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Jan/Feb 2009 • Call To Meeting

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

Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 1900
Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 1900
Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 1900

The monthly meetings start promptly at 1900 and seldom last more than one hour. Consider dropping in to meet your fellow MCL members, some of whom have an informal gab session afterwards in the Post, with libations. Come out, see what we're doing, and play a role in the operation of your detachment.

All meetings are held at Linden AMVETS Post 89 at 3535 Westerville Road, Columbus, Ohio. Any time severe weather is a factor, call Post 89 at 614-475-9007 to see if it's open. 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 help you.

Future Activities and Events

All Saturdays At 0800 Breakfast social hour at Post 89. Let us hear your tall tales and war stories. Everyone is welcome.

January and February...take some personal leave. VLS conditions.
(Very Light Schedules)

A word from the Commandant



I hope the New Year finds you all in good health, and generally in control of your own lives. These are strange times for us all, here as we are in a stumbling economy, living in a country with many political and business leaders stealing, lying, and

generally acting like fools and/or traitors. May you find time to contribute time and efforts to the League, and keep in mind that in 2009 our Reservists will be deployed, and that we will be needed in the 2009 Toys for Tots efforts. Remember to check our website for up to

the minute news, informational links, and other items. And don't forget—gifts and bequests to the League are tax-deductible. It is an honor for me to serve as your Commandant in this fine detachment, and I truly enjoy interfacing with you all. Semper Fidelis

Detachment Meetings

Wednesday

Jan 21, 2009

Feb 18, 2009

@1900

AMVETS Post 89

3535 Westerville Road

Columbus, Ohio

Life Membership Dues

| Age group | As of 01/01/2009 |
|--------------|------------------|
| Birth - 35 | \$500 |
| 36 - 40 | \$400 |
| 41 - 50 | \$400 |
| 51 - 60 | \$300 |
| 61 - Ancient | \$150 |

Have you ever wondered how to obtain a copy of your SRB and Service Health Records? The process is easy and free to Veterans.

In order to obtain these records one only needs to fill out and submit a Standard Form 180.

This can be accomplished on line at www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs, following easy instructions. Also the SF180's may be obtained from any Veterans Administration Facility, or from our Veteran Service Officer, Marine Earl Bailey.

Thanks to Marine Tom Ward for this info update. Semper Fi, Tom.

2009 ELECTION OF BELLEAU WOOD OFFICERS

Marine Roger Bock has volunteered to serve as the Chair of the Nominating Committee of the Detachment. If you have an interest in a leadership role in our detachment, let Marine Bock know. The election is scheduled for February's meeting, and the installation will be in March.

Commandant Maurer is offering to stand again for that honor, should someone choose to nominate him. If you wish to nominate one of your brother Marines who has not stepped forward, please do so. Maurer has MCL Guidebooks for Officers

you can review, should you wish to learn the responsibilities of the various elected positions in the League.

Don't be nervous, you're among friends. Everyone should have a run through MCL Officer positions. Semper Fidelis.

Marines Passing in late 2008 National Level

Lt. Gen. Victor Krulak, who headed all U.S. Marine forces in the Pacific during part of the Vietnam War, died. 29 Dec. He was 95. Krulak died Monday at the Wesley Palms Retirement Community in San Diego. The cause of death was not immediately known. Krulak commanded about 100,000 Marines in the Pacific from 1964 to 1968 — a span that saw the United States dramatically increase its forces in Vietnam. Krulak, nicknamed "Brute" for his direct, no-nonsense style, was a decorated veteran of World War II and the Korean War. After retirement, he often criticized the government's handling of the Vietnam War. He wrote that the war could have been won only if the South Vietnamese had been protected and befriended and if enemy supplies from North Vietnam were cut off. "The destruction of the port of Haiphong would have changed the whole character of the war," he said two decades after the fall of Saigon.

Krulak once summed up the U.S. dilemma in Vietnam by saying, "It has no front lines. The battlefield is in the minds of 16 or 17 million people." Before assuming command of Fleet Marine Force Pacific, Krulak served as principal adviser on counterinsurgency warfare to then-Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara and the joint chiefs of staff. "I never got enthusiasm out of war, and I'm convinced that the true pacifists are the professional soldiers who have actually seen it," Krulak said many years after retiring from the post. During World War II on the island of Choiseul in the Solomon Islands, Krulak led his outnumbered battalion during an eight-day raid on Japanese forces, diverting the enemy's attention from the U.S. invasion of Bougainville. Krulak's troops destroyed hundreds of tons of supplies, burning both camps and landing barges. He was wounded on Oct. 13, 1943, and later received the Navy Cross for heroism along with the Purple Heart. He wrote the excellent book "First to Fight," an insider's view of the Marine Corps.

Local Belleau Wood Marines.

Marines from Belleau Wood represented the Detachment at the funerals of members in November and December—Chuck Davis in November, and Mike Mulford in December. Thanks for taking time attend these funeral services.

IDEA for consideration for a 2009 Detachment Event

As we were on the road for the last two years, to Quantico & LeJeune, we might consider staying home and having a family day and picnic, perhaps at Post #89. An event like this may get more membership participation and would allow participation with family members. This event would require a sign-up/reservation form for planning purposes (food-beer-activities, etc.) A committee would have to be established with firm commitments from the volunteers. Cooks, food-handlers, entertainment, referees and game coaches, for example, would or might be necessary. Preparations would need to be generated at least three months prior to the date of the activity. The Post will allow us the use of the picnic/shelter house area for a fee of two-hundred dollars, allowing us to purchase draught beer through the Club and to have to use of their grills. We would be permitted to also bring our own hard stuff, if so desired. Please contact your Detachment Officers if you have an interest in a leadership role, or if you are just interested in having and participating in such an event. Thanks to Marine Genesky for this idea. If it's a go, I'm sure he will participate. Semper Fi.

2009 Welcome Aboards will be published in March.

Uniform Purchases Information

Any members who want uniform items should contact Marine Upper or Marine Rozzell. Upper has the items, Rozzell will take your money. Allow a couple of weeks.

Rifle Pistol Team —prepare for 2009!

Get out to your local range, and practice. At the least, get your weapons sighted in before your next match. (that last item is a tip from your forgetful Commandant)

Detachment Website, Email Addresses, etc.

If you would like an email address through our website, contact the webmaster. It's easy, and you will get an address ending in @mcleague508.com Go to our website, and take a look at some of the interesting USMC items there, at www.mcleague508.com.

Consider a tax deductible contribution to maintain our detachment website. For those of you who have already contributed, remind the Commandant for recognition at a meeting. You deserve it. Anonymous contributions are also gratefully accepted. Help us stay in the 21st century. Semper Fi, and best wishes in this New Year of 2009.

**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

Birthday Ball

Upper 764 9570
Johnson 898 0449

Burial

As needed

Membership

All members

Fund Raising

All members

Parades & Observances

Steve Stiverson 740 815
8231

Nominating

TBA as needed

Rifle & Pistol

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Volunteer needed

Toys for Tots

As needed

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