



# BARRACKS BULLETIN



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## COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Thanks to Colonel Feind, Captain and Jackie Hunter for all their efforts. It was certainly a class event with a lot of handsome Marines and lovely guests present! I would also like to thank those who participated in the ceremony for an outstanding job well done.

Check your newsletter calendar for Friday night Bunker parties. We would like to see you there. It's a great time to get together and celebrate Friday and food is available. We're also looking for volunteers to take a turn hosting. A special thanks to Danny Wilde for donating the USMC neon sign. It sure did dress the place up!

It's up to every individual to keep the Barracks neat and clean. Crush your cans, wash bar glasses and when you use the kitchen, please clean up. Your help in this area will be appreciated.

Semper Fi  
Greg Craig  
Commandant



## JUNIOR VICE REPORT

On Monday November 10<sup>th</sup> six Marines went to the VA Home in Mexico. There are six Marines there including one of our own Paul Sanderson. It was great to see them all. We brought them cup cakes and a few trinkets. They joined in singing the Marines' Hymn with us. We also went by the VA Hospital in Columbia and we are glad to report there are no Marines in the hospital at this time.

Help out where you can with Toys for Tots. If you know of a family that needs some help please contact me. Again this year we will use the Salvation Army and the Samaritan Center for toy distribution. Thanks to Adam Zigelbein for the use of his garage to store the toys until distribution.

Semper Fi  
Joe Mcgrail  
Junior Vice



## SARGEANT AT ARMS REPORT

I want to invite all of you "OLD DOGS" who haven't attended a meeting recently to join us the first Tuesday of every month. We have chow at 1800 and our meeting starts at 1900. This is a great opportunity for you to renew old friendships and make new friends with those who have joined the League in the past few years.

Ooh Rah,  
Joseph Grothoff  
Sergeant at Arms



## ACTIVITIES

**Cancellation:** The trip to the Mizzou Women's Basketball game on November 30<sup>th</sup> is cancelled.

**Wed. 3 December** Trip to the Mizzou Women's Basketball game against Toledo. Right now it looks like we will probably get free tickets for this event. If the free tickets fall through then it will be \$5.00 and \$3.00 for seniors. We will leave from the barracks at 5:50pm and carpool to Columbia.

**Sat. 13 December** We have been issued a challenge by the Lake of the Ozark Detachment for their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Carol Karaoke at Pickled Pete's at Osage Beach to put up our best and worst singers against theirs for a good cause. During the Karaoke people can throw money up on the stage, apparently to either encourage the singers or to try to get them to quit singing as the case may be. The proceeds benefit Marine and other servicemen and their families at Christmas time. Sounds like a good time and a great cause! Van/carpool will depart from the barracks at 3:45pm for anyone that wants to ride up together. The event should run until about 8 or 8:30pm. You don't have to sing to go, just bring some money to throw. Scuttlebutt has it that there may be a chance to see the Commandant & some of the staff do a stunning rendition of an old holiday favorite.

**Sat. 20 December** Mizzou Men's Basketball vs. Stetson. If you would like to join us for this game please bring \$15 per person to the December meeting and get signed up. If you will not be at the meeting but you want to go please contact Alan Sanning at 257-1043 before Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> to make arrangements. We need the ticket money in advance for this game so we can get our group of seats paid for and pick up the tickets as early as possible. Van/carpool will leave the barracks at 5:00pm

In the works for January are a Trivia Night and, Margaritaville in the Bunker. If you have other ideas or would like to help out please see Scott Mayhew or Alan Sanning.



## BIRTHDAY BALL

Thanks to all Marines and Auxiliary members for making the 233<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration of our Corps a success. The music by the Missouri Military Academy Band was again superb. Major General Flanagan's remarks were right on target, and greatly enjoyed by all in attendance.

However, the attendance at the Ball by the Detachment membership was disappointing. Because our numbers were so low we have a quantity of wine glasses and coins on hand to sell. Wine glasses and coins will be sold for \$5.00 each at our regular meetings, or you may call me at 498-3799 to reserve your set.

Semper Fi,  
Bill



# LADIES'

Dear Auxiliary Members,

Another month has passed and hope that all who attended had a great time at the Marine Birthday Ball. It was great. Many thanks to the St. Martin's Knights of Columbus and all the volunteers for the wonderful celebration of Operation Bugle Boy. The food, the entertainment, displays and music were all outstanding.

The Veterans Day Mass at St. Peter's Parish and the ceremonies held at the Capitol Rotunda were both very impressive. Thanks to St. Peter personnel and the Jefferson City Veterans Council for a job well done.

We are asking all our Auxiliary members to fill a Christmas stocking for our troops overseas and bring to our December 2nd meeting to be shipped overseas. Also it would be nice to help a veteran's family for Christmas or someone else less fortunate here. Please bring your thoughts and suggestions to the next meeting.

On Saturday, December 6, several of our members are going to the Veterans Home at St. James, Missouri. The visit will be from 2 to 4 p.m. We will carpool there and are asking everyone to bring "finger food" along to treat the patients. Please call Peggy Wagner to get your name on the list for the event ASAP so that we know how many vehicles to take by Dec. 2nd. We want to make a good showing for the vets for all that they have done for us.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> following a dinner at the Barracks. The League is furnishing the meat and the Auxiliary Members are asked to bring a side dish for a great meal. We will begin our meal at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m.

For those whom I will not see - have a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Semper Fi,  
Mary Frank



A few good men gather at the Bunker on 10 Nov. to celebrate their 223<sup>rd</sup> birthday.



OOH-RAH.....

<b>DEC.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>
2	Meeting Night at 1900: Dinner at 1800
3	Mizzou Women's Basketball game: leave the Barracks at 1750
5	Living Windows Downtown Jefferson City
6	Christmas Parade
6	Auxiliary visit to St. James Veterans' Home 1400 - 1600
9	Mizzou Women's Basketball game: leave the Barracks at 1750
12	Bunker open Alan Sanning Bartender
13	Karaoke at "Pickled Petes" in Osage Beach benefiting Lake Ozark Detachment Toys for Tots
16	Staff Meeting at 1800
18	Newsletter Cutoff at 1200
19	Bunker open at 1600 Joe Mcgrail Bartender...Christmas Party. Bring a gift (\$20.00 value) We will draw numbers and exchange at 1800
20	Mizzou men's basketball vs Stetson...Leave the Barracks at 1700
25	Merry Christmas from the Commandant
27	V. A. Bingo – Don Amsinger

# *HAPPY HOLIDAYS*

ACTIVITIES	ALAN SANNING	659-5069
AUDITORS	FLOYD MILLER	635-0897
BAR-B-QUE	DAVE HUNTER	636-5822
BIRTHDAY BALL	BILL FEIND	498-3799
BARRACKS	RICK FECHTEL	893-2776
CHARITIES/SCHOLARSHIPS	FLOYD MILLER	635-0897
COLOR GUARD	JOE MCGRAIL	353-1655
NEWSLETTER	RON SAUCIER	496-3161
TOYS FOR TOTS	JOE MCGRAIL	353-1655
VA BINGO	FLOYD MILLER	635-0897

## 2008 MIDWEST DIVISION FALL CONFERENCE



Mayor John Landwehr delivers a “welcome” to Jefferson City



Marines, guests and Auxiliary members Enjoy the Saturday evening banquet

October 24-26, the Samuel F. Gearhart Detachment hosted over 120 Marines and their guests from throughout the Midwest. Friday afternoon Midwest Division Auxiliary members gathered for a Tea Party, complete with party hats, to benefit the Jefferson City RACS (Rape & Abuse Crisis Center). The opening conference event was a dinner buffet and auction which included the sale of over 80 items, primarily with a military theme.

Saturday began with a joint session of the League and Auxiliary members with a welcome to Jefferson City by Mayor John Landwehr. Following the joint session, the League and Auxiliary members split for separate sessions. After a quick lunch, there was a memorial service at the Capital to honor those who have died since the last Division Conference and tours of the Barracks for some of the out of town guests. Captain Harris, the Executive Officer, MP Company, Marine Detachment Ft Leonard Wood delivered the keynote address at the banquet on Saturday evening and everyone enjoyed his speech. The Hospitality Room was open following the banquet for final farewells.

Thanks to all those who worked to make this event a success, particularly Dave and Jackie Hunter who were the primary event planners and the Auxiliary members who provided the delicious snacks and desserts.

## 233 BIRTHDAY BALL CEREMONY



Escorts prepare to march in and start the festivities.



Preparing to cut the cake and honor the oldest and youngest Marine.