

Marine Corps League

The Devil Dog Report



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DETACHMENT NEWS

First, let's all **welcome aboard** three new Associate Members: Bonnie Barrett, Paula Clawson and Pam Johnson. All three were sworn in at this month's meeting. Look for their picture in the Commercial News.

To save money, we'd like to send all the newsletters we can via e-mail. If you wish to be included, send an e-mail to rondo47@comcast.net.

HONOR GUARD

The **Honor Guard** presented colors and stood watch over fallen comrade Kenneth E. Parmley of Georgetown, IL.

This past Saturday the Honor Guard also presented the colors at the Junior College Basketball Tournament at DACC.

In both cases six to seven members showed up in uniform. It's great to see that many show up, ready and willing. We need more to join in and it's obvious that more are. So thanks guys, this is the kind of stuff that makes one truly proud and worthwhile.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The League held a social at the VA for IWO JIMA DAY. First we presented the colors and then we presented all the Vets with Gross Burgers, which Brad Gross graciously and generously donated again this year. There is a reason his Gross Burgers are becoming more and more famous, because they're absolutely delicious. **Oorah Brad!**

We also had an impromptu picture taking session with a few of the Vets that seemed to go over very well.

Our next planned VA social

will be around July 4th. The exact date will be announced later. Kate O'Melia is coordinating the event. She's planning on an outdoor cookout. Hope you all will come and join us. The Vets truly appreciate it. As Kate said, "One day it will be us. Think about it."

We're also planning a new social event to honor our POW/MIA's, which falls on September 16th. More about that later too.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Kate O'Melia, our illustrious coordinator for **TOYS for TOTS**, reported that all is well and on track to what she says is going to be the biggest event yet. She is awaiting approval to expand our territory. Basically we'll be servicing over to Indiana's Hwy 41, then about half way to both Lafayette and Terre Haute. On the Illinois side we're nudging closer toward Champaign and then basically from Paris to Watseka.

So guess what people? We're going to need everyone's help this year. So put it on your calendar right now. No excuses.

The **Planning Committee**, Chairman, Ron Johnson, is planning on several fundraising events throughout the year. The first was the **AMBUCS Home Show** at the Civic Center. It was a success in every way. We sold all kinds of Marine Corps stuff, like T-shirts, drinking glasses, pillows, etc. All with USMC on them. For the rest of the year's fundraisers though, we're going to include all branches of military service, which should quadruple sales instantly. We're excited and you should

be too. So, come to the next meeting and sign up for a couple hours worth of duty to one of these events and help raise the kind of money we need to buy/build our own clubhouse. That's what this is all about folks. It doesn't get done sitting on our asses. **ARE WE CLEAR?**

Our next event has been enclosed with this newsletter - **Flowers for Mothers Day**. Danville Gardens will donate \$8.⁰⁰ for each hanging basket we sell for \$18.⁰⁰. Please, take the order sheet and get everyone you know to purchase some nice flowers for mom.

We'll need to have the order sheets and money turned in on or before our next meeting.

You may also bring them to:

**Pam Johnson
501 Forrest St
Danville, IL 61832
(217) 474-0919**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 16, 2011

Meet-Greet-Eat Dinner, at No. 1 Hibachi Grill at 6 pm

April 17, 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)

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Vermilion Fall Festival

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