



“REMEMBER WHEN.....”



Anyone know this Marine? Thanks to our Sgt At Arms, Gary Hammett for providing us some photos to add to our “Remember When...” section!

Marines we **NEED MORE!** Please scan, email, or bring in your pictures to our next meeting so that we can add them to the website and our newsletter.

For more information, contact *Alex Whitney @ 443.694.2614 or juniorvice@mclcarroll.org*



MARINE CORPS HISTORY

Marine Corps Mameluke Sword NCO

Marine Corps history states that a sword of this type was presented to Marine First Lieutenant Presley O'Bannon by the Ottoman Empire viceroy, Prince Hamet, on December 8, 1805, during the First Barbary War, as a gesture of respect and praise for the Marines' actions at the Battle of Derne. Upon his return to the United States, the state of Virginia presented him with a silver-hilted sword featuring an eaglehead hilt and a curved blade modeled after the original Mameluke sword given him by Hamet. Its blade is inscribed with his name and a commemoration of the Battle of Tripoli Harbor.



Perhaps due to the Marines' distinguished record during this campaign, including the capture of the Tripolitan city of Derna after a long and dangerous desert march, Marine Corps Commandant Archibald Henderson adopted the Mameluke sword in 1825 for wear by Marine officers. After initial distribution in 1826, Mameluke swords have been worn except for the years 1859-75 (when Marine officers were required to wear the U.S. Model 1850 Army foot officers' sword), and a brief period when swords were suspended during World War II. Since that time, Mameluke swords have been worn by Marine officers in a continuing tradition to the present day.

MEMORIAL DAY 2013



2013 RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Know a Marine? Bring them to our monthly meeting!



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Meeting Dates

Sept

* 04 Sept 2013 @ 1900

Oct

* 02 Oct 2013 @ 1900

Nov

* 06 Nov 2013 @ 1900

Questions or concerns?

Please contact the editor to voice your opinion:

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A message from our Commandant....

Marines,

As we head into the Summer, we can give thanks again that we have lost none of our members this quarter, and have gained new members.

From this point forward, our newsletter will be regularly scheduled, and all of our officers will offer reports of how they have been fulfilling their offices.

As Commandant, I have attended an Eagle Scout ceremony and, along with our new Senior Vice Commandant Brian Davidhizar, presented our Citizenship Award to two new Eagle Scouts. Very motivating. Our Golf Tournament was again a success, and we continue to stay busy, having participated in the Westminster Memorial Day Parade, and planning a prominent presence at Fallfest, both in the parade and having a booth at the festival. As Commandant, I also served as the guest speaker for the Young Marines graduation ceremony- another awesome event.

I will keep my comments brief this newsletter, as the main focus of the newsletter is the annual Detachment Picnic. Please attend, whether we see you all the time, or haven't seen you for 10 years. We look forward to seeing you.

Next newsletter will include officer reports, and many more updates, including our second annual Marine Corps Ball, hopefully together with Lance Corporal Deane Detachment in Mt. Airy.

Take care, God bless, and as always,

Semper Fidelis!

Marc S. Fisher

Commandant—MCL Carroll Cnty Det #896



ROLL CALL:

WHEN: 1st Wednesday of EVERY month.

TIME: 1900 hrs

WHERE: American Legion

2 Sycamore St.

Westminster, MD 21157

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SENIOR VICE'S CORNER:

Marines,

First and foremost, I would like to extend a very warm **"Thank You"** and **"Job Well Done"** to Gerry Sommer for his years of service as Sr. Vice Commandant of our detachment. I would like to especially recognize him for his *commitment to the wound Marines recovering at the Navy hospital in Bethesda*. During his time as Sr. Vice, Gerry dedicated countless hours of thought and prayer to those wounded Marines and their families. All Marines should try to follow his example when it comes to expressing true concern for their brother Marines in word and in deed.

As incoming Sr Vice Commandant I have pledged to serve the detachment to the best of my abilities. My first initiative will be dedicated to exploring more ways of **promoting our detachment** online and to the Carroll County public in general. I hope to explore promoting the detachment on Westminster's section of the Patch.com—a website dedicated to promoting community news, events, and volunteer opportunities among other things.

I also hope to explore **additional fundraising opportunities**.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as Sr. Vice Commandant.

S/F,

Brian Davidhizar
Sr. Vice Commandant
MCL Detachment #896



JUNIOR VICE'S CORNER:

Marines,

First off, I would like to thank Past Jr Vice Commandant Pat Dean for his service. I look forward to working with you as I step into this new role to help our Detachment continue to grow. To all of the Marines of the Carroll County Detachment, thank you for your vote of trust in electing me as your Jr Vice.

As I step into this position, I would like to focus on three things: **Recruitment, Engagement and Retention**.

We have seen our abilities in recruiting new members; we need to continue to grow our detachment so we can fulfill our purpose. While recruiting is critical, we also need to **engage** our Marines and get them involved. We all see at the monthly meetings the same faces. New members come for the initiation and then we rarely see them again. We need them to join us to *share their ideas* to assist us in reaching our goals and meeting the needs of our fellow Marines. Lastly, retention. We have several Marines who have not paid their dues. **Dues are vital to our success and every dollar counts**. We cannot allow Marines to feel disconnected enough to feel the need to leave our ranks.

Recently our Sr Vice, Judge Advocate and myself attended the Dept of MD MCL Leadership College. This course was an eye opener for the things we could be doing to recruit, engage and retain. Over the next couple of months, I look forward to us sharing what we have learned to assist is in these three areas as well as a multitude of other topics that will aid us in growing our Detachment!

Semper Fi!
Alex Whitney
Jr Vice Commandant—Adjutant
MCL Carroll County #896



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Please continue to keep Marine John Royer and Carol in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to recover from their respective health challenges. They both looked good at the last meeting! Let us also keep all of our members in our thoughts and prayers, as many have suffered from the flu and illness this past Winter.

Semper Fidelis!
Richard French—Chaplain
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 7** 1730hrs—Detachment Picnic
- Sep 4** 1900hrs—Detachment Meeting
- Sep 28-29** FALL FEST
- Oct 2** 1900hrs—Detachment Meeting

DEPT OF MARYLAND—STATE CONVENTION

The Dept of Maryland held its State Convention on 25-27 April. Commandant Fischer and Jr Vice Whitney, along with their families, attended this years convention.

In attendance at the convention was National Commandant Tuohy and his wife, National Auxiliary President Tuohy, National Executive Director Mike Blum, as well as a multitude of Marines from around the state of Maryland.

We are pleased to announce the newly elected and appointed Department Officers:

Commandant Stuart Blair
Junior Vice Commandant Craig Reeling
Chief of Staff Jack Severn
Chaplain Tony Begenwald
Sgt-at-Arms Harry Hierstetter

Senior Vice Commandant Mike Betts
Judge Advocate Evelyn Remines
Paymaster Dick Wishhusen
Adjutant Paul Taylor



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