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Now Hear This!

July/Aug 2010 • Call To Meeting

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

Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 1900

Wednesday, August 18 at 1900

Wednesday September 15 at 1900

All meeting start promptly at 1900 and seldom last more than one hour. Please come out and join us after the meeting for socializing. If you need a ride, give someone a call. An active Detachment is a healthy Detachment. All meetings are held at Linden AMVETS Post 89 at 3535 Westerville Road, Columbus, Ohio.

Future Activities and Events

July 3 **Upper Arlington Independence Day Parade.** Those who choose to participate can report for coffee and donuts at 0800 in the muster tent at the corner of NW Blvd and Zollinger in front of Zuppa restaurant. If you do participate, expect about a 2.2 mile walk one way, and hope for a ride back with someone from MCFSC, member Bock's other love, with whom we will be grouped. The parade steps off at 0900, and they want participants there by 0830. Wear the white shirt, black or blood strip trousers, black shoes and socks, red garrison cap uniform.

July 3 **Westerville Independence Day Parade.** Be there in time for setup and positioning at 1230. The parade starts at 1300 sharp. The staging area is in the parking lot of the Brooksedge Office Park, south of West Schrock Road on Brooksedge Blvd. The parade route is from the staging area up the hill to Main St. and then through town to St. Paul's Church parking lot, just north of town proper. Once there, we hopefully will all be able to get in Chas. Hoggat's son's red pickup truck for a ride back to the formation area. REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR WATER JUG FOR BOTH OF THESE EVENTS.

July 3 **The 4th Annual Welcome Home** 0900-1530 at the Columbus Zoo, free admission for ALL Veterans and their family members. Meals for the first 1500 veterans and their families. No pre-registration is needed. See the website for details: www.columbuswelcomehome.com.

A Word from the Commandant

I WOULD LIKE TO PUBLICLY THANK THOSE DETACHMENT MEMBERS WHO REGULARLY SHOW UP AS A MATTER OF RESPECT FOR FALLEN DETACHMENT MARINES. THEIR NAMES NEED NOT BE LISTED, BECAUSE THEY ARE THE SORT OF MARINES WHO SILENTLY SEE THEIR DUTY TO THEIR FALLEN BROTHERS, AND CARRY OUT THAT DUTY. AS COMMANDANT I RECOGNIZE THAT SOME MEMBER'S WORK SCHEDULES MAY INTERFERE WITH ATTENDING VIEWING, MEMORIAL SERVICES, AND BURIALS, BUT IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT SUCH EVENTS TAKE PLACE BOTH IN AFTERNOONS AND IN EVENINGS. I ASK THAT YOU RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OUR SHOWINGS OF RESPECT THE DECEASED, AND HOW OUR ATTENDANCE IS APPRECIATED BY THE FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED MARINES. IF YOU HAVE A RED JACKET, WEAR IT FOR FUNERALS. IF YOU DON'T, ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT THE RED COVER IS UNIFORM, AND TO DRESS OTHERWISE RESPECTFULLY AT FUNERALS.

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UPDATE ON CENTRAL OHIO AMERICAN CHARITIES (Wounded Warrior) SCHEDULED SHOOT

27-28 August Wounded Warrior fundraiser. BW was contacted by an organizer to see if we could support this event in some way. Happy to report that they were hooked up with Ohio State Beauty School, who will provide on the 27th caregiver's benefits of massage, facials, manicures, pedicures, etc., to help those who help the wounded so much. Dinner also on the 27th, Blackwing shoot on the 28. For more information, go to: <http://www.coacharities.org/documents/2010WWPTrapShootBrochure.pdf>

ALMAR—NOTICE TO KOREAN WAR VETERANS

Marking the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War, the president of the Republic of Korea wants to express his country's gratitude to American Korea War veterans by sending them a personal letter recognizing their service and sacrifice.

The Invasion of Inchon, the Pusan Perimeter and the Chosin Reservoir are only a few of the fields of battle where Americans placed their lives on the line for democracy. Of nearly 390,000 Americans who served there, 36,000 gave their lives, including 1823 Ohioans. See <http://www.archives.gov/research/korean-war/casualty-lists/oh-alpha.pdf> for an alphabetical listing.

The war was a military conflict between the Republic of South Korea, supported by the United Nations, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, backed by the People's Republic of China and the Soviet Union. The situation escalated into open warfare when North Korean forces invaded South Korea across the border between the countries (the 38th parallel) on June 25, 1950.

An armistice was signed on July 23, 1953, thus ending the first significant armed conflict of the Cold War; however, a formal peace agreement never has been signed. It is hoped these veterans and their families will want to receive an official personal letter of gratitude from President Lee Myung-bak which further honors their service.

Korean War veterans and their families are invited to download and submit an application for this letter at <http://eng.koreanwar60.go.kr/apply.asp>.

UPCOMING MEETING SPEAKER–AUGUST MEETING

Greater Columbus area is one of the few if not the only major Ohio city which does not have a Young Marine's unit. This speaker, from the Dayton area, is being scheduled in so that any of you members who might have an interest in working with young people of the central Ohio area will have an opportunity to find out just what it's all about. Eligible Young Marine members are from age 8 to graduation from high school. Do your best to attend this meeting, and learn what you can do to help our youth learn pride, discipline, and love of country, and sharpen their leadership skills. **Visit the website for starters.**

YOUNG MARINE LEADERSHIP NEEDED – Have you heard of the Young Marines? Did you know that there is a Young Marine company in every major Ohio city except Columbus? At the August meeting, the Commanding Officer and staff of the Miami Valley Young Marines (MVYM) of Dayton will come to the Belleau Wood Marine Corps League to broaden our awareness of what is necessary for a successful unit, and to give information as to how to establish a Young Marine unit in Columbus. The presentation and Q&A will take about 35 minutes. (The commandant will have a short, quick BW meeting. Promise)

The Young Marines is an organization that has existed since 1959, under the sponsorship of The Marine Corps League. Boys and girls, age eight through high school seniors, are eligible for membership in local Young Marine units which are located in nearly every state in the United States. Each unit is an independent, community-based program led by dedicated adult volunteers. Many of these volunteers are former, retired, active duty, or reserve Marines, who believe passionately that the values they learned as Marines changed their lives. They volunteer their time, making every effort to pass along those same positive values to the youngsters in their charge, before other destructive influences can take root.

Registered adult leadership is provided by active, reserve, retired and former military members (all services) as well as by some civilian volunteers with certain key skills (e.g., medical, accounting). Primary leadership qualities are positive attitude and commitment. Staff members do not have to be members of the Marine Corps League. A history of Marine service is only required for the Commanding Officer.

Units are set up in accordance with a standard company TO&E. The MVYM staff has offered to provide guidance and assistance in establishing the new unit.

If you would like further information prior to the meeting, contact either of the following:

Public Affairs Officer: Ray Girard, 937-657-7813, raygirard@earthlink.net

Commanding Officer: John Bankowitz, 937-572-5754, jbankowitz@woh.rr.com

Also, see the Young Marine national web site at: <http://www.youngmarines.com>

RIFLE AND PISTOL TEAMS

Our past **pistol rangemaster**, Scott Bowman, will not be able to perform that function for the pistol shoots in 2010. He apologizes for not mailing in the 2009 scores, and has returned the monies he collected in 2009 for registration of the shooters. So, in 2010, you will not have to pay a fee. Maurer has the targets in the trunk of his car, and is a member of the Tri-County Sportsman's Club, where we have shot pistol in the past. So, if you want to shoot pistol, buy some ammo so you can use someone else's pistola, or, if you have one, get in touch with Muncy or Maurer. Weekday mornings will be best, but weekends will also work, except that there will be more Tri-County members there on weekends.

The **rifle shoot** is scheduled for August 28, sign in begins at 0700, shooting at 0900, four persons on one team can use the same rifle, if you don't have one of your own. Maurer has application forms, with directions, etc., or you can get them at the department website link found at:

<http://www.mclohio.org/homeFold/RifeFold/MCL%20Ohio%20Match2010.pdf>

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Other Scuttlebutt from the 508th New Members

As usual, we have members who have recruited new members. As usual, the newsletter guy forgot to get their names, and the names of who recruited them. Next newsletter. Sorry, men. At the next meeting remind the commandant to remind himself to get that info in time for printing.

MORE RIFLE SHOOT INFO

Go to:

<http://www.mclohio.org/homeFold/RifeFold/MCL%20OHIO%20MATCH%20RULES2010.pdf> to find updated rules for the 28 August Rifle shoot. You gotta abide by the rules, especially with old marines and live ammo.

Life Membership Dues

Birth to 35 - \$500
36 to 50 - \$400
51 to 60 - \$30
61 to over the hill - \$150

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

Marine Needed

Birthday Ball

To be Assigned in July

Burial

Ward, Rozzell, Eberle, Muncy, Maurer and Bailey

Fund Raising

All members

Membership

All members

Nominating

TBA

Parades & Observations

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Semper Fidelis!