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

Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 1900

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 1900

Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 1900

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- James Weant
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- Open
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The monthly meetings start promptly at 1900 and seldom last more than one hour. Consider dropping in to meet your fellow MCL members, and maybe pay for your gas by winning the split pot. Come out, see what we're doing, and play a role in the operation of your detachment. We're stronger as a team.

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 is 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
0800

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

Wednesday
Meeting Nights

Usually, after the meeting, there is a 'social hour' in Post 89, with libations and usually, some munchies.

If, for future issues of the newsletter, any of you readers are aware of events which should be listed here, please tell either Maurer, Muncy or Baran.



A Word from the Commandant



Marines, Corpsmen, and Associate members: I am pleased to hear that some of the Belleau Wood officers and committee chairs will be submitting articles for inclusion in this newsletter. There were some reports from them given at the November meeting as to how the Veteran's Day, Marine Corps Birthday and other events went, and I hope to see one day that those verbal reports are written and send to the Webmaster so that the newsletter will also contain them for the benefit of those members who are not able to attend the monthly meetings. I hope you all had a blessed Christmas season, and of course, I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Semper Fidelis

A Word from the Vice Commandant

This is to thank everyone that came to the Marine Corps Birthday luncheon that the League put on. I hope everyone had a good time. If you didn't it was your own fault. Also, everyone should begin practicing for next years pistol and rifle shoot —the sooner we start the more chances you will have to turn in a perfect score. Practice dry firing, it helps. Semper Fi

We would like your input!!!

We would like to know what type of events or activities you would be interested in next year. Would you like to go to Parris Island or Quantico? How about a detachment picnic or maybe a trip to Lima to see the Abrams tank facility? Let us know by email, coming to a detachment meeting, or giving a call to a detachment officer. It's all of ours detachment, lets have some fun!!!

After Action Report on the SeaScouts Annual Bridge Ceremony. Seven members of the Belleau Wood Detachment attended the Sea Scout's ceremony and dinner on the 20th of December. Belleau Wood members and spouses are invited to this annual event by Sea Scout Ship 462 which is sponsored by our Detachment. Four of those seven members brought spouses-- Mrs. Muncy, Mrs. Stiverson, Mrs. Garrett, and Mrs. Peto. Rozzell, Maurer, and Soltez couldn't find dates, apparently. An interesting slide show presentation was made for the benefit of the attendees, where we learned of the purposes, goals, and aspirations of the Sea Scouts. Those in attendance also heard from former members who then entered the military, or whose lives were otherwise positively affected by membership in this fine youth organization. Remember, there will be an invitation in 2010, so plan on attending.

After Action Report on BW Member Stan Kinney Memorial Service. Stan's Memorial Service, held in the meeting room at Post 89 in conjunction with the Pearl Harbor Service on 7 December, was so well attended that there was standing room only in the large room in the rear of the Post. Belleau Wood was well represented by 10 or 11 members, along with Post 89 members, Stan's sisters, and doctors, nurses, and others from OSU hospitals, where Stan had worked as a surgical assistant. Following the joint services, all attendees were invited by the Post to a dinner, which was attended by many of the detachment members. Stan will be missed. He was a fine man, and, as a corpsman, was held in high respect by his brother Marines. Semper Fidelis, Stan. See you in a while.

THE MARINE CORPS MOTTO

"Semper Fidelis" (*"Always Faithful"*) is the motto of the Corps. That Marines have lived up to this motto is proved by the fact that there has never been a mutiny, or even the thought of one, among U.S. Marines!

Semper Fidelis was adopted about 1883 as the motto of the Corps. Before that, there had been three mottoes, all traditional rather than official. The first, antedating the War of 1812, was "Fortitudine" ("With Fortitude"). The second, "By Sea and by Land." was obviously a translation of the Royal Marine's "Per Mare, Per Terram." Until 1848, the third motto was "To the Shores of Tripoli," in commemoration of O'Bannon's capture of Derna in 1805. In 1848, after the return to Washington of the Marine battalion that took part in the capture of Mexico City, this motto was revised to: "From the Halls of Montezumas to the Shores of Tripoli" – a line now familiar to all Americans. This revision of the Corps motto in Mexico has encouraged speculation that the first stanza of "The Marines' Hymn" was composed by members of the Marine battalion who stormed Chapultepec Castle. Do you know the words to the three verses of the Marine Corps Hymn?

"A ship without Marines is like a coat without buttons."

Admiral David Glasgow Farragut (July 5, 1801 – August 14, 1870)

Awards and Decorations.

We are going to list during the next few newsletters the various awards and decorations that the Marine Corps League has to offer. If you feel you are entitled to one of these or know someone who is, let your detachment officers know so the award or certificate can be authorized. If you have any questions on these listed examples, let Marine Compton or the Commandant know.

EXAMPLES OF EVENTS, SERVICE, ETC., WHICH CAN BRING ABOUT ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARDS

<u>COLOR GUARD-</u>	<u>PARTICIPATION & FUNERALS</u>
<u>EVENTS -</u>	<u>ALMOST ANYTHING OF SOCIAL VALUE</u>
<u>SCHOOLS AND R.O.T.C</u>	<u>MEMBER OR MEMBERS WORKING W/KIDS</u>
<u>MARINE OF THE YEAR -EVERY YEAR</u>	<u>OUTSTANDING SERVICE FOR THE YEAR</u>
<u>RECRUITMENT-</u>	<u>3 OR MORE MEMBERS IN ONE YEAR</u>
<u>VETERANS HOMES -</u>	<u>WORKING WITH VETS AND VISITING</u>
<u>BOY SCOUTS-</u>	<u>WORKING WITH THE SCOUTS</u>
<u>MEMBERSHIP 5-10-15-20 YEARS-</u>	<u>ALL LEAGUE MEMBERS</u>
<u>BUSINESS-</u>	<u>BUSINESSES WORKING WITH DETACHMENT</u>
<u>TOYS-FOR-TOTS-</u>	<u>WORKING WITH TOY-FOR-TOTS</u>
<u>CITIES</u>	<u>GRATITUDE FOR PERMITS</u>
<u>HONOR GUARD-</u>	<u>FUNERALS/GRAVE SITES</u>
<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>FLYING THE AMERICAN FLAG 24HRS A DAY</u>
<u>BUSINESSES/CLUBS, etc.</u>	<u>FLYING THE AMERICAN FLAG EVERY DAY</u>

If you know of any business who might want to pay a small annual fee for an ad in this newsletter, please let Maurer, Muncy, or Baran know, and we will work on it with them.

Welcome Aboard !!

No new members.

HOW CAN THIS BE? NO NEW MEMBERS?

I'M SURE THERE ARE SOME OF YOU WHO CAN STILL TWIST AN ARM, IF YOU CAN'T CONVINCe THOSE MARINES YOU KNOW WHO DON'T YET BELONG TO THE LEAGUE TO JOIN.

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE SOME BLANK FORMS IN YOUR WALLET OR VEHICLE, FOR WHEN THAT OLD MARINE WALKS UP TO YOU AND SAYS SEMPER FI.

NEXT MONTH WE WILL HAVE AN AFTER ACTION REPORT ON 2009 TOYS FOR TOTS.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES 2010

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

**2009/2010
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

Compton 272 8091

Birthday Ball

Baran 505 0185
Johnson 898 0449

Burial

Ward, Rozzell, Eberle
Muncy, Maurer, Bailey

Membership

All members

Fund Raising

All members

Parades & Observances

Steve Stiverson

Nominating

TBA as needed

Rifle & Pistol

Muncy 267 5194
Bowman 208 6223

Public Information

Earl Bailey 429 0601

Telephone

Volunteer needed

Toys for Tots

Jim Weant
740 893 2169

Web Site

Baran 505 0185