



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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August 2008 • Call To Meeting

The next three meetings of Belleau Wood Detachment are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at 1900
Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 1900
Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 1900

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All meetings start promptly at 1900 and seldom last more than one hour. Just 60 minutes of your time one night each month can make a difference. Please come out and help us fill those meeting room seats. An active Detachment is a healthy Detachment.

All meetings are held at Linden AMVETS Post 89 at 3535 Westerville Road, Columbus, Ohio.

Anytime severe weather is a factor, call AMVETS Post 89 at 614-475-9007. If the Post is closed or about to be closed we will not meet.

If you would like to attend a meeting but do not have transportation, please feel free to call a Detachment officer for assistance. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Future Activities and Events

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| Every Saturday | Breakfast social hour at AmVets Post 89. Members gather to exchange war stories about 0800. Everyone is welcome. |
| August 10-16 | 85th National Convention—Rosen Center Hotel, Orlando, FL |
| August 16 | Ohio Shooting Matches—Zanesville, OH |
| September 10-13 | Belleau Wood Detachment trip to Camp Lejeune, NC |
| October 5 | 1500—"The President's Own" at Springfield Ohio |
| November 9 | Belleau Wood Detachment MC Birthday Celebration—Sanese Busch Blvd. |

A word from the Commandant



Again, I would like to thank those who participated in the Westerville 4th of July Parade, and have one correction to make. At the last minute, Chuck Hoggatt stepped forward, picked up a 10 pound M-1 rifle, and carried it at port arms for about 2.5 miles at a slow walk, along with "Gregger" Johnson under arms, and with Earl Bailey and Roger Bock under the flags of Country and Corps. Well done, gentlemen. That was no easy duty, and worthy of all our respect.

Those of you who were at the July meeting heard about the Corp's newest Honorary Marine, Gilles Lapin, only the second non-US citizen to be so honored by the Commandant of the Marine Corps. You can find his full story at our website www.mcleague508.com under the 'News' dogtag. He was made a Marine because of his devotion to the memory of the Marines at Belleau Wood in WWI.

At the meeting a vote was taken to make this new Marine an Honorary member

of our Belleau Wood Detachment. Earl Bailey is preparing an impressive certificate of MCL/Belleau Wood membership, and will be bringing it to the August meeting. I ask that as many of you as possible wear the Undress Short Sleeve uniform to that meeting, as there will be a group photo taken with that Honorary Member certificate.

The certificate, photo, and a letter will be sent to that new Marine in France, with a copy to the Commandant of the

Detachment Meeting

Wednesday

August 20, 2008

1900

AMVETS Post 89

3535 Westerville

Road

Columbus, Ohio

Life Membership Dues increasing again

Age group	Current dues	As of 01/01/2009
0 - 35	\$400	\$500
36 - 40	\$300	\$400
41 - 50	\$350	\$400
51 - 60	\$250	\$300
61 - Over	\$125	\$150

Camp Lejeune Trip

September 10 through 13, 2008 is our Detachment trip to Camp Lejeune. Remember that transportation is your responsibility and that you must call the Motel to make your own reservations. Rental car and motel information are repeated here from last month's



newsletter.

Rental cars are available at the Jacksonville airport.

Some numbers are:

Hertz: 910-324-8022

National: 910-324-3282

Alamo: 888-743-2318

Dollar: 910-353-1777

Enterprise: 910-451-7744

Avis: 910-324-3321

Best Western, Courtyard Resort

603 N. Marine Blvd. (Rt. 17)

Jacksonville, NC 28540

Phone

910-455-4100

When making reservations mention that you are with Marine Corps League— Belleau Wood Det. 508,

Royal Marines

October 28, 1664 is the birthday of the Royal Marines. The Royal Marines were formed during the early stages of the Second Dutch War. King Charles II sanctioned the formation of the Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot, the first Regiment to be formed specially for service afloat. He decreed "That twelve hundred land soldiers be forthwith raised, to be in readiness, to be distributed into his Fleets, prepared for Sea Service [where] twelve hundred men are to be putt into One

Regiment". The regiment was raised mainly from the Trained Bands of the City of London from which the Royal marines derive the privilege of marching through the City of London with Colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed.

As early as 1740, England had raised four battalions of 3,000 men for service against Spain. These men were known as "Gooch's Marines", after their leader Colonel William Gooch. In 1741, Gooch's Marines secured Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as a British fleet

base. (US Marines landed and secured Guantanamo Bay, Cuba from the Spanish later in June of 1898)

Another name associated with Gooch's Marines is Admiral Edward Vernon. He was taken by a young Marine officer in the regiment for a home he built at Little Hunting Creek, Virginia; he called it 'Mount Vernon'. The officer was Lawrence Washington, and upon his death the home passed to his younger brother, our first president.



A word from the Commandant (continued)

Marine Corps, and to Semper Fidelis magazine. Time to look sharp. (For uniform description, see page 5 at http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/pdf/bylaws/UniformCode_2007.pdf)

Our next big event is the rifle shoot August 16. It's supposed to close July 31, but maybe, maybe, you could still get in, if you call Kenny Jones

at 330 889 2278. It's a good event. If you are interested in pistol shooting, get your phone number and/or email address to Muncy, Bowman, and/or Yours Truly. Our pistol shooting schedule will have to be on relatively short notice.

Another thanks to Earl Bailey for working to assist homeless vets with the Volunteers of

America, to Roger Bock for his indefatigable efforts with the MCFSC, and to all you guys who are able to contribute to the brotherhood of our fine detachment. Semper Fedelis.

"Panic sweeps my men when they are facing the American Marines."

Captured North Korean Major.

Membership

There were two new member last month and we need to keep on recruiting. It is imperative that we continue to work toward getting new members. Every member should continue working to recruit

two additional members this year.

Remember that dues have increased, as of January, so anyone joining now will have to include \$35 with their application.

March membership:	
Life	158
Regular	82
Honorary	3
Total	243



Welcome Aboard

Robert D. Brown sponsor upper and James A. O'neill sponsor Maurer joined the detachment at our last meeting.

Uniform Purchases take time

Anyone want uniform items for July 4 or the Camp Lejeune trip should get their order in as it can take two or three weeks for delivery. Anyone needing lettering for covers or uniform equipment should contact the Adjutant/Paymaster or Marine Upper at 764-9570. Alternately let them know your needs at the June meeting.

Rifle/Pistol Team

Members interested in shooting this summer should contact a member of the committee to see when events will be scheduled. Notice the data of this year's rifle match. Marine Maurer took home to heavy hardware from last year's meet.

New Detachment Web Site

Check out www.mcleague508.com to see our new detachment website

2008/2009 Committee Assignments for Belleau Wood Detachment

The Commandant serves on all committees. To have your name added or removed from a committee, contact the Commandant or Adjutant.

Awards

Rozzell 478-1703

Burial

As needed

Fund Raising

All members

Nominating

TBA

Public Information

Earl Bailey 429-0601

Toys for Tots

As needed

Birthday Ball

Upper

Johnson

Membership

All members

Parades & Observances

Volunteer needed

Rifle & Pistol

Maurer 262-9002

Muncy 267-5194

Bowman 208-6223

Telephone

Volunteer needed

Web Site

Baran 505-0185