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Capital Detachment News

COMMANDANTS COMMENTS

Where has this summer gone? I can not believe it has gone as quickly as it has and we are looking at another of those Michigan winters. I will be attending the Department fall staff conference. This year it will be up North in the city of Clare at the Doherty Hotel. Attending with me will be Central Zone Vice Commandant and Detachment Paymaster, Marine Phil Zamora, Detachment Senior Vice Commandant, Cedric Hamiel, and Detachment Junior Vice Commandant, Wendy Zamora. The meetings are scheduled for Saturday the 23rd of September and should be over by around 15:30 hours. We have had two meetings in our new location, VFW Post 701, and each meeting brought a good turnout. I see by the paymasters report that we have signed up some new members and we now have 74 members in the Detachment. There are many projects coming up and we can use all the help we can get. So when you see something that you can participate in please give us a call. First we have the Marine Corps Birthday party NOVEMBER 10, 2006. It will be held at VFW Post 701 and starts at 16:30 hours. There will be DOOR PRIZES, (food and drink) 50/50 RAFFLES (food and drink) SOS

and this year we have a special treat for everyone. Joining us this year in celebration will be Major General Bradley Mark Lott who will deliver some comments that will inspire, as well as bring us up to date on our Marine Corps. He will also cut the cake and serve our oldest and youngest Marines in attendance. Major General Lott's last command was at Marine Corps Logistics Command Albany, Georgia and he was frocked to Major General in September of 2002. I want to thank Marine Bob Crowfoot of the Murningham Detachment for contacting me with information on General Lott.

We are working on a Veterans day parade for Lansing on November 11, 2006 VETERANS DAY and hope to have more information out around the second week in October. we will try to get it to everyone as we need to remember our veterans with a good showing.

We also will be involved in the Silver Bells In the City celebration on Friday the 17th of November. We will have Marine Stan Lyons restored 6X6 troop carrier in the lighted float parade and have the red caboose set up at Michigan and Washington to collect Toys for Tots. We will have help from the I&I staff Charlie Company 24th Marines at the caboose. This year we will be sell-

ing the Marine Rose during this event and Marine Lloyd Remus will be in charge of this. Be sure and get on his list and help make the Detachment a few dollars for our programs. Our Toys For Tots drive is headed up by Senior Vice Commandant Cedric Hamiel and he will have an assignment sheet at the September meeting. Please get on it and help make this a great Toys for Tots drive.

We will also be involved in the City of Mason Electric Light parade on November 24th 2006 again with Marine Stan Lyons restored 6X6 so come out to Mason and enjoy the fun.

I hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving and gets their Christmas shopping done before the last minute like I always seem to do. Before we know it we will be stepping into a new year and Detachment officer nominations. I encourage you to run for an office in the Detachment, as we need new ideas and can only get them when there are fresh faces setting in the chairs.

We will try to get another newsletter out around the 1st of December and with it will come a schedule of events for the year 2007.

Semper Fidelis
Doug Williams, Commandant

This Month in History

Selected September Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance 2 September 1945: The Japanese officially surrendered to the Allies on board the battleship MISSOURI in Tokyo Bay. With General Holland Smith transferred home in July 1945, the senior Marine Corps representative at the historic ceremony was LtGen Roy S. Geiger, who had succeeded Smith as Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

5 September 1956: Eleven Marines from the 9th Marines, 3d Marine Division, stationed near Naha, Okinawa, drowned while swimming, from an undercurrent caused by Typhoon Emma. The violent storm, with 140 mph winds, struck the Philippine Islands, Okinawa, Korea, and Japan, causing some 55 deaths and millions of dollars in property damage.

6 September 1983: Two Marines were killed and two were wounded when rockets hit their compound in Beirut, Lebanon. Heavy fighting continued for the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit peacekeeping force in the area near their positions around the Beirut International Airport.

8 September 1942: On Guadalcanal, the 1st Raider Battalion and the 1st Parachute Battalion, supported by planes of MAG-23 and two destroyer transports, landed east of Tasimboko, advanced west into the rear of Japanese positions, and carried out a successful raid on a Japanese supply base.

11 September 1992: Hurricane Iniki devastated the island of Kauai in Hawaii in one of the worst storms the islands had seen in over a century. Marines of the 1st Marine Brigade based at Kaneohe Bay, spearheaded Operation Garden Sweep, the massive cleanup effort.

15 September 1950: The 3d Battalion, 5th Marines landed on Wolmi-do Island in Inchon Harbor and secured it prior to the main landing. The 1st Marine Division under the command of Major General Oliver P. Smith landed at Inchon and began the Inchon-Seoul campaign.

16 September 1814: A detachment of Marines under Major Daniel Carmick from the Naval Station at New Orleans, together with an Army detachment, destroyed a pirate stronghold at Barataria, on the Island of Grande Terre, near New Orleans.

18 September 1990: A new 40-acre training facility for Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) was dedicated at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, by General Alfred M. Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

20 September 1950: Marines of the 1st Marine Division crossed the Han River along a six-mile beachhead, eight miles northwest of Seoul, Korea. Five days later, the 1st and 5th Marines would attack Seoul and the city would be captured by 27 September.

24 September 1873: One hundred and ninety Marines and seamen from the USS PENSACOLA and BENICIA landed at the Bay of Panama, Columbia, to protect the railroad and American lives and property during the revolution.

27 September 1944: The American flag was raised over Peleliu, Palau Islands, at the 1st Marine Division Command Post. Although the flag raising symbolized that the island was secured, pockets of determined Japanese defenders continued to fight on. As late as 21 April 1947, 27 Japanese holdouts finally surrendered to the American naval commander on the scene.

30 September 1945: Marines of III Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Keller E. Rockey, began landing in North China to assist the Chinese Nationalist government in accepting the surrender of Japanese forces and repatriating Japanese soldiers and civilians.

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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.

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NEXT

DETACHMENT MEETING

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 28-, 2006 , 18:00

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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

Thursday, October 26th - Detachment Meeting

Friday, November 10th - Marine Corps Birthday

Saturday, November 11th - Veterans Day Parade

Friday, November 17th - Silver Bells In the City

Friday, November 24th - Mason Electric Light Parade