



# CAPITAL COURIER

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KEEPING MARINES INFORMED THROUGHOUT THE LANSING AREA

JULY 2007

## From the Detachment Commandant

Hello Marines. The Department Convention is now behind us and with that a few changes. At the convention Don Boak & Cedric Hamiel were named to the Credentials committee, Phil Zamora was elected as the Jr. Vice Commandant and I was elected as your Central Zone Vice Commandant. Doug Williams will still be the Legislative Director and Tim Scott has taken on Web Sgt for the Department web site. It is great to see Marines from our detachment active at the Department level.

There was also a vote taken to raise the dues that we pay to the department. At this time, we will not raise our dues. However, this may be something we have to look at in the future. If you are not a life member, you may want to consider becoming one. We still have the payment plan available for those who are interested. Contact our paymaster for more information.

Since our last newsletter, our new Color Guard has participated in the Lansing and Eaton Rapids Memorial Day parades, opening ceremony for Relay for Life in Charlotte and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Eaton Rapids. I have had several compliments come my way on how good our color guard looks. Great Job Marines!

Our first golf outing went well. We had eleven teams participate and I believe I am safe to say that all had a good time. We had several items to give away and new member Matt Slocum donated a \$300 club for us to raffle off. Thank you Charlie for doing an outstanding job with this event.

Lloyd Remus has been hard at work on our Glenn Miller Orchestra Concert and it looks like it will be a sell out. OHHRAH Lloyd. Your hard work and efforts paid off. My hats off to you for another job well done.

Upcoming events (Check the calendar for time and place):

- July 14<sup>th</sup> - Glenn Miller Orchestra Concert
- August 11<sup>th</sup> - Color Guard/St. Johns Mint Festival
- August 11<sup>th</sup> - Steak Fry at VFW Hall (volunteers are needed)
- February 2008 - Mid-Winter Rally

I would also like to welcome aboard our new members:

Cereita Erion, Marquita Drake, Jeff McQuade, GySgt William Redd II, Michael Mardigian, Craig Dorin, Matt Slocum, Donald (Chris) Sebolt, John Hall, Joseph Jerome, 1stSgt Jeffrey Smith

Semper Fi  
Wendy Zamora  
Detachment Commandant

**From the Detachment Sr. Vice Commandant**

It is a pleasure to see so many of you at the meetings. I congratulate all of you for your hard work and input. Not only are we accomplishing things and solving issues, we continue to bond and respect each other.

Think Toys For Tots. I need your help in order to make this work.

Wendy, Phil and I had the pleasure of visiting the Veterans Home in Grand Rapids July 6th. We were given the grand tour and were treated like royalty. If you have not been to this facility, lets set up a date and go visit. I will even do the pleasure of driving.

If you have ideas, please try and get them to us as soon as possible. Lets sit down over breakfast or lunch and talk about it prior to the meeting. Over the phone is ok too.

I salute all our past Detachment Commandants for paving the road for the future of our detachment. Thank you for the leadership and confidence that you have instilled in your current and future officers.

To our current Commandant, Congratulations on so many jobs well done at an early stage in your term. Keep up the good work.

**Cedric Hamiel  
Detachment Sr. Vice**

**Important Events coming up**

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**Life membership prices**

**As of Jan 1, 2007**

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

see the Paymaster for more info

**Detachment Paymaster / Web Gunny**

**Marines:**

We have done very well with our fundraisers since the beginning of the year; the Rose solicitations, the Golf outing, and the Glenn Miller concert we've done a great job of building our Detachment funds. We are becoming well known throughout the Department of Michigan for our fundraising efforts; lets keep up the good work so we can help out our fellow Marine Veterans.



From the  
Department Jr. Vice Commandant

First I would like to thank the Detachment for backing me during the Department elections, it wasn't until the 11<sup>th</sup> hour that I decided to run for the position of Department Jr. Vice, I will not let this detachment down.

I would also like to congratulate our Commandant Wendy Zamora, who was elected as our Zone Commandant, We have also added three other Marines to Department committee's, Don Boak- Credentials Chairman, Cedric Hamiel, Credentials committee, and Recruitment & Resurrection Committee, Tim Scott-Dept. Web Sgt. And Doug Williams is still our Legislative Director, The Capital Detachment is on the rise, if you would like to get involved with the Department, see me.

**Semper Fi**

**Phil Zamora – GySgt (ret)**

**Detachment Paymaster / Web Gunny**

**Department of Michigan**

**Jr. Vice Commandant**



*From the Jr Past Commandant*

**Marine Corps League  
Department of Michigan  
Office of  
Legislative Director  
Junior Past Commandant Detachment #148**

Well here we are almost through the first session of the State legislature and still no budget settlement. It appears that partisan politics is still the watchword.

I am happy to report that we have been assured there will be no cuts in the allocations for our veteran's homes or Veterans Service Organizations. We are still left with the big job of finding alternate funding sources and this should be a priority for all members. If you have any ideas or viable suggestions we can put before our legislature let me know.

I recently attended the State Conventions of both the Marine Corps League and the American Legion held at the Holiday Inn in Kalamazoo and the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn.

While in Dearborn the new American Legion State Commander Mr. Mike Williams who has been a legionnaire for many years and has held many positions within the Post, District, and State asked me to accept the position of Legislative Affairs Chairman for the Department of Michigan American Legion and I accepted his offer. I look forward to the responsibilities connected to the job and with his and your guidance I know we can and will be successful.

I will be posting a review of all the legislation that has been submitted this year concerning veteran's issues and it will advise you what the legislation is and where it is in the legislative process at this time.

I want all of you to keep in mind the need to stay in contact with those in the halls of government and be sure you express your feelings on those issues affecting our veterans and service members. There are some major concerns with regard to our Veterans Administration and the care and treatment of our wounded and we can not let them be forgotten.

We must remain vigilant and inform those who control the purse strings that they, are going to have to increase the Veterans Administrations budget to fund those rehabilitation programs that will be needed.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Detachment meeting.

**Junior Past Detachment#148 Commandant**

*Douglas Williams*

**Doug Williams**

**New members: April, May June, July 2007**

**Regular & Associate(\*) New Members:**

**\*Cereita Erion, \*Marquita Drake, Jeff McQuade, GySgt William Redd II, Michael Mardigian, Craig Dorin, Matt Slocum, Donald (Chris) Sebolt, John Hall, Joseph Jerome, 1stSgt Jeffrey Smith**

**Delinquent members:**

**Brian Jodway, Michael Williams, Nate Yager, Tyree Flowers, Hector Arroyo, Andrew Bouck, Phil Fingado, Victor Hernandez, Ray Miranda, Tom Short, Charles Spagnuolo Jr, Amber Woods, Refugio Aguilar Jr, Mike Brokenshire, William Burleson, David Sanborn**

**If you know these Marines contact them and see if they will come back.**



New Color guard in the rain, passing the Capital, leading the parade, Tim Scott, Wendy Zamora, Cedric Hamiel, Don Boak



Commandant Wendy Zamora, PC Doug Williams, At the Golf outing held June 30<sup>th</sup>, Doug has his arms around Wendy and the Beer Cart girl



Capital Detachment Marines in front of the Capital on July, 7<sup>th</sup> for the Support the Troops Rally.



***William "Bill" Carter***  
**Reported for duty at Heavens Gates**  
**May 18, 2007**  
**Participated in the Battle of Guadalcanal**

**Butch Secord – Detachment Sgt at Arms**

I am sending this article about the site "TogetherWeServed.com". Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a site that is very informative about what has become Marine Corps History and the history that is being made today. It can help you locate long, lost buddies, and help you get records.

There are forums that you may speak up about and sites of other Marines that are members, The initial sign-up is free. If you want more information, you can subscribe. I am a member, so if you do sign up, you will need a member to invite you.. And you may use my member address: Cpl Forrest L Secord Jr., In the past month we have had two Lt.Generals, one MajGeneral and the recent retired SgtMaj of the Marine Corps become members. So, if they can join, so can you.

**Semper Fi, Butch Secord,**  
**MCL Det.#148, Lansing, Michigan.**  
**flsecord@comcast.net.**



Commandant Wendy Zamora Trying her hand at golf, (I think she put the ball into the tree's)

# PASS IT



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"Once a Marine,  
Always a Marine"

*Recruit a New Member  
for the League Today!*

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

\_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Married ( ) Date of Enlistment/Commissioning \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Discharge/Separation/Retirement \_\_\_\_\_ Service No. \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Application - New ( ) Renewal ( )

( ) I hereby apply for membership in the Capital Detachment, Marine Corps League and enclose \$30.00 for one year's membership.

I hereby certify that I have served as a U. S. Marine for more than 90 days, that the character of my service has been honorable, and if discharged, I am in receipt of an honorable discharge. By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of honorable discharge/service upon request.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor - where applicable) Applicant's Signature)

Upon completion, turn into your Detachment sponsor with required payment.



### Log on and visit

your Capital Detachment web site at  
[www.capitalmcl.com](http://www.capitalmcl.com)

We all have things that burn us up,  
blows our mind, make us laugh, make  
us proud. Why not share them with  
the rest of the Detachment and put it  
in our quarterly newsletter.

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**CAPITAL  
DETACHMENT**

## Capital Detachment Chain of Command

### COMMANDANT

Wendy Zamora

### SGT. AT ARMS

Butch Secord

### SR. VICE

Cedric Hamiel

### PAYMASTER

Felipe Zamora

### JR. VICE

Tim Scott

### CHAPLAIN

Lloyd Remus

### JUDGE ADVOCATE

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### PAST DETACHMENT

### COMMANDANT

Doug Williams

### ADJUTANT

Rick Saxton

### HISTORIAN

Charlie Spagnuolo

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Always A Marine"**

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## **CAPITAL COURIER**

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**Capital Detachment**

Lansing, Michigan

Meets Fourth Thursday of the Month

**NEXT  
DETACHMENT MEETING**  
THURSDAY  
JULY 26, 2007, 19:00  
VFW POST 701  
123 N. ROSEMARY STREET  
LANSING MICHIGAN

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Anyone wishing to have something put 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, August 23rd*

*Thursday, September 27th*

*Thursday, October 25th*

*November 10th*  
**Marine Corps Birthday**

JULY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Independence Day  Color Guard 1000 – Eaton Rapids	5	6	7 Operation America Rising – Capital 12-6
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Glenn Miller Orchestra – Holt High School 1900
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Detachment Meeting 1900	27	28
29	30	31				

AUGUST						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Steak Fry - 1600
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Detachment Meeting 1900	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

SEPTMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 / 30	24	25	26	27 Detachment Meeting 1900	28	29

OCTOBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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