

Marine Corps League

The Devil Dog Report



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DETACHMENT NEWS

District Commandant Dave Edwards, attended this month's meeting. He's preparing for the National MCL Convention to be held in Boise Idaho in July. By the by, he didn't seem too excited about the prospect of National amending its Constitution to once again allow the use of the Khaki shirt, which only goes to show how we get what we vote for. If we want change, then we must start with the ones we send to district and state levels first. All political decisions start at home. Hmmmm...

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Paula Clawson is gearing up for the first of our bigger events of the year, the **Vermilion Co Fair**. Pam says we'll have a booth selling pillows, glassware and shirts for all branches of the military.

Ron Johnson reminded us that we'll also be kicking off our **FFOM (Freezer Full of Meat) Raffle** at this same event. The drawing will be held at the **Vermilion Fall Festival** on Sept 18 at 3:00 pm. That gives us about 90 days to sell 3000 tickets at \$10.00 each. Remember, the person who sales the grand prize winning ticket gets \$100.00. So be sure to sign up for your share of tickets and help us raise some serious money for the league. In case you've not noticed 3000 tickets at \$10.00 each equals \$30,000.00. Less cost of course. A few years of that kind of money can and will change the way our League does anything and everything. So, jump on board with this project and help **"do all we can do."**

Kate O'Melia, coordinator of **TOYS for TOTS**, reported the approval for

increasing our territory starting this year. You know what that means, twice the kids and twice the work. So, let's all get our heads right and prepare ourselves for this most noble cause.

Ron Johnson also reported that the business plan for our own building has been delivered to the **Hegeler Foundation** for its consideration. Now we play the waiting game. This is plan "A" folks and if it works out for us things can and will happen fast. If not, then Plan "B" takes effect, which is to do more of everything else for as long as it takes. So, keep your fingers crossed.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MEET-GREET-EAT is postponed this month due to our annual picnic

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING will be held after the picnic.

JUNE 26, 2011

ANNUAL DETACHMENT PICNIC will be held at Mallard Point in Kennekuk County Park, Henning Rd., Danville, beginning at 12:00. The League will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, buns, condiments, and soft drinks. Each family may bring a covered dish or desert and your own table service please. Bring an appetite as well!!

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!**

WORDS OF WISDOM: Cowards die many times before their deaths; the

valiant never taste of death but once.
Julius Caesar

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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