

Columbia River Detachment #826
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Sepius Exertus
 Often Tested

Frater Infinitas
 Brothers Forever

Semper Fidelis
 Always Faithful

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 Philip E. Ruhmshottel & John F. Stofiel

Detachment Marine of the Year
 Fiorin Zeviar

In Memoriam & Never Forgotten

(* indicates our local fallen Marines/Corpsmen)

Charles Bailey, Noah Baird, Dan Brennan, *Cedric Bruns, Harry Callicote, Louis A. Claudio, Lyle Cornwall, Robert Costello, Roger Dahl, Jefferson Dean, Robert Dean, *Adam Emul, Robert Fish, *Kane Funk, Fenton Grahner, Walter Hicks, Michael Leinweber, Jack Lewis, Richard McKenzie Jr., Jerome Merrill, Alan Miksch, Gladyce Moeller, Sherrill Parson, Jeffrey Paullin, Howard Pearson, *Jason Peto, Charles Quatier, Harry Rea, *David Reis, David Sailer, *Michael Scholl, William Stofiel, Robert Story, Blaine Turner, Robert Vollmer, Arlos Waters, Fiorin Zeviar and Richard Zoller.

Commandant's Korner

Greetings Marines,

Hope you've been out enjoying the great weather we've been having. Not bad for mid-February.

For those of you who didn't attend the last meeting we discussed the need for a basic website. This would provide us a way to get our name back online. Allowing anyone searching for a local Marine Corps League Detachment a way to find and contact us. I have found a site that allows you to design your own website and publish it under their hosting for free. They do offer hosting plans for sale but in my opinion it suits our needs. We don't need a fancy website, just basic information about our Detachment. I've put something together and it can be viewed at:
<http://bhauser1952.wix.com/crdmcl-826>

The only expense I would recommend at this point is to purchase our own domain. That way we could give it our own name. The cost for one year would be \$14.95. We will discuss it more at the next meeting and make a decision on what we want to do.

Don't forget, The Marine Corps League Auxiliary Columbia River Unit has invited us to their Annual Dinner Auction Saturday March 14th; our Dept. Mtg. in Yakima on Sat. 4 April and our Dept. of WA Annual Convention in Puyallup WA, June 25 – 28.

Past Cmndn'ts

- William Hillgaertner
1992-93
- John H. Witham
1993-94
- Philip Ruhmshottel
1994-96
- John F. Stofiel
1996-98
- George Pobi
1998-00
- Lynn A. Bolte
2000-02
- George L. LaFrazia
2002-04
- Roger Rueckert
2004-05
- Rex E. Hopper
2005-07
- James L. Renton
2007-09
- Michael Wilson
2009-2011
- John F. Stofiel
2011-2012
- Louis Baste
2012-2014

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Send Articles to the editor, John
Stofiel @ a minimum of two weeks
prior to our next scheduled meeting.
jfstofiel@comcast.net

Membership
New members complete the
application & present to the
Paymaster with your 1st years dues
\$35.00. The Paymaster will need to
review your DD-214 or Discharge
documents qualifying you for
membership.

Membership Renewal
Is due annually in the month you
originally joined our Corps Family
\$30.00

Make checks Payable to CRD-MCL
and mail to the Paymaster PO Box
2685 Vancouver, WA 98668-2685

Past Detachment Marines of the Year

John Stofiel 1997-98
George LaFrazia 1999-00
Lynn Bolte 2001-02
Phil Ruhmshottel 2002-03
George Pobi 2003-04
Rex Hopper 2004-05,
Keith Fitch 2005-06
Bob Rector 2006-07
Mike Wilson 2007-08
Jim Renton 2008-09
Wendy McKenzie 2009-10
Lou Baste 2010-11
Roger Rueckert 2011-12
Bill Hauser 2012-13
George Zeleznik 2013-14

Past Department of WA Marines of the Year

John F. Stofiel
Philip E. Ruhmshottel
Rex Hopper

Commandant's Korner Continued:

We are looking for a Marine to step forward and volunteer to become our
Detachment Chaplain. If you can do this contact me (bhauser1952@msn.com).

Bill Hauser,
Commandant

Volunteer Opportunities

1. Training Officer: John Stofiel – 360-907-5342 jfstofiel@comcast.net Volunteers to read, review and complete tests on our Professional Development Program.
2. Clark County Veterans Assistance Center: http: Ron Brandon 360-721-4310 donnaronb@comcast.net Looking for customer service representatives.
3. Marine Corps Coordinating Council (MCCC): John Stofiel 360-907-5342 jfstofiel@comcast.net serve as detachment representative on the council.
4. Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS): Rex Hopper 360-254-6234 grumpahopp@aol.com looking for drivers and other volunteer opportunities to serve.
5. Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC): Bill Hauser – 360-608-6672 bhauser1952@msn.com looking for a detachment representative to attend their organizational meetings.
6. Prestige Nursing Home Luncheon: Keith Fitch 503-548-8642 semperfi.keith@aol.com looking for members to join with the veterans of the home once a month for lunch and camaraderie.
7. Lewis & Clark Young Marines: John Hudson – 360-604-8838 gunnye7jph@yahoo.com always looking for Adult volunteers for our youth group.
8. Legislative Committee: Skip Barnes 360-936-3896 barnes2390@q.com looking for a representative who would assist in retrieving and disseminating important legislative issues to the membership for action.
9. Fundraising Committee: Skip Barnes – Looking for an assistant with fundraising experience and willingness to provide guidance for our membership to facilitate the retrieving of donations for our various Veteran Support opportunities.

Randomly Selected Marine Corps Customs, History, Tradition, and Legends: Master Sergeant

Master Sergeant, the newest of the Corps' Staff NCO ranks, dates from 1946 when the Marine Corps, for reasons that remain obscure, bodily adopted the existing NCO rank structure then in force for the Army, Master Sergeant being one of those grades. Staff Sergeant, also originally an Army rank, was adopted by the Marine Corps in 1923.

**Department of Washington & our Marine Corps League Auxiliary
Military Order of the Devil Dogs & Fleas**
Invite you to join with our Corps Family...

Meeting Saturday April 4th 2015
1000-1500 MCL/AUXILIARY Meetings
1500-1600 Pack Growl / Pack Flea Scratch

Oxford Suites Yakima 1701 E Yakima Ave Yakima, WA 98901 \$89.00 + taxes 13.40 = \$102.40 per night.
Includes breakfast and 2 complimentary drinks during Happy Hour Reservations: Let them know you are
with the Marine Corps League 509-457-9000 Toll Free: 800-404-7848

If you are an Early Bird on Friday evening we will gather in the Hospitality room (Meeting room) for camaraderie and sharing of "Sea Stories" around 1700 or following dinner on into the wee hours of the morning. The Host Yakima/Kittitas Detachment will be providing snacks. BYOB would be appreciated. This will be the same location as our Saturday night camaraderie, following all the fun and frolicking in our meetings.

On Saturday our host will sponsor a luncheon, in the meeting room, donations are encouraged to offset expenses for our host. All dinners are no host at local restaurants nearby.



The Marine Corps League Auxiliary
Columbia River Unit

Invites you to our

Annual Dinner Auction
Saturday March 14th

Social Hour and item viewing 5 to 6 PM

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner 6 PM at the
Fraternal Order of the Eagles
107 East 7th St.

Vancouver, Washington 98660
(Between Broadway St. and Main Street in downtown Vancouver)
Parking is available in the Columbia Credit Union parking garage

\$10.00 suggested donation for each dinner

All proceeds will support Veteran and youth programs

Rsvp by March 4th to the person who invited you or

Christine McDonald, President
503-930-4940 HeartsHaven@tds.net

From: PDD Bob Burns 03-288 Lewis & Clark pound 225 Pack of Washington!
Subj: MID-WINTER CONFERENCE NOTES THURSDAY 12 FEB

Below are some basic notes from the Conference covering different areas of concern. The MAIN concern was membership and delinquent dues. Some ideas were provided by members in attendance and possible ways to encourage younger members to join our ranks.

1. Advertise on the radio, newspaper or even TV with public service time
2. Conduct an activity that includes all of the family, not just the targeted Marine/Corpsman
3. List Detachment activities on Facebook
4. Call members on their Birthday, make it special
5. Call all absent Marines
6. Identify upcoming dues renewal via newsletter 2 months out to remind people
7. CALL or visit those in a delinquent status
8. In an effort to meet more with your Staff to discuss these issues do a conference call. An example service would be;
<https://www.freeconferencecall.com/>
9. Assist Marines in your area, what do you do to support our returning warriors?
10. Have a Detachment Breakfast, lunch or dinner to gather together.
11. Conduct an event specifically for delinquent members and families.

The job of recruiting and retention is for EVERY member in the Detachment. Each member should bring in a recruit and be active in communicating with our delinquent members. Focus cannot be just on encouraging him or her to re-join but on what can you do for them or their family.

Paymaster; Do not pre-sign checks and review all financial reports prior to the meeting. Several Detachments have had paymaster use funds for personal reasons.

FRIDAY 13 FEB

- We had a talk by a retired Army General who now works with the VA. He mentioned that 11 million of 22 million veterans use the VA for medical care in some fashion. He stated the veteran demands have outpaced the capability of the Veterans Association to provide adequate care. He mentioned the Veterans Choice Program recently implemented was being re-allocated by the present administration to cover additional costs at the VA. Not sure if this is for new care givers or what. His figures indicated that the VA does not see a major influx of medical requests until 40 years after a conflict ends. Mental health care has increased dramatically. Healthcare requests for women is also way up.
- Marine Corps League Foundation needs our support in the form of donations. <http://www.mclfoundation.org/> they also provide an \$850.00 scholarship if you apply and are selected. http://www.mclfoundation.org/scholarship_program.html
- A Discussion was initiated discussing the Commandants Planning Guidance of which all should read.
http://www.hqmc.marines.mil/Portals/142/Docs/2015CPG_Color.pdf
- We have a new Congressional Leadership platform and sequestration is killing the military. The new Congress can end it but if it is vetoed they do not have enough votes to override the veto. Our military structure is based on Cold War architecture. Our Navy is at pre-World War 2 levels when we had no global security tasking contingency like today. Our mission as Marines is First to Fight, we are the nation's Crisis Response Force but we are destined for a total force of 182,000 in 2017 and possibly down to 175,000 if sequestration remains in effect.
- There is now a requirement, along with all the other normal recruiting processes, to require mental screening. This is done to hopefully eliminate the suicide issues the military is experiencing.
- There is a Marine Mobile App for your phone to stay up to date on Marine Corps issues;
<http://marinesmagazine.dodlive.mil/marines-mobile>
- Toys for Tots collected 17 million toys this year for underprivileged children. 97% of every dollar donated goes to that support.
- Check ALL DD214's close as there are increased cases of Stolen Valor
- A documentary film about the Young Marines "Generations of Honor: A Year with the Young Marines" will air sometime this year on a PBS station for all to see. It was completed by Pinnacle Productions last year and has received great reviews.

SATURDAY 14 February 2015

- We have had 675 members who have passed on since our August conference. Please follow the reporting sequence on the death notice when reporting a death.
- National is creating a WELCOME NEW MEMBERS handout that will be presented in August at the National Convention.

- Looking for submissions for the Chapel of the 4 Chaplains.
- By-Law changes need to be submitted by 1 April to be considered at the August convention
- Our National Legislative Officers have received no input from ANYONE in the League, They request input. The Legislative Committee Chairperson is Robert Becker Jr PNC and he can be reached at MCLSarge@aim.com Please send concerns you have for our Congressional Delegates to him also as his team champions our cause.
- Amazon Smile will donate money to the League If you buy from Amazon and select them as your charity. <http://smile.amazon.com/about>
- Marine of the Year for National needs to be in by September. <http://mcl-moy.org/>
- Enclosure 3, the regulations for uniform of the League is being re-written entirely. Additional data for Women Marines and will include drawings of the various uniforms in an easy to understand format. It should be ready for voting at the National Conference.
- Assist our veteran's at VA Clinics and Hospitals while wearing the League uniform. Do NOT make it a recruiting drive.
- Al Gray spoke about the state of our Corps. He stated that the Marines coming out of Yemen DID NOT destroy their personal weapons, they carried them back. They destroyed everything left behind. He believes ground forces are needed to fight the present campaign.
- A discussion was led by Past Commandant Vic Voltaggio concerning the salary of the Executive Director Mike Blum. Commandant Voltaggio does the salary based on different areas of the United States in determining the appropriate pay scale. Nothing underhanded is being done to increase the pay salary. Salary is tied to performance of the League.
- We need more teams involved in the Leagues rifle/pistol competitions. Everything is done locally, no travel.

Respectfully,

PDD Bob Burns

Lewis & Clark Pd. #225, Vancouver, WA

Owens Kenmore Det. #1105 Greenville, SC, Detachment Jr Past Commandant

Department SC Jr Vice Commandant

Veterans Affairs Secretary Bob McDonald is promising Congress that his department is not trying to dismantle the new Choice Card program. But lawmakers remain skeptical.

On Thursday, McDonald testified before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee about VA's fiscal 2016 budget request, which includes plans to ask for "flexibility" to shift money designated for the Choice Card program to other areas if usage of the card doesn't pick up. That suggestion has drawn a defensive response from Capitol Hill, where lawmakers just seven months ago approved \$15 billion for the Choice Card program in response to VA's patient wait time scandal.

McDonald tried to calm those concerns, saying his message had gotten muddled and his intentions misconstrued. "We are for the Choice program, and we are for outside care," he said. "But we also need flexibility." So far, about 500,000 veterans have inquired about the new program, designed to give veterans who live 40 miles or more from a VA facility or who face lengthy wait times for care the option of seeking treatment from private physicians instead. But fewer than 30,000 vets have been able to use the cards, and fewer than 50 of those are doing so because they live 40 or more miles from a VA facility.

VA officials say that's possible evidence the demand for outside care is well below congressional expectations. But lawmakers said it's evidence that VA is mismanaging the program. Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., told McDonald that VA bureaucrats have been overly harsh with their interpretation of the rules, excluding thousands of veterans for whom private care would make more sense.

One day earlier, a bipartisan coalition of 41 senators sent a letter to McDonald asking for fixes in the program, calling the implementation to date confusing and frustrating. "It is deeply disturbing that the administration would try to reduce funding for this program before this program has even been allowed to work ... and as barriers to care continue to exist," the letter stated.

Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., the committee chairman, said he's willing to listen to VA's requests for help with budget flexibility — McDonald said more than 70 funding lines in the VA budget currently cannot be shifted — but also said he would not support early defunding of the Choice Card program. That mirrored comments earlier in February from members of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, who said they want the two-year program to remain untouched until officials have a better sense of the true demand.

One of the most important reasons for our existence as a Veterans organization is to have a continuous battle for our rights and benefits as citizens and Veterans of these U. S. Many of our representatives do not place any priority upon our benefits, in fact they have been known to reduce or take away some our earned benefits. It is our responsibility to ensure that those who follow us in service to their country have those benefits continue on into the future. Part of that battle is for our legislators know how we stand on this on a regular basis. The Marine Corps League is represented by our member's Nationally in Washington DC. The Dept. of WA, MCL has Legislative representation in Olympia (Everett Brown ev147@comcast.net) who physically walks the halls w/other Veterans fighting for our benefits and helping to improve them. These Marines also rely on us at home to help them continue the fight for our rights and benefits. You are encouraged to assist in this mission by calling, writing, emailing your representatives...

We also have representation on the Governor's Veteran's Affairs Advisory Committee (Dick Marceynas, Chair rmarce1@juno.com) who guides, directs and informs our Governor on Veterans issues within the State.

Website: <http://www.dva.wa.gov/about-wdva/veterans-affairs-advisory-committee>

We currently have 47 bills in legislation this term in Olympia. Where do you stand? Let them know.

You can view these bills online, read them and then let your representative know...

Veteran / Military Related Bill Tracking as of February 13, 2015 you can find more information on each of these bills by visiting www.leg.wa.gov

Click on Bill Information and enter the bill number. You will be able to see where the bill stands in the legislative process, read the bill and come to your own conclusions as to whether or not you can support this and then contact your representative and encourage him/her to follow your druthers.

Click on find your legislator: enter your address click on legislature for local and congressional for National.

Current Veterans Bill #s being considered: 1052, 1112, 1117, 1138, 1149, 1150, 1155, 1161, 1213, 1241, 1260, 1277, 1351, 1424, 1427, 1621, 1644, 1706, 1741, 1825, 1887 1969, 2040, 2101, 2114, 2123, 5038,5042,5074, 5079 5085, 5127, 5137, 5163, 5164, 5171, 5355, 5379, 5410, 5561, 5620,5633, 5634,5691, 5793, 5911, 5958, 6034, 8008, and 8012 (Hwy 101 as MOH Hwy)



SEVENTEEN SEVENTIES

"On November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress approved the resolution to establish two battalions of Marines able to fight for independence at sea and on shore. This date marks the official formation of the Continental Marines."

1st Commandant: Major Samuel Nicholas (1775-1783)

EIGHTEEN HUNDREDS

Decade began with 368 Marines (343 Enlisted; 25 Officers) Decade ended with 523 Marines (513 Enlisted; 10 Officers)

2nd Commandant: LtCol William Ward Burrows (1798-1804)

3rd Commandant: LtCol Franklin Warton (1804-1818)

Hello Members please utilize the below information to submit your nominees for recognition of their activities for our detachment or in the community. Our Commandant will recognize them at our annual Officer Installation Dinner in May.

To: Chair of Detachment Awards Committee:
John Stofiel
6204 Kansas St.
Vancouver, WA 98661-6924

Or Email to: jfstofiel@comcast.net

Please scribe a brief statement with your reasons for nominating the member, associate member, person or organization in the community.

From:

Subj.: Nomination of:

Date:

Award recommended: [Select from below listing or leave up to the Commandant to decide]

Brief statement as to why you believe this Member/Assoc. Mbr./Person/Organization has earned recognition

Distinguished Citizen Medal - Bronze (Ribbon White center flanked by Maroon stripes)

1. Distinguished Service Medal - Bronze (Ribbon: Maroon center flanked by dark blue stripes)
2. Meritorious Individual Commendation (detachment) (Ribbon Gold center flanked by white)
3. MCL Community/VAVS Service (Nat'l/Dept./Detachment) (Ribbon: Green, Yellow, and Green).
4. Distinguished Service Award (Certificate only)
5. Certificate of Appreciation (Certificate Only)
6. Certificate of Appreciation (For displaying the United States Flag)



PDD Nona H. Mallicoat

Charter & Life Member
Columbia River Det. #826
Marine Corps League

Member of the Military Order of the
Devil Dogs
Pedigreed Devil Dog
Past Pound Keeper

WDVA-Women Veterans Advisory Committee

Website: http://www.dva.wa.gov/women_vets.html

Dates of Service

1989 – 1999

Committee Position/Title

Membership Committee

Lifetime Accomplishments

Becoming a Marine – The Few, The Proud! Business Owner, and
Successfully balancing work-life with being a great Mom to a wonderful Son.

Education:

BA, Personnel Psychology BA, Business Management & Operations

Major Events in life:

Being a mom; Diving with Great White Sharks in the Indian Ocean,
Hunting wild game in Africa.

Current Employment:

Director of Programs Administration, Employment Security
Department, State of Washington

Major Achievements On the committee:

Streamlining the membership recruitment process; service as Master of Ceremonies
for Women's Veterans Conference.

Personal Statement regarding serving on the committee

My passion is to help Veterans in all aspects of my life, both professionally and
personally.



**DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
2015 ANNUAL CONVENTION
25th - 28th June 2015**

HOSTED BY:

**PIERCE COUNTY DETACHMENT #504 ~ LEWIS COUNTY UNIT #1119 – MCLA
ROBERT E BUSH POUND #353 ~ CARBON GLACIER YOUNG MARINES**

**The Best Western Premier
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620 S. Hill Park Dr., Puyallup, WA 98373-1423
Reservations: 253-848-1500 888-204-5804 Fax: 253-848-1511;
Indicate Marine Corps League when calling;
Single/Double Occupancy: \$119.00
(Overflow Hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express)

Above rates include a roaring start breakfast each morning

Free High Speed wireless internet access
After 22 May 2015 the blocked rooms will be opened to the public

CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISING

Feel Free to solicit Ads from other supporters

- A. Color/BW Inside front or back cover and outside back cover; \$50.00
- B. Full page color; \$25.00
- C. Full page black and white; \$15.00
- D. 1/2 page black and white; \$10.00
- E. Business Card; \$5.00
- F. Honored Supporter; (Name & Title Listed on “Honored Supporter Roster”) \$3.00

SATURDAY LUNCHEON

Will be hosted by the Carbon Glacier Young Marines outside (weather permitting);
Donations Appreciated

SATURDAY EVENING DINNER/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS/AWARDS

MOBILE RV PARKING IS ALLOWED IN PARKING LOT

From Vancouver USA: Merge onto I-5 or 205 N toward Seattle. 126.1 mi; Merge onto WA-512 E via EXIT 127 toward Puyallup. 8.1 mi; take the 9th St S.W / 94th Ave E exit. 0.5 mi; Turn left onto 9th St SW. 0.2 mi; Take the 1st right onto S Hill Park Dr. 0.1 mi; 620 S Hill Park Dr, Puyallup, WA 98373-14 is on the right. Total Travel Estimate: 137.87 miles - about 2 hours 15 minutes

Department of Washington
2015 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

(Please print legibly)

Registration and fees are due by 22 May 2015

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

This is how your information will appear on your Convention Badge.

DETACHMENT: _____

AUXILIARY UNIT: _____

Hotel Confirmation # _____

Arrival Date: _____

Detachment Delegate: _____ Alternate: _____

Registration fee:	# _____	(\$10.00 per person)	\$ _____
Late Registration	# _____	(\$20.00 per person)	\$ _____
Convention Ad	# _____	(Circle: A B C D E F)	\$ _____

- A. Color/BW Inside front or back cover and outside back cover: \$50.00
- B. Full page color: \$25.00 C. Full page black and white: \$15.00
- D. 1/2 page black and white; \$10.00 E. Business Card: \$5.00
- F. Honored Supporter (Name & Title Listed on "Honored Supporter Roster") \$3.00

Ads are due by 7 June 2015 and
will be posted in Convention Program Book upon receipt of check/money order by the Paymaster.

All artwork for the Convention Book should be e-mailed to: gfhilbish@gmail.com

Saturday Banquet:

# _____	Grilled Chicken Breasts w/Lemon-Thyme Marinade	\$45.00	\$ _____
# _____	Grilled Salmon Filler w/Garlic-Basil Butter	\$45.00	\$ _____
_____	Garlic Mashed Potatoes or _____ Garlic Parmesan Risotto		

Diner includes Caesar salad, drinks: Coffee, Tea, and Dessert: Italian Cheesecake w/Raspberry Sauce

Total Enclosed: _____ \$ _____

Make Check Payable to: Pierce County Det. 504 - MCL
Paymaster George Hilbish
10812 Evergreen Terrace SW, Lakewood, WA 98498-6702

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Elks Lodge #823 11605 SE McGillivray Blvd. Vancouver, WA 98683-5203
Mailing Address: PO BOX 2685 Vancouver, WA 98668-2685
Meeting Minutes 12 February, 2015

Opening Ceremony: Approximately 1905

Introduction of Dignitaries:

- Detachment 2014 Marine of the Year: Fiorin Zeviar
- National Officers/Chairs: PDD Rex Hopper Nat'l VAVS Representative
- Department Officers:
 - Rex Hopper – Dept. Commandant, VAVS Chair, & Sr. Vice Pack Leader
 - Jim Renton – Dept. Sr. Vice Commandant, Worthy Pack Leader, Dept. Boy Scouts Liaison
 - John Stofiel –Dept. Public Affairs Officer, Training Officer & Past Dept. Commandant
- Lewis & Clark Pound Keeper, MODD: PDD Louis Baste'
- Past Detachment Commandants: John Stofiel, Lynn Bolte, Roger Rueckert, Louis Baste', George LaFrazia, Roger Rueckert, Rex Hopper and James L. Renton.
- Past Detachment Marines of the Year: John Stofiel, George LaFrazia, Lynn Bolte, Rex Hopper, Jim Renton, Wendy Baker, Lou Baste, Roger Rueckert, and Bill Hauser.

Roll Call of Officers: All present and/or accounted for.

Quorum of Officers/Board Members Present: Yes

Applications for Membership:

Rex Hopper submitted membership application and DD-214 for Marine James R. Kenney his Corps service was shared by John Stofiel who moved we accept his application, 2nd, motion carried, oath of membership held until Marine Kenney is at our meeting.

Members Awaiting Oath of Membership: Robert Lyman

Adjutant's Report: {Copies of this report may be requested by members by contacting the Adjutant at (503) 775-6567 or williamcason@gmail.com.} John Stofiel – Called for a motion to approve January minutes as published. Moved: Jim Renton, Second: Lynn Bolte. Carried by majority vote.

Correspondence:

- 0930-1100 28 February 2015 Veterans Affairs Town Hall Portland VA Hospital Auditorium Bldg. 101, 2nd floor to share information, hear feedback, and answer questions on VA health care and benefits, including compensation, pension, insurance, loan guaranty, vocational rehabilitation and employment, and education benefit program. We will have claims specialists available to answer claims-specific questions.
- Marine Corps League Mid-Winter conference 14 February in Falls Church, VA

Report of Paymaster: John Stofiel- We have 82 Members [X=Associates: 3 (1-Im) 1- Honorary Mbr.-] REG VOTING MEMBERS: 78 – 1 REG MBRS NOT IN GOOD STANDING = 77 div by 15 = 5.133 = 06 Delegates at Dept. and Nat'l Conventions. Read the Paymaster report, motion to approve Jim Renton, 2nd Lou Baste, and motion carried. We do not publish the value of our treasury but any member may contact the Paymaster for a copy of the report.

Chaplains Report: (Reports of Sickness or Distress) George LaFrazia spoke with George Zeleznik and Bernard Kendall both are holding their own but not able to drive. Wendy Baker shared that Caroline Ruhmshottel brother has suddenly passed away last night. Dan Montgomery our Dept. JrVice Cmndn't who was diagnosed w/cancer over 4 mos. ago and was not expected to even leave the VA Hospital is doing well and he and Jane just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Our Dept. Chaplain Sam Martin (Bremerton) also has cancer and is reporting positive results at this time.

Report of Officers: No reports.

Report of Standing Committees:

Training Officer: John Stofiel – We have one member, Kurt Kurandt actively doing our professional development training and the program is open to all members

Bob Costello Memorial Fund (BCMF): George LaFrazia – No activity.

- Clark County Veterans Advisory Board: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/veterans/vrc.html> Lou Baste – we had two guest speakers, 1st homeless advocates shared how they are working on homelessness. 2nd a speaker from the county public utilities who shared about their program to assist those 62+ in need of assistance to pay their utility bill
- Clark County Veterans Assistance Center: <http://ccvac.net/> Ron Brandon – We were represented by Judy Russell & Pres. Joe Fettig at the CVAC meeting. They requested an additional \$700.00 per month to take advantage of additional rooms in the VAC building. The request was approved. There is a move to retrieve the entire 2nd floor that is being considered but they are working on a reduced cost at this time. We assisted over 300 Veterans this past month. Our new VP is Marine Frank Hyatt.
- Marine Corps Coordinating Council (MCCC): John Stofiel/Bill Hauser – I sent out the minutes of the council to all of our members but would note that there is a move to build a new “Oregon Military Museum” at Camp Wythecomb in Clackamas, OR; They currently have State and Federal Funding and about 5 million from local contributors at this point and are offering space in the museum for a price. It has been noted by our MCCC historian and detachment member Mike Howard that this museum is mostly about the Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve with minimal input from the other services. Mike has ensured that our 2 Oregon MOH recipients will be recognized in the museum along with a chronology of our Corps in Oregon since 1846. We did lose our Treasurer Marine Bart Bullard of the 1st & 3rd MarDivAssoc and will be seeking a new board member and treasurer. I shared with his bride Barbara at the OR-1 WMA 72nd Anniversary of women in the Corps and she seems to be doing okay.
- Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS): Rex Hopper/George LaFrazia – We had our VAVS mtg. on Wed. we approved \$500.00 for RCTP; \$400.00 for SATP; \$250.00 for the VA Museum. I received the VAVS total volunteer hours for the past 4 months and we are at 517 hours so far. The Fisher House is still going with their construct phase. Tony is our Service Representative and she is retiring, many of you know her we are having a retirement party for her on the 19th of Feb 1130-1400 at VA Hospital-Vancouver Division.
- Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC): Bill Hauser – We are currently in the middle of re-designing our website. Gearing up for Memorial Day which at this time looks like we will be setting up on the Parade Ground outside of the Grant House near the gazebo. We are expecting over a thousand in attendance. National Park Service “Sweetheart Hangar Dance” Silent Auction and Fundraiser – February 14th 7 PM to 10 PM at Pearson Air Museum. Vancouver Barracks Military Association “ISIS/ISIL and the Islamic State” – February 13th 6:00 PM to 7:00PM at the 40 et 8 Chateau (Boxcar Room). Presented by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Dan Sockle (Ret.).
- Honor Guard/Quartermaster: Keith Fitch – absent
- Prestige Nursing Home Luncheon: Keith Fitch – absent
- Lewis & Clark Young Marines: John Hudson – absent
- Sixth Young Marine Division: Mike Wilson – absent
- Legislative Committee: Skip Barnes – the Legislature opened on the 19th of January and they have 47 bills relating to Veterans that they are working on. Please see the attachment to view the bills in the legislature for consideration. You can view the bills online for more details and then contact your representative with your opinion.
- Fundraising Committee: Skip Barnes – The Elks Lodge is the recipient of an endowment, one of our members Ken Teeter whose son passed away and he provided this in his memory so every year we will be expending the interest from that endowment, our 1st check was \$40,000.00 we are in the process of distributing these funds so now if you have a Veteran in need we can support any Veteran or Active Duty person who needs assistance. I have passed a check for \$700.00 for our past coin sale fundraising effort. I still have 20 coins left to sell.

Report of Special Committees:

- Marine of the Year Committee: Chair George LaFrazia/Secretary Jim Renton We will gladly accept nominations for our Detachment Marine of the year per our bylaws.
- Awards Committee: John Stofiel I have sent this out in our last newsletter and have yet to receive any nominations for recognition

Old Business:

Bill Hauser – I tabled this at our last meeting. I believe there is a need for us to have a website. I know we did away with the one we had as we had problems with the administration of it. I have looked into a couple of supporting elements and talked to others who have done websites. There is a company called WIX and they have templates where you can basically build your own website and post it for free, the only drawback is that the site will provide a means for them to have ads we would need to upgrade the site and that would run the basic unlimited, as I understand we can get the site

\$6.25 per mo. About \$75. Annually and I understand this would include the domain. Rex Hopper do you have someone in mind to feed this website? Bill, yes I would feed the site for the detachment. I would like to work further on the development of the website and will come back next month with a proposal.

New Business: John Stofiel – As your paymaster I am reporting that we only have 11.69 as a balance in the Prestige Veterans Luncheon Program. Rex pointed out that the books Vet Lunch was only the monies provided by the Elks Lodge the detachments share was coming out of our Needs/Support Fund. It was determined that we would make administrative adjustment to the Savings account funds for the luncheon to reflect Veterans Luncheon by moving allocated funds from the Needs fund to Luncheon fund.

Good of the League:

1. Lynn Bolte – My employer asked that I let all know about Home Depot’s Veterans Assistance program. I have been involved with Home Depot where they have been involved with assisting Veterans with the clean-up of their yard and improving their living conditions. Grants, up to \$5,000, are available to registered 501(c) (3) nonprofit organizations and tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Only proposals submitted through the online application process will be considered for funding. Our mission is to ensure that every veteran has a safe place to call home. As such- priority will be placed on volunteer projects that fit the following criteria. • Projects that serve veterans and their families, whether that’s repairing homes or improving facilities • Projects that involve veterans volunteering to help other veterans in the communities where they live.

<http://homedepotfoundation.org/page/applying-for-a-grant>.

2. Bill Hauser – Would like all to consider and possibly nominate a member to participate with the “Hunting for Heroes” program find out who would be available to go on the hunting party Oct 2-4, 2015. I will submit your recommendation just let me know who. This all-inclusive outdoor adventure, “Hunting with Heroes”. On top of upland bird hunting, fishing, and trap shooting there will be movies, poker tournaments, as well as an onsite massage therapist to provide these veterans a once in a lifetime experience at no expense to them. We have secured sponsorship from local companies McNett Corp, GRO Outdoor Living, Holland Residential, Home Depot, 40 ET 8, Point Man, and The Al Angelo Company to ensure the event will be taking place and are now tasked with increasing sponsorship to take more veterans. Another large part of thanking these veterans will be sending them home with gifts and prize packages that include donated products from a wide variety of supporters.

<http://www.homewithheroes.com/home.html>

3. This month’s membership Anniversaries: David Engstrom 1st Yr.; James Hogan 18th yr.; Rex Hopper 13th Yr.; John Hudson 10th Yr.; Mike Marcum 19th Yr.; Donald Newell 15th Yr.; Janet Spence 18th Yr.; Linda Stern 3rd Yr.; Jeremy Tanner 3rd Yr.; Harold Westby 19th Yr.; Richard Wolf 3rd Yr.

4. This month’s member Birthdays: Don Cheney 4th; Robert Bean 6th; David Hancock 8th; Robert Lyman 12th; Pete Thornton 15th; Carnet Falconbury 16th; Lucian Baker 18th;

5. Lou Baste shared that the Marines were removed from the embassy in Yemen. The rest of the story... all weapons to include large guns, crew-served and personal weapons were destroyed so as not to fall into the hands of the enemy before they caught their flight out of country.

Announcements:

1. Rex Hopper – The 3rd Friday of the month you all are encouraged to join with us at Prestige Nursing Care Center to share and enjoy the company of Veterans residing there.

2. PDD Lou Baste – Reminder that the Lewis & Clark Pound of the MODD will be conducting a growl at the dog house on Saturday 14 February all dogs are requested to be unleashed and show up for their dog food and the usual sniffing and growling.

Closing Ceremonies: Approximate @ 2030 Next meeting: 12 March, 2015

In Attendance: (13) Lucian Baker, Wendy Baker, Lou Baste’, Skip Barnes, Ron Brandon, Lynn Bolte’, Bill Hauser, Rex Hopper, Hudson Lasher, Jim Renton, Roger Rueckert, George LaFrazia, John Stofiel.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Stofiel, Temp Adj.