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Capital Detachment News

At a special meeting called by the Commandant, the officers for the year 2006 were installed at Adjutant Bob Porter's Insty Prints on West Saginaw Street in Lansing, March 11, 2006. The officers are Commandant, Doug Williams, Senior Vice Commandant, Cedric Hamiel, Junior Vice Commandant, Wendy Zamora, Adjutant, Bob Porter, Paymaster, Phil Zamora, Judge Advocate, Edward Reeser, Sergeant At Arms, Edward Kulpa, Chaplain, Neil Snepp, Past Detachment Commandant, Dale Erion, and Historian Charlie Spagnuolo. Department Central Zone Commandant Ken West, assisted by Acting Sergeant At Arms Dick Messle, performed the installation ceremony and we thank him for his assistance.

Detachment Marines I am happy to inform you that we are well underway to having a great Department Convention on June 9-10-&11 2006 here in Lansing. Those committee Chairwomen/men and their committee members, who have accepted the responsibility of completing the assigned tasks necessary, are to be commended for a job well done. I can not thank them enough for their hard work and efforts. This is a prime example of the GUNG HO spirit we are accustomed to as Marines.

I am happy to report that our Junior Vice Commandant Wendy Zamora

who heads up the Entertainment Committee has secured the services of a (10) ten-piece band for the banquet, so music and dancing will be available for those who can and want to cut a rug.

Our history room Chairman, Charlie Spagnuolo is looking for items to put in the Detachment history room, so if you have anything that you think might interest those Marines attending the Convention please contact Charlie at 517-694-5104. Please no weapons (anything that goes bang) will not be allowed. Swords, K-Bars, Bayonets, Helmets, 782 gear, etc are what we would like. This room will be secured (locked) when not open for viewing so all items will be safe. During the hours it will be operational there will be a Detachment Marine assigned as security. In any event I encourage you to mark all of the items you place in the room for viewing with your name, address, telephone number and drivers license number, so in the event an item comes up missing it can be readily identified.

The Hospitality room Chairman Senior Vice Commandant, Cedric Hamiel has advised me that all will be in readiness for the convention and said he will see to it that all our convention attendees will enjoy the chance to participate and enjoy our Detachment Hospitality. There were some minor details that needed to be worked out and this was done at a meeting with the hotel sales

and catering service on March 30, 2006.

The Detachment will be meeting on the following dates so please write them down and try to attend as many as you can since we still have much to do for the convention.

Saturday, April 8, 2006 18:00 hours at Masonic Hall 840 East Columbia Street Mason, MI.

Thursday, April 27, 2006 18:00 hours at Masonic Hall 840 East Columbia Street Mason, MI.

Saturday, May 13, 2006 18:00 hours Masonic Hall 840 East Columbia Street Mason, MI.

Thursday, May 25, 2006 18:00 hours Masonic Hall 840 East Columbia Street Mason, MI.

Saturday, June 3, 2006 Radisson Hotel 18:00 hours. This is a special meeting all members are to wear their Marine Corps League casual uniform for inspection. This is to insure that we are all on the same page, so please help us out and try hard to make this meeting with your uniform on.

Detachment paymaster Phil Zamora chairman of our advertising committee is working hard to put our convention book together and still could use help with add sales, so if you can get out and

sell a few adds I know he would appreciate the help. Also if you have not ordered your Blazer and other uniform items please get with him now as these orders must go in right away, in order for us to have them by convention time. His number is 517-204-4883.

I want to welcome aboard our new public relations officer, Keith Kelly, a 20-year retired member of our Corps who is currently heading up security at Ingham Medical Hospital. Having someone in this position is most important to the Detachment, because putting out the word on who we are and what we do is very beneficial to the growth of the Detachment. Keith has offered his services and writing skills to the Detachment and we are grateful for his help.

Recently we received word of a Marine in need of assistance who was in the Ingham Medical Hospital having just gone through a double amputation as a result of Diabetes. We were able to get him and his family assistance with the Ingham County Veterans Affairs office and our involvement has made things a little easier for him and his family. I would encourage all Detachment members who can, to please stop up and visit with him. He

is in room 341 and his name is Gunny Sam Manns. He served in our Corps for 20 years 1952 – 1972. I know it would make him happy and we need to keep his sprits up as he has a tough road ahead of him.

I would like to ask all of our detachment members to review your records. If you have not filed with the Veterans Administration and are entitled to, please get it done. This case is a prime example of why we are here and why all veterans should belong to a veteran's organization. If you have questions or need assistance contact one of the Detachment officers and we will see to it that you get them answered.


On March 12, 2006 The Detachment attended a family day event for Charlie Company 24th Marines at the reserve center in Lansing. We served them hot dogs, potato chips and soft drinks and had a chance to speak to them about joining us. We were able to sign up (2) new members and had a good time interacting and getting to know them better. I want to thank the following Detachment members who worked hard to make this the success it was. Charlie and Jenny Spagnuolo, Wendy Zamora, Lloyd Remis, Chet Worden, Cedric Hamiel, Brian and Rose Jodway, Amber Woods, and if I have left someone

out I apologize as I lost the list of who was there.

I attended the hearings in the house of office building downtown Lansing on Tuesday March 28, 2006 and had an opportunity to speak to the Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs Committee with regard to the passage of House bill 5887 & 5888, both pieces of legislation that would make it a crime to picket or disrupt a funeral service. This bill will soon become law and allow those people like the ones from Kansas to be arrested. While there I had an opportunity to speak with the family members of two state Marines who were killed in Iraq and both will be our Detachment guests at the convention.

I want to congratulate Charlie Spagnuolo for his outstanding efforts in recruiting new members into the Detachment. We all need to take a page out of his book cause he knows how to get er done, 9 members in a year is a record that will be hard to beat. Way to go CHARLIE.

Semper Fidelis
Doug Williams
Commandant, Detachment #148



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signed up 18
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THURSDAY

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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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