

Marine Corps League

The Devil Dog Report



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DETACHMENT NEWS

Last month **Danville Lions Club** invited Commandant Barrett to speak about the League. It was a great opportunity for us to gain more community awareness about the League and the things we do.

HONOR GUARD

Our detachment sent a uniformed **color guard to Southview Middle School**. Detachment members Barrett, Church, Gagnon, Hoskins, Reaktenwalt, Shields, Wakeland were present.

Commandant Barrett addressed the kids on the meaning behind the thirteen folds of the American flag. Also, Jr. Vice Commandant Randy Shields delivered an outstanding display of illusions to the assembled students.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Pam Johnson reported that the Danville Gardens **Flowers for Mothers Day** will be delivered on May 7 at Big Lots. We sold a total of 52 flower pots for a total profit of \$416.00. Great work everyone.

Kate O'Melia, coordinator for **TOYS for TOTS**, is still waiting on news about expanding our Toys for Tots territory for this coming year. If approved we're expecting our need for toy's to increase greatly, as much as 50%. That means a lot of work ahead, but it also means a lot of kids will get something for Christmas and that's what it's all about.

Ron Johnson reported that the efforts for creating a fund for a building of our own is coming along, A business plan is being developed and a search for an

appropriate place is in progress. Should have some news to report at Mays meeting. Hope everyone shows up. We need all the experiences of our members to do this right the first time.

The tickets for our upcoming **Freezer Full of Meat Raffle** was approved by the Danville City Council and the tickets have been printed and are ready to go come July 6th kicking off the Vermilion County Fair. For more details a flyer has been posted on the MCL web page.

The person selling the first place ticket will receive \$100.00. So, the more you sell the better your chances...

Reminder: We have a **new web site** www.mcldanville.com. You can view and download all sorts of information about upcoming events.

Any suggestions about the web site and how we can better it for our members, please forward to our Web Sgt Kate O'Melia.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 14, 2011

Meet-Greet-Eat will be at Buen Apetito 3605 N. Vermilion at 6:00 pm.

May 15, 2011

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING at 3 pm in the conference room at the Vermilion Regional Airport's FBO.

June 26, 2011

Annual Detachment Picnic at Mallard Point Shelter, Kennekuk County Park, Henning Rd.

July 9, 2011

Barney and Ruth Baroff invite all MCL Members and spouses to join them in

celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at Spanky's Banquet Hall from 2-5 pm. **You're AWESOME!**

Fundraiser Coordinators

AMBUCS Home Show

Pam Johnson 474-0919

Flowers for Mothers Day

Pam Johnson 474-0919

Freezer Full of Meat Raffle

Ron Johnson 474-1559

Vermilion Co Fair

Paula Clawson (812) 201-3519

Georgetown Fair

Pam Johnson 474-0919

Patriot Day (airport)

Kate O'Melia (760) 224-8784

Vermilion Fall Festival

Jeff Wakeland (812) 240-3117

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