

# Semper Fi News

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## National Dues Increase in 2007

At the 2006 National convention in Boston, the delegates approved a \$6.00 increase to the National dues. This means that MCL National HQ will now receive \$18.00 for ALL RENEWAL DUES and \$23.00 for ALL NEW MEMBER DUES. This is effective January 1, 2007.

Our detachment had to increase dues by \$6.00 to keep from tapping in to your treasury to help pay membership dues. A special meeting was held October 18th where a motion was made to increase our dues by \$6.00 to \$31.00 per year annual membership. The motion was carried. Effective in 2007, all membership renewals and new member dues will be

\$31.00.

Also effective January 1, 2007 the new Life membership price goes up significantly. Here are the increases:

- Up to and including age 35: 400.00.
- Age 36 up to and including age 50: \$350.00.
- Age 51 up to and including age 60: \$230.00.
- Age 61 and over: \$125.00.

Options for everyone are to pay next years dues now. Or if you wish, become a Life Member, and pay for it this year. BUT... make sure you have all the information and payment to the Detach-

ment Adjutant/Paymaster by December so he can get your payments in BEFORE year's end. If payments are mailed after December 31, 2006 the price is no longer valid per National Headquarters.

## NEW MEETING TIMES:

**Monthly meeting time and place will be the Third Wednesday of each month at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 1624 N. Heritage Rd., Layton. Dinner at 1900 and meeting at 2000. This best meets the needs of the majority of our membership.**

## VFW to Hold USMC Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony

The Ogden VFW Post at 907 West 12th St., will hold a USMC Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony in their back room on Friday, November 10, 2006. The ceremony will begin promptly at 1900, so be there by 1830. All detachment members wear your MCL red cover, if you have one, or if you are a VFW member, wear your VFW cover if you so de-

sire.

## Got an Interesting bit of news for us?

In order to make this newsletter work. We need input from our members. Got an interesting story from your time in the Corps? How about a great place to eat? Got a great

joke (Please keep it clean, we do have mixed company) Share with us. Mail it to me: Ben Setter, 3848 Prestwick Dr., Syracuse, UT 84075. Email it to me at [ben\\_setter@ogdenmarines.org](mailto:ben_setter@ogdenmarines.org). or you can fax it to me at (801)773-7145.

We also need two volunteers to be editors. (My wife says she is NOT a Marine).

# Marine Corps Birthday Message From CMC

On November 10th, 1775, our Corps was born as the Continental Congress raised the “first and second battalions of American Marines.” Each year as we celebrate our birthday, we pause to reflect on the Marines of yesteryear who fought in our touchstone battles and forged the modern Marine Corps with their courage, integrity, and undying commitment to their fellow Marines. Each of our storied battles is a link in the long chain that binds all Marines together—from the Continental Marines at Bunker Hill to the *Teufelhunden* crossing the wheat fields of Belleau Wood. This chain binds us to the Marines on the crest of Mount Suribachi; it passes through the ice and snow of the Chosin Reservoir and the steaming jungles of Vietnam, and it anchors firmly today in the desert sands of Iraq.

This year’s celebration again finds many from our ranks serving with

distinction in harm’s way. As we have for the past 231 years, our Corps is answering the nation’s call. I can report first hand that our Marines fighting on the front lines of the Long War on Terror are performing brilliantly, acquitting themselves with honor, dedication, and dignity in difficult and dangerous environments.

All Marines are making a difference. Regardless of where you are serving, you are adding new chapters to the legacy that was earned with sweat and blood on old battlefields. Just as previous generations of Marines shaped today’s Marine Corps, your deeds are molding the Corps of tomorrow. Our Corps has never been stronger, and all Americans are extremely proud of your magnificent performance and unwavering commitment to serve our Corps and country. With high caliber Marines like you, our future has never been brighter.

Another irreplaceable element of our success as Marines is the terrific support we receive from our families. Through the long hours, the exercises, and the combat deployments, their support is unconditional and firm. They give us love and devotion, providing us with the strength to drive on when duty calls. Today we should all acknowledge our loved ones for their patient, steadfast service.

To all who have earned the title Marine, to the superb Sailors who serve with us in every clime and place, and to our precious families—I wish each one or you a heartfelt *Happy 231st Birthday*.

Semper Fidelis and Keep Attacking!

M. W. Hagee

General, U.S. Marine Corps

## Attendance Drawing

At every meeting, beginning with November, we will have a drawing were members **MUST** be present to win.

Here’s what we’ll do: At each meeting those members who wish to participate will give the Adjutant/

Paymaster a quarter (25 cents) which will go into an account marked for the drawing. At the end of each meeting, someone will draw a chip from the container



and the winner’s name will be called. If that person is present, they win, if not, the amount in the kitty will carry over to the next meet-

ing. Winner takes all.

## Veterans Day Parade in Ogden

Attention all detachment members! This years Veteran’s Day parade will be on Saturday, November 11th, naturally. We are asking that all members who wish to be in the parade be at the DMV parking lot at 25th and Lincoln streets by 0830 so



we can organize. Please wear your red Marine Corps League cover and your red detachment polo shirt, if you have one, and dress warmly. The parade will start at 0900 from the DMV parking lot. It will go

east on 25th to Washington go back down 24th street to the Linquist Field where the celebration will begin. There will be patriotic music and patriotic speakers. For those of us who are unable to march in the parade, rides will be provided.

# Recruiting is Everyone's Responsibility.

**Ben Setter, Jr. Vice Commandant**

The lifeblood of a detachment is its members. Without you, we have no detachment, without a detachment we have no Marine Corps League!

Every member should make it his or her duty to bring at least one new member into our detachment each year.

As the detachment's Jr. Vice Commandant, one of my primary duties is recruiting. I have placed a Member Survey on our web site at [www.ogdenmarines.org](http://www.ogdenmarines.org)



**Jr. Vice Commandant, Ben**

ogdenmarines.org so we can get more ideas of what you, the membership, want as a Marine Corps League Detachment.

As we increase our membership, we will have the manpower to work effectively with our Annual Toys for Tots Program and provide better service to our fellow Marines and their families. This will also enable us to have some family get-togethers and other activities. If you can't get access to our web site, please, come to our monthly meeting and fill out a survey. We are trying to find a time and place

to accommodate the needs of the majority of members. We want to meet where we can have a meal together first, than have our meeting. This will give us all an opportunity to meet with each other and tell tall tales and "sea stories," in a friendly and comfortable atmosphere. In September, we were blessed with 3 new members: **Joseph P. Rayna, Kenneth A. Hipwell** and **Cindy Davidson**. Welcome aboard! We still have 2 months left in the year. Let's see how many more new members we can get by 2007. See you at the meeting.

## Special Meeting Held October 18.

A special meeting was held Wednesday, October 18 to discuss and vote on 2 important topics. The first topic (which was mentioned earlier on page 1). Was to discuss and vote on increasing our annual membership dues to cover the increase in the Marine Corps Leagues National dues. This was necessary to prevent using treasury money to cover the increase. After discussing this im-

portant issue, it was voted that we would increase our annual dues from \$25.00 to \$31.00. The second issue was to change the position of Adjutant/Paymaster to an elected officer's position so that we meet the needs of the state corporation laws to make our treasurer an elected officer. Both issues were passed to become effective January 1, 2007.

### *Help us Save Money*

*Help us save money on this newsletter. If you have an email address, let us know and we will remove you from our mailing list and you can obtain this same newsletter from our Detachment Website at <http://www.ogdenmarines.org>. It will be there in PDF format, along with the ability to download Acrobat Reader.*

## Toys for Tots News

Our Toys for Tots Program began September 15 and will run until December 15. Our T4T Coordinator is Jeff Sage, the detachment Sr. Vice Commandant. Here's a run down of what's been done so far. A 15x20 storage facility on Wall Ave. and 12th St. has



**Jeff Sage: Toys for Tots Coordinator**

been rented. T-shirts for all volunteers have been ordered. 50 places of business have agreed to be drop off points. We are going to have all the toys picked up by December 15 to allow us enough time to get them distributed to all the children. The Salva-

tion Army estimates about 5000 children in our area will need toys. From all the contacts Jeff has made, he estimates we should be able to help around 7500 children. We need your help! This is our detachment's biggest annual project, take a Saturday or two to help us with this great cause. Call Jeff at (801) 558-2016.

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## Veterans Pride

### A Call to Vets to Wear Medals on Veterans Day

A Message from Secretary of Veterans Affairs R. James Nicholson from Department of Veteran's Affairs Website

America's veterans are the face of America. They come from all walks of life, all ages, all ethnicities. They served our nation honorably and well and we honor that service, but how do we honor the veteran – the individual who put on the uniform and gave his or her all for our country?

Last spring I had the privilege of attending the ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) Day ceremonies in Sydney, Australia, a combination of Memorial Day and Veterans Day. It was established to commemorate the more than 8,000 Australians killed in the battle of Gallipoli in World War I, and now honors all



Secretary Nicholson

Australian and New Zealand veterans.

One of the things that stood out during the day-long ceremonies was how all of the veterans and surviving family members wore their medals and campaign ribbons. It focused public pride and attention on those veterans as individuals with personal histories of service and sacrifice for the common good.

That is why I am calling on America's veterans to wear their military medals this Veterans Day, November 11, 2006. Wearing their medals will demonstrate the deep pride our veterans have in their military service and

bring Veterans Day home to all American citizens.

Veterans, wear your pride on your left side this Veterans Day! Let America know who you are and what you did for freedom.

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**Deadline for items of interest and news for the detachment must be submitted by the 15th of each month to be published in the following month's newsletter.**