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COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

I hope you had a nice Christmas and that Santa was good to you. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. If you missed Karaoke at Pickled Pete's in Osage Beach – it was a blast. The Lake Detachment won the competition but the judges were Lake residents – so go figure. Thanks to everyone who participated in *Toys for Tots* and a big OORAH to Joe McGrail and Adam Ziegelbein.

It's time for nominations. The Past Commandants should meet with Steve Diemler to nominate officers for the upcoming year. Also, past recipients of the Americanism Award and Marine of the Year award need to make their respective selections.

Semper Fi
Greg Craig
Commandant



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings & Happy Holidays, Leathernecks, Short Necks, and No Necks:

A scribbled word or three from your chaplain's pen as Christmas approacheth. Maybe there's a grain of truth to time passing faster as one ages; sometimes I wish I were a good bottle of Irish whiskey or Kentucky bourbon -- maybe I'd improve with the passage of years! But like you, I'm still here even as spine, joints, and ligaments groan more as time passes. Anywho, if you will, a moment of prayer in memory of our brethren and auxiliary members who have passed through the last post gate in 2008 to enter Camp Heavenly Light. Also, honorable mention to those who are currently or in the past year have faced down injuries and diseases, as the weather worsens and temperatures drop viciously ...

Dear Heavenly Father,

We once again come humbly before You, covers to chests and heads bowed, asking Your forgiveness for whatever we have done amiss this past year. At the same time we also sincerely thank You for all you have allowed us to accomplish and for the blessings and gifts You have so generously provided. Though at times it seems we were rowing against a strong current and making little headway, there were also times we could just throw our heads back and hang on for a wild and glorious good time. We thank You for the times we've spent together in work and play, as in the end friendship is one of those few things here below that really matter. With your support, help, and guidance, we'll do better yet in helping our members, the needy, and the community at large this coming year and continue to strengthen the ties that bind us, one to another and to You. Through your Holy Son's name we pray, and hope to keep the real Spirit of Christmas in our hearts this holiday season. Amen.

Steve Stovall
Chaplain



ACTIVITIES REPORT

December 13th saw Commandant Greg Craig lead a squad to Pickled Pete's to answer Lake Ozark Detachment's challenge to a sing off at their 4th Annual Christmas Carol Karaoke. An outstanding time was had by all, while a bucket full of money, (literally a five gallon bucket stuffed full of bills), was raised for the military families the Lake Detachment has adopted over the holidays. We were told that the amount of money raised was \$800.00. Marine Amsinger wowed the crowd out on the dance floor doing a little hip hop and break dancing while his team delivered one of the finest renditions of "Funky Cold Medina" to be heard anywhere in Central Missouri, or so I'm told. There were many challenge songs issued from one detachment to the other and in the end an "impartial group" at Pickled Pete's declared Lake Ozark Detachment the winners of this wild sing off.

January brings the opportunity to throw off the cold and have some more fun:

Along with opening the Bunker for food and refreshments on certain Friday nights, (check your calendar) we have some more special events coming up in January for those of you who are already feeling "CABIN FEVER" setting in.

Jan. 10th 1500 till?? Margaritaville in the Bunker – members and guests. Find your flip-flops, shades and join us in the Bunker as we try to thaw things out a bit. We'll be serving up some food and drinks to make you think of a nice warm island spot (no, we're not talking about C-Rats and coffee from a helmet). I have been assured that Marine Saucier will provide us some music that will help you feel the sand between your toes. That includes some live tunes.

Jan. 24th 1730 Trivia Night- It has been awhile and we have been getting a lot of calls to have another Trivia Night so here it is. Kitchen will open at 1730 and Trivia will kick off at 1900. Cost is \$60 per team, with a maximum of 6 people per team. Only paid team members allowed at the table and no one under 18 allowed. As Marine Fechtel said when he came out to watch one night, "Damn that looks like fun, I'm bringing a team out next time." We've got a spot for you Rick. There will be a cash prize to the winning team along with door prizes and a raffle. Pre-registration is suggested - call 893-8762 and leave your name and number and we will sign you up. Please pass this on to family and friends – this is open to the public.

Coming in February: Members and guests. Mark your calendar for Feb 1st, that is the day for our Annual Super Bowl party for League/Auxiliary members and their guests. This year we are trying to put together a Las Vegas Night to take place prior to the Super Bowl. We are planning on opening the doors at 1300 with the Casino Games starting at 1400. Cost for the Casino Games will be \$10 and you will have a chance to win prizes. The Devil Dogs are providing a keg of beer for this event. Keep your eyes and ears open for more info on this event in the February newsletter. If you have worked Casino Games before and would like to help out please contact Alan Sanning at 659-5069.

As always we are looking for ideas for future activities. Contact Scott Mayhew or Alan Sanning with your ideas and we'll see what we can do.



LADIES' AUXILIARY

Dear Auxiliary Members,

By now I hope that everyone has walked or worked off their Thanksgiving Day Dinner and are ready for the annual Christmas Season of special dinners and parties happening all around us to be enjoyed and then walked or worked off again when we make our New Year's Resolutions.

Now I wish to thank all of our members for being very generous when we were asked to make up special Christmas stockings to be sent overseas to our courageous Marines. We filled and sent 18 stockings overseas and thanks to Joe McGrail for helping with us with the shipping. We also gave money to the National Guard State Family Offices for Food Gift Certificates for 4 less fortunate military families. Thanks, ladies for being so generous!

On a more somber note, our deepest sympathy goes to member Rita Edwards and her family on the loss of their father, Hubert "Hue' Profest, who passed away on December 13. He was also a member of the League. Thanks to Jackie and Marge, of our Bereavement Committee, for preparing the Funeral Luncheon for the Profest family.

Get Well wishes and prayers to Kathy and Steve Brown who have been on the sick list lately. Get well soon or Santa might pass you by. If anyone else is ill, please get well soon.

Thanks everyone for bringing those great dishes for our December meeting. Our next meeting will be on January 6, 2009 and I believe that the men are cooking!!

A Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to everyone.

Keep the Faith,
Mary



Riley Chevrolet presents Toys for Tots Chairman Joe McGrail with a check in the amount of \$2,000.00.



Commandant Greg Craig along with our Color Guard participating in the "Wreaths Across America" function.

JANUARY 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6	Meeting Night at 1900; Dinner at 1800
10	Margaritaville in the Barraks at 1500
16	Bunker open at 1600
17	Devil Dog Growl in the Bunker at 1300
20	Staff Meeting at 1800
21	Newsletter Cutoff at 1200
22	Bunker open at 1600...Floyd Miller and Alan Sanning hosting
24	Trivia Night-open to the public..kitchen open at 1730 trivia at 1900
27	Posse Meeting at 1830
FEB. 1	Super Bowl Party/Las Vegas Night

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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
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