$5.00 = \$25.00) plus the \$5 Dept. of Ohio dues and the \$3 retained by the Detachment Total amount due is \$33 The renewal dues will be due by 31 August 2018.

Marine Corps League Life Member dues are:

35 & under: \$500, 36 -50: \$400, 51 -60: \$300, 61 & over \$150

**Current Chosin Reservoir Detachment Strength is 47 Marines
Applications Pending 0, Transfer Pending 0, Life Members 29**

From the Chaplain:

SICK CALL: Remember those recovering from surgery and or illness in your thoughts and prayers.

Bob Bell Peggy Golladay Frank Hetzer Jane Tonkin



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Do You know who know who founded the Marine Corps League?



LtGen John A. Lejeune is credited with founding the MCL. The 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps brought all of the Marine-specific veteran organizations together to form the MCL and served as its acting Commandant.

Since its formation more than 90 years ago, the Marine Corps League has prided itself on continuing the traditions and promoting the esprit de corps of all those who have worn the eagle, globe, and anchor.

In the early 1920s, there were several veteran organizations geared specifically toward Marines. In New York alone, the Veterans of Belleau Wood, the Semper Fidelis Club, and the Girl Marines—not to mention organizations such as the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which included Marines. In 1923, recognizing the overlapping nature of the groups and desiring something more substantial, Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune, 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, combined the Marine-specific organizations to form what is now known as the Marine Corps League. LtGen Lejeune believed the organization was important enough that he held the title of Commandant of the Marine Corps League.

If the MCL needed further legitimization, it would not be long in coming. The 75th Congress of the United States granted the MCL a federal charter, which President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed on Aug. 4, 1937. According to the MCL website, no other organization representing Marines in the United States can boast of such an origin.

Though many years have passed since its founding and federal recognition, the MCL mission to help Marines remains the same today as it did in 1923: “Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF corpsmen and former Marines and FMF corpsmen and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.”

The league’s pledge to Marines is that they will never be alone. At the time of their deaths, the league will represent them at their gravesite; they will come and remember them.”



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PVT. GOMER PYLE SAYS:

As a platoon of Marines stood in formation at a Marine Corps Base, GySgt Carter said, "All right! All you idiots fall out." As the rest of the squad wandered away, Gomer remained at attention.

Then GySgt. Carter walked over until he was eye-to-eye with Pvt. Gomer, and then raised a single eyebrow. Gomer smiled and said, "Sure was a lot of 'em, huh, sir?"

Marine Corps in History January Dates

From the War for Independence to the invasion of Iraq, the Marine Corps has been the first to enter many conflicts to bring stability to struggling parts of the globe. Marines today are intensively trained and equipped with state-of-the-art weaponry, primarily to attack in combined land, sea, and air operations.

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| January 27, 1778 | Capt. Nichols and 26 marines captured Fort Nassau in the Bahamas. |
| January 8, 1815 | Andrew Jackson including marines under Maj. Daniel Carmick, defeated British at Battle of New Orleans |
| January 15, 1865 | 365 marines in naval landing force attacked Fort Fisher at Wilmington, North Carolina. |
| January, 1918 | The 11th Marine Division was formed in Quantico, Virginia. |
| January 6, 1927 | Marines began second Nicaraguan intervention, fought Augusto Sandino in the mountains. |
| January 6, 1928 | 1st Lt. Christian Schilt began 10 flights to aid besieged Marine patrol at Quilali, Nicaragua. |
| January 3, 1933 | 5th Marine Regiment departed from Nicaragua. |
| January 20, 1968 | North Vietnamese opened battle against 26th Marines for Khe Sanh. |
| January 31, 1968 | Vietnamese Communists launched an offensive on Chinese New Year. |
| January 4, 1991 | Marine helicopters evacuated 281 people from U.S. Embassy at Mogadishu. |
| January 16, 1991 | Marines flew in first waves of allied planes in Operation Desert Storm. |



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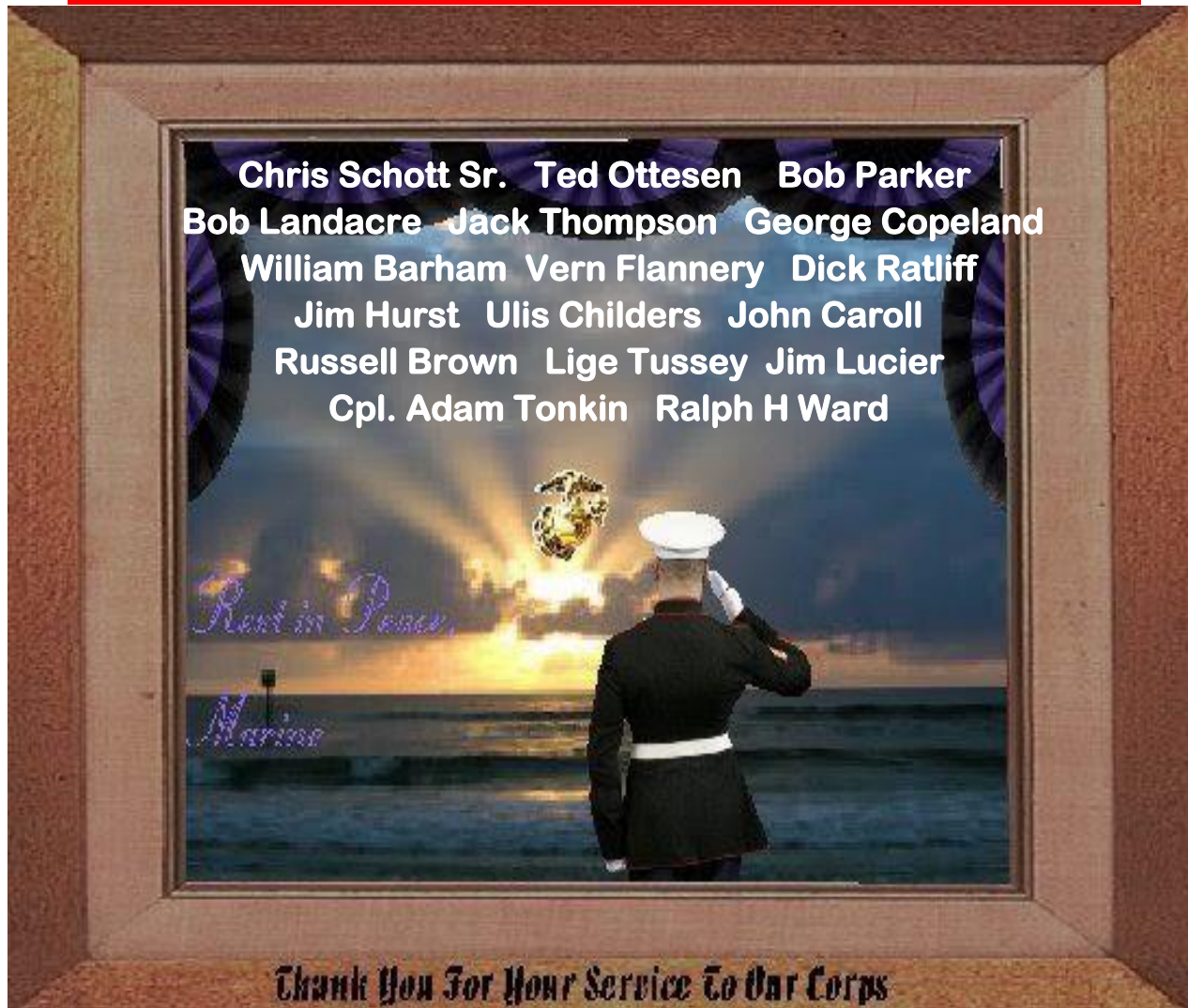
Detachment Calendar

JANUARY 2017						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 NEW YEARS DAY	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	17	18 MCL DETACHMENT MTG 7 PM	19	20 TRUMP INAUGARATION DAY	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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MARINES – LIVING ON – IN PERPETUITY



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Only persons who are serving, or who have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, or United States Navy personnel attached to the Marine Corps, for a period of not less than ninety (90) days, and persons who are serving or have served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and have earned no less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points shall be eligible for regular membership in the Marine Corps League. Proof of honorable service in the United States Marine Corps or United States Marine Corps Reserve is required in the form of Honorable Discharge, DD-214, active/reserve I.D., or other documentation that substantiates proof of service as a United States Marine.