

# BUCKEYE MARINE NEWS

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## Commandant's Message

Now that the holiday season is over we should have some time to get back to the business of joining together as Marines in Ohio. Every Detachment should had filed their 990-N with IRS. Has your Detachment sent to National via the Department Paymaster, a copy of the IRS filings? Has your Detachment sent to national HQ their certified life membership list, this is money that is due each Detachment for each life member they have. The IRS tax form needs to be filed every year. The state certificate of continued existence form is only resubmitted once every five years. By not keeping up on these two forms the detachment could lose its tax exempt status. The upcoming staff meeting in Newark is open to all members of the Marine Corps League. It's only called a staff meeting because the Department staff are the only ones required to attend. We make this a one day affair to cut down on expenses for everyone, such as staying over at a hotel and extra meals. Anyone having suggestions for improvement on the newsletter or the department web site please inform us of ways to make things better. Don't just complain about it, find ways we can improve and grow. We are all on the same team and belong to the same league so working together for the betterment of the Department should be our main goal. Besides, any improvements the department does will filter into the Detachments and they will be the benefactors of the good that we accomplish. This has always been one of the purposes of the Commandants Council held at the quarterly meetings. To share with the other Detachments ideas and procedures the Detachments have that work. National has rewritten the By-Laws and Administrative Procedure, which can be downloaded at the National web site; MCLnational.org Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Keep our military personal whom are unable to come home for the holidays in your prayers

Semper Fi,

*John Cook*

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**Jr. Vice Commandant's Message:**

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and was able to spend quality time with their families. So far the Detachments are still behind on sending transmittals in. I would like to see every Detachment at 100 % by National Midwinter Conference at the end of February 2019. I'm adjusting my schedule so I can visit every Detachment by the Departments Spring Conference in March. The Department Auxiliary is having a fund raiser so check with your Ladies Unit and help them reach their goal of selling 1000 tickets. The ladies have always supported the MCL fundraisers so its time we give them ALL our support The Winter Department Conference will be Held at Detachment 602 on January 12, 2019 Coffee & donuts from 8am-9am meeting to start promptly at 0900hrs. We need at least (1) officer from each Detachment to attend. Lunch will be served from 12: to 1: by Land of Legend Unit cost \$5.00. Meeting location is VFW Post 1060 469 Forry St. Newark, Ohio 43055.

Semper Fi,

*Gary Evans*

**Chaplain's Message:**

I cannot speak to the charitable actions or programs promoted by the other military branches, but I have witnessed what the Marine Corps League in particular and Marines in general do for homeless veterans and other veterans suffering physical, mental and personal ailments. This is good, because as Leaguers we took an oath to care for veterans and their families in need. But whatever your views are in this "giving season", most Americans are so blessed in not having to worry about earthly needs, that we may tend to forget the "other" people, who have no food, nor clothes, nor shelter, nor companionship. Please forgive me for "sounding preachy", but no matter what group you choose to help or not help, if we don't care for these least ones, then we haven't done it for our God/ Supreme Commandant; (Matthew 25: 36-41).

Semper Fi,

*Dave Yehl*

## Upcoming Events

### Department Spring meeting:

March 15-17, 2019  
at Courtyard  
Marriott. 100 South  
Fountain Ave  
Springfield, Ohio  
45502. Room  
reservations phone  
number  
937-322-3600.

Rate: \$94.00.

*Be sure to mention  
Marine Corps  
League when  
making reservations.*

Hospitality room:  
Preregistration is  
\$10.00 or \$ 15.00 at  
time of check in,  
make check or  
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payable to:  
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## Department Service Officers:

The VSO's are working steady with new and old clients. Just for the bodies info Dan Davis is in his office Monday's and Tuesday's at the Hamilton Office, Donna Gleason is in on Tuesday's and Wednesday's at the Cincinnati office, Barry Ryan is in on Tuesday's and Wednesday's in the Dayton office and The Cleveland office has limited coverage at this time. Don Perry is in Columbus Monday thru Friday, But is in and out due to covering the Cleveland office and hearings also writing claims at the Columbus Outpatient Clinic. If you need help from any of your VSO's just contact us and will do our best to get you the help you need. Thanks Your VSO's  
Respectfully,

*Mark Carver*

## Adjutant's Message:

Merry Christmas to all! I'm Shawn Daley, your new Adjutant. I'm an 0351 (Infantry Assaultman) who spent his 4 years in the South Pacific/Asia with 1st BN 3rd MAR. My 3rd year in I was diagnosed with cancer, spent my last year in Hawaii as 5811 (MP). I study military history & enjoy recording music in my off time.

I cannot describe how humbled & honored I am for this opportunity. I am excited to carry the title & execute my duties as directed by the Commandant and the Dept. of Ohio Marine Corps League.  
Semper Fi,

*Shawn Patrick Thomas Daley*

## Auxiliary President's Message:

I hope that all is doing well, and had a great visit with families and friends over Thanksgiving. The department Auxiliary is having a fund raiser. Our Unit's are selling raffle tickets based on the evening 3 digit number (straight as drawn) for the month of February 2019. So check with your Unit's and purchase a ticket / ticket's at \$5.00 each that's 24 chances to win!! The March Spring meeting will be held in Springfield Ohio. As I get the final dates and location I will let you know. I want to thank all Unit's for your support in 2018, and are looking for more Unit's to attend the Department conferences & June convention. Wishing you all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. Please be safe in your travels ..

Smiles and Happiness

Semper Fi,

*Debby Evans*

### Important Dates in Marine Corps History:

- **07 Dec 1933:**  
Navy Department creates Fleet Marine Force.
- **07 Dec 1941:**  
Marines defend against Japanese attack on US Pacific fleet at Pearl Harbor.
- **09 Dec 1992:**  
Marines land in Somalia to rescue foreigners.
- **20 Dec 1989:**  
Marines are part of force that tries to capture Panama's dictator, Manuel Noriega.
- **24 Dec 1950:**  
Last elements of the 1st Marine Division departed Hungnam, North Korea.
- **26 Dec 1943:**  
1st Marine Division lands on Cape Gloucester, New Britain.

## Judge Advocate' Message:

Good Day Marines, I hope this newsletter finds you and yours doing well. I hope each and everyone of you had or will continue to have a joyous holiday season. Well another year has come to an end and it has been a very interesting year. The National Headquarters has produced some changes in how we are to do business all the way down to you and your Detachments. So, let's just get right to it and make this a simple process for us all. As you may or may not know there have been massive amounts of changes made to the Nationals By-Laws and Administrative Procedures. These changes affect how we all do business in Ohio. Therefore, it is imperative that we come up to speed as soon as possible. This the link that will get you and your Detachments back online: <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/>. This link contains the current reference documents you will need to accomplish this task. As your Department Judge Advocate it is my responsibility to ensure that each of our Detachments are operating in accordance with the National and State Doctrine. Currently I am working on incorporating the newest changes into the States By-Laws and Administrative Procedures. I have scanned all the available and most current By-Laws and Administrative Procedures at my disposal. Many of these documents are incomplete and are in excess of 10 years old. It is incumbent upon each and every Detachment Commandant to facilitate a review of their operational documents to ensure that their Detachments are operating according to National and State regulations. Upon completion of this review you are required to submit your document to the Department JA, that's me, the document for review and completeness. If changes are needed I will notify you directly, if not, I will notify you directly. Each Detachment's review and or rewrites need to be at the Department level no later than May 1st 2019. Ok, here's how you get the documents you have to me:

**1)Mail them to:** Paul Smith, 10465 Belmont Meadows Lane, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551

**2)Email them to:** [gunny23@bex.net](mailto:gunny23@bex.net)

**3)Fax them to:** (419) 661-2479

I will need advance notice so that I can turn on the Fax option prior to the call. Lastly, I can send your Detachment or email you a outline that can be used to review your Detachments' bylaws to make sure they covered all the items it wants to, also there is suggested bylaws for a Detachment. (Cont. on next page)

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Perhaps many of you don't know what the JA job entails, let me share this with you because these tasks also apply to your detachments' JA:

- 1) The Judge Advocate is an advisor at all your meetings.
- 2) The Judge Advocate renders opinions based on materials available. (By-Laws and Administrative Procedures, and Roberts Rules of Order)
- 3) The Judge Advocate is responsible for the accuracy and use of the By-Laws and Administrative Procedures.

All in all the Judge Advocate renders his/her opinion, and the Detachment may or may not agree. In the by Laws, this is covered, you are advising. Contacting your Department JA will help, feel free to call! (419) 661-2479

So, the only reason for not complying is that you just didn't want too. Please let's not have your Detachment's business become the Departments business. Do the job you agreed to do when you took on the job you volunteered for. Once approved these documents will be scanned in for preservation and future availability. A review will be required every 5 years from the date of the newest reviews.

Semper Fi,

*Paul Smith*

## Youth Dept. Committee

The Department "YOUTH COMMITTEE" continues to support groups of young people up to age 18 for their Moral and Physical values. The Committee awarded no Grants at the Fall Department Meeting, no Grants were requested for. We presented \$11,024 to organizations in Grants since we have been giving Grants. The Department has received requests for 31 Grants and awarded 26 Grants. The YOUTH COMMITTEE is always ready to make Grants to worthy organizations. Has your Detachment encouraged Youth Groups in your area to apply for funds (a Grant) needed by them for a purpose to support their organization? The Youth Committee Funds available to support donations (Grants) to youth groups have to apply to the Department of Ohio, MCL for the support. Boy Scout Troops may need tents, Boys' & Girls' Choirs may need music, a Young Marines organization needs funds for a trailer to move their equipment. The list could go on forever, but it starts with that application. At Youth Committee meetings the committee decides on grants but they need the request before the meeting. Look at the Departments Web page for the process. (Cont. on Next Page)



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(Cont from Page 5) Send the request for a Grant by mail to PDC Ellen Leidy 1107 Columbus Ave Barberton Ohio 44203-6929 or EMAIL leidyrun@aol.com. Remember; send the request in before January 2, 2019 for the Winter Meeting, because the awarded Grants are done only at a Department Meeting. The next meeting of the Youth Committee will be at the Department Winter meeting January 12th, 2019 a Saturday at 9:00 am. Looking forward to seeing you in the Moundbuilder's Post 1061 VFW, 469 Forry Street, Newark, Ohio 43055.  
 Semper Fi,

*Ron Kiessling,*

## The Future:

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My Generation of Marines as well as all other Marines adhere to strict standards that define a Marine from other Veterans. A standard that has gone from generation to generation of Marines is "IMPROVISE - ADAPT - OVERCOME". The Marine Corps League is changing and if we are to survive we must seriously think over the issues that plague the League. An Issue that has had some impact on all the detachments is membership. The Old Guard is ready to pass the baton, so to speak, to the younger Marines. But it is a rarity that a detachment has anyone in their forties, fifties or younger. Times have changed, science and technology has caught up to the League as well as with other Veteran groups and Lodges. The young people just aren't there. They are raising families, working two or three jobs and/or just do not have the time. What are we to do? We must IMPROVISE and ADAPT the current Marine Corps League System. Alternatives have to be presented to the existing membership so that the League can go on until the younger generation takes over. Option "A" is to consolidate the detachment's, maybe one detachment for a county or four counties. Locate the meeting to a central location in the county or counties. Option "B" is to Video Conference the meetings to the membership, in that the meeting can be viewed on a mobile phone, computer or maybe a television. An overkill option would be to combine both option "A" and "B" and I feel we would solve or OVERCOME the problem until the younger crew steps in to run the show. The SITUATION is that the detachments are having a difficult time getting new and younger members. The MISSION is to reorganize the Marine League to meet the needs today. AND the EXECUTION is to consolidate detachments and new electronic measures to deal with the issues today. Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns.

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