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### March/April 2010 • Call To Meeting

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

Wednesday, March 17, 2009 at 1900

Wednesday, April 21, 2009 at 1900

Wednesday, May 19, 2009 at 1900

#### **Detachment Officers**

- **Commandant**  
John Maurer  
614-262-9002
- **Sr. Vice Commandant**  
Mike Muncy  
614-267-5194
- **Jr. Vice Commandant**  
Philip Garrett  
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- **Judge Advocate**  
Joe M. Hart  
614-889-2687
- **Adjutant/Paymaster**  
Richard Rozzell  
614-478-1703
- **Chaplain**  
Earl Bailey  
614-429-0601
  
- **Sergeant-at-Arms**  
Jack Wolff  
614-783-4191  
Asst—Dave Baran  
614-505-0185
- **Trustees**  
Harry Lewis  
614-764-2706  
  
Steve Stiverson  
740-815-8231  
  
James Weant  
740-893-2169
  
- Two open Seats

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 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.

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| All Saturdays | Breakfast social hour at Post 89. Let us hear your tall tales and war stories. Everyone is welcome. |
| March 13-14   | Department of Ohio staff meeting at Baymont Inn at Rickenbacker. Come see sausage being made.       |
| March 17      | St. Patrick's Day. Beer? What Marine would want to drink beer?                                      |
| April 8-11    | National Central Division Meeting at Westlake, OH at  |
| April 21-22   | Marine South Expo— see info inside  |

If any member have items they would like to have listed here, please let the commandant know.



## A Word from the Commandant



In a prior issue of this newsletter your Commandant expressed hope that detachment officers and committee chairs would submit articles for insertion into this newsletter, for final approval prior to printing. The Commandant thought this a good way to allow officers and committee chairs some useful compositional experience. When I returned from my reconnaissance of the Galpagos Islands, I noted that the words about prior approval may have scared some of you off, as there were zilch articles and updates for inclusion in this newsletter.

C'mon, mens. You must have something you'd like to say to your brother Marines now and then, other than cuss words, of course. Semper Fi.

### A Word from the Vice Commandant

Remember to start snapping in for the August MCL military rifle shoot, and for the summer-long pistol shoots. We all can use some improvement of our scores, and it's good exercise just to stand up now and then and hold something heavy out and away from your bodies, even if it's just your arm?

Semper Fi.

#### **Wanna go back to school?**

Free ACT and SAT preparation software is available, courtesy of eKnowledge, the Department of Defense and the NFL. The software is available for veterans, active duty personnel, members of the Guard and Reserves – and their families. To learn more:

Go to

[www.eknowledge.com/NFL](http://www.eknowledge.com/NFL)  
and enter sponsorship code  
FEBC49488

#### **Get your FREE blue star flag—Info Repeat**

The Blue Star Flag first appeared in 1917, when Captain Robert L. Queissner, who had two sons serving on the front line, designed it as a tribute to their dedication and service. He proudly displayed this flag in the front window of his home and the flag quickly became the unofficial symbol of a child in the service. Also known as a Service Flag, the blue star stands for hope and pride. Order a complimentary Blue Star Flag to honor your loved ones in the service by visiting: [www.grantham.edu/promo/freebluestar.php](http://www.grantham.edu/promo/freebluestar.php)

#### **Job Opportunities for Disabled Veterans—Info repeat**

Log in, sign up, post your resume after getting help creating it, and it'll be out on the web for 90 days...Free service to disabled vets. Once you register, you will have access to job postings at: [http://archive.jofdav.com/classified\\_ads.asp](http://archive.jofdav.com/classified_ads.asp)

**Election Update from Bill Eberle.** The following have agreed to stand for office: John Maurer for Commandant, Dave Baran for Senior Vice Commandant, Phil Garrett for Junior Vice Commandant, Bill Eberle for Adjutant/Paymaster, and Joe Hart for Judge Advocate.

Trustees will be appointed by whoever wins the election contest for commandant. Please step forward at the March meeting and make this election a contest!!

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## Marine South Military Exposition 21-22 April

Anyone interested in going to this event? Some BW members might be attending, and if you think you might go, give the commandant a call to see if carpooling is in order. This event is targeted to the USMC, with cutting-edge products and services: ground combat arms, operational support equipment and systems, IT systems specifically for the Corps, other elite defense products. A list of exhibitors can be found at [http://www.marinemilitaryexpos.com/marine\\_south/show/exhibitor-list](http://www.marinemilitaryexpos.com/marine_south/show/exhibitor-list).

This is one helluva event, I understand. If you go, PLEASE submit an After Action Report.

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### REMEMBER, DO A GOOD DEED NOW AND THEN

Veteran's Service Officer Earl Bailey wants to remind you to recycle your discarded Military and other magazines by bringing them to the monthly meetings, or to the Post 89 Saturday breakfasts, where he will pick them up for distribution at the VA clinic. The military mags, Semper Fi, Leatherneck, American Veteran, American Legion, Vietnam Veterans, DAV, World War II, etc, are all good recruiting tools. If you're too lazy to do it, Earl will remove the mailing name and address information for you before he puts the magazines out. Don't just throw them away.

And remember to once in a while thank our Chaplain for the good work he is doing every week, month in and month out, at the Chalmers Wylie VA Outpatient Clinic. Have you stopped by to visit him in the new building? He's there every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Semper Fi, Earl.

### Commandant Conway Stands Firm

In February the commandant of the Marine Corps told senators that he opposes lifting the ban on openly gay people serving in the military. Gen. James Conway's position on the repeal of the controversial law known as "Don't ask, don't tell" has not been a close-held secret, and he publicly offered his personal opinion to the Senate Armed Services Committee — becoming the most senior military officer to openly express his opposition to the change of the Clinton-era law. **“My best military advice to this committee, to the secretary and to the president would be to keep the law such as it is,” Conway said. “At this point I think that the current policy works.”** There have been many reports about the momentum behind DADT repeal, but there's no indication there are 60 votes in the Senate or 218 votes in the House to repeal the law. And the top Marine's stance against repeal should carry a lot of weight with those on the fence.

Thank you, Sir. OORAH!

**Welcome Aboard !!**

No new members. Make sure you have a application in your pocket just in case.

**Uniform Purchases Information**

Any members who want uniform items should contact Marine Upper or Marine Rozzell. Items may take two or three weeks for delivery. If you want lettering for covers, or insignia, ribbons, medals, etc. contact either of them by phone, at Saturday breakfasts, or at a meeting.

**Detachment Website and Email Address**

If you would like an email address through our website, contact the webmaster. See the interesting USMC items at [www.mcleague598.com](http://www.mcleague598.com). Consider contributing to maintain the website, it's tax deductible, remember. For those of you who have contributed, remind the Commandant for recognition at a meeting. You deserve it.

**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**

Where is Marine Compton?

**Birthday Ball**

**Burial**

Ward, Rozzell, Eberle Muncy, Maurer, Bailey

**Membership**

All members

**Fund Raising**

All members

**Parades & Observances**

Steve Stiverson

**Nominating**

Eberle

**Rifle & Pistol**

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Bowman 208 6223

**Public Information**

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Volunteer needed

**Toys for Tots**

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