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KEEPING MARINES INFORMED THROUGHOUT THE LANSING AREA

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Junior Vice Commandant

Marines: WOW! Another year has come and gone before we knew it. What an exciting year we have had. We have grown by leaps and bounds as a detachment, hosted the Department of Michigan Convention, started a Color Guard, hosted the annual Marine Corps Birthday Party and moved to a new home. We have also attended several MCL Ritual Ceremonies for our departed brothers. If you have been unable to attend any of these, please try to in the future as they show our camaraderie and brotherhood/sisterhood for our fallen comrades. The families truly appreciate this.

2007 also promises to be just as exciting. We have many new things planned for the detachment and I look forward to seeing our new members involved in these fundraisers. We are looking to increase our Color Guard and have more involvement in community functions. There are also plans in the works to start the Young Marine Program in Lansing, a spaghetti dinner, a steak dinner, a golf outing and many more. So watch the newsletters for more information as we get closer to these events. Your involvement is critical to the success of each of these events. The spaghetti dinner is scheduled for February 24th and volunteers are needed. Please see me if you are interested in signing up for this event.

On a final note, we lost one of our own in December. Conrad "Connie" Taschner went to be with our Lord on December 12, 2006. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Semper Fi
Wendy Zamora



"WE'RE IN A MUTUAL RELATIONSHIP
AND YOU'RE THE MUTE!!"

Detachment Paymaster / Web Gunny

Marines: 2006 was a breakthrough year for the Capital Detachment. In calendar year 2006, the detachment added 46 new members and quite a few of those members paid for a life membership. January 2007, the life membership rates will rise again, but will stay put until Jan 2009. If you would like to purchase a life membership, see me at your convenience. For those of you that prefer to pay by the year, the detachment plans on keeping the \$25.00 rate for now, we may have to raise it if National or Department of Michigan plans on raising any further.

If you would like to purchase covers, or any other uniform items get with me at the meeting or during the month and I will get your item(s) ordered.

And last, in June I was elected as your Central Zone Vice Commandant for the Department of Michigan. The detachments that I cover are Capital, Flint, David Murnighan (Howell), John C. Rock (Saginaw), Harold R. Cooley (Owosso), and Lapeer County. I have visited all these detachments, Capital had by far the largest growth in 2006, hopefully 2007 will be just as good if not better.

Semper Fi
Phil Zamora – GySgt (ret)

New Members Oct, Nov, Dec, 2006

Regular Members:

Albert Hamm Jr., Robert Walter, Doug Bondy, Matt Guilfoyle, Dan Herald, James Hornyak, Ken Kline, Jerry Mires, James Noonan, Alvin Pahl, Jonathan Stine, Michael Ward, Les Bentley, Don Boak II, Jerome Eckenrode

Associate Members:

Teresa Bartley, Kathy Lareau

Life membership prices as of Jan 1, 2007

35 years and younger	-- \$400.00
36 – 50	\$350.00
51 – 60	\$250.00
61 years and older	\$125.00

Fellow Marines, as we enter the new year, we bring with us some old challenges, and we will face new challenges that will determine the strength and future of our detachment. One such challenge is the sale of the Marine Corps Rose. As Detachment Chairman for this program, I plan a very aggressive effort with the help of a few "Gung Ho" Marines.

Semper Fi

China Marine, Lloyd L. Remus

P.S. You may want to mark this on your calendar - July 14, 2007. The Glenn Miller Orchestra at the Holt High School Theater. This is tentative.

THE MARINE CORPS ROSE

In 1773 during the War of Independence the Marine Corps Rose was dedicated to those Marines who made the Ultimate Sacrifice for their country. This tradition was continued by the French during World War One when the Marines attacked the Germans in the trenches at Belleau Wood, Roses were planted by the grateful French people at the graves of the Fallen Marines. When and where ever you see Leaguers or Young Marines distributing these remembrances take and wear one proudly.

PROGRAM:

Started by Marine Eddie Gallagher from New York, designed to parallel the VFW "Poppy" program to provide funds for detachments to assist veterans and youth and provide other services to the community.

- health and comfort items for hospitalized veterans.
- Support programs such as bingo or holiday parties for hospitalized or retired veterans in
-Retirement homes.
- scholarships
- assist youth programs
- Humanitarian Aid

HOW PROGRAM WORKS

- Purchase roses from MCL National Headquarters, Ships Store
- coordinate with local businesses or organizations to set-up a table or booth at their location
- use a coffee or other type container as a collections can
- Advertise what the Marine Rose Program is for and what the donations will be used for.
- Conduct each year in conjunction with the Marine Corps Birthday, or whenever you feel it will be most effective.
- Funds should not be used for the detachment's "general fund", to fund Detachment parties, cook-outs, Birthday Balls, etc. They should be used for the purposes stated above.

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Detachment Commandant

Detachment members, you should be proud of our involvement this past year. We have made great strides in many areas and I look forward to even greater things this coming year.

I echo the comments made by our Junior Vice Commandant and also encourage your involvement.

I have had the pleasure of leading this Detachment for several years and have always felt that we, as detachment, could do anything we set our minds to. This is born out by our past years activities. Remember at our January meeting we will be nominating officers for the year 2007. Please consider throwing your hat in the ring as we need new ideas and leadership. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the present slate of officers and I want to thank them for putting up with me and my leadership style.

We must remember it's not what we were in the Corps, but how we now stand up to do what has to be done that counts. I now move on to another job within the Department and look forward to the challenges it brings. Please review the attached schedule of events and mark your calendars accordingly. I want to wish you all a very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings.

Semper Fidelis

Doug Williams



Conrad "Connie" Taschner

Died Dec 12, 2006

Connie was a veteran of WW II and landed on Iwo Jima, he was also a original signer of the Capital Detachment charter.

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Capital Detachment website**

<http://www.capitalmcl.com>

**visit other links,
State of Michigan
Marine memorial,**

**or get a membership
application**

**If you are not on the
Detachment email list send a
email to:
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**"Once A Marine,
Always A Marine"**

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**NEXT
DETACHMENT MEETING
THURSDAY
JANUARY 25, 2007, 18:00
VFW POST 701
123 N. ROSEMARY STREET
LANSING MICHIGAN**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Anyone wishing to put something into the newsletter (advertising, photos, announcements, birthdays, anniversaries, taps etc...) may do so by contacting:

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Complaints: see the Chaplain

DETACHMENT MEETINGS

Thursday, January 25th

Thursday, February 22nd

Thursday, March 22nd

Thursday, April 26th

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>New Years Day</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Meeting 1900 1st Nominations	26	27
28	29	30	31			

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Mid Winter Rally-Midland	3
4 Mid Winter Rally-Midland	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Meeting 1900 2nd Nominations	23	24 Spaghetti Dinner @ VFW Post (tentative)
25	26	27	28			

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	12	13	14	15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
18	19	20	21	22 Meeting 1900 Election of Officers	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Good Friday</i>	7
8 <i>Easter</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14 Rose Sale (tentative)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Yard Sale @ VFW Post (tentative)
22	23	24	25	26 Meeting 1900	27	28
29	30					