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\$1600 MARINE PLC SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED DURING DEPARTMENT SPRING MEETING



Department Commandant Cal Walters presents the Marine PLC Scholarship check to Cadet Drake Phillips as PDC George Morris and MMI President Col. David J Mollahan look on.

On 9 April 2011, your Department held its Spring Quarterly meeting at Marion Military Institute in Marion, Alabama. The day's events included the regular business meeting of the Department and the pass and review parade of the Corps of Cadets, which included Leaguer Bubba Jackson in the Alumni Brigade. Numerous topics were discussed during the business meeting, among them a partial year budget, a strategic growth plan, and the Department Bylaws. After some discussion, Richard McClain from the Townsend Detachment was appointed to Chair a Bylaw Committee to complete a revision of the Department Bylaws. PDC Johnny Baker was appointed as the Chair of the Nominating Committee to recommend a slate of elected officers for the coming year. Col. David J Mollahan, USMC (Ret), President of MMI was on hand to greet the attendees from the League, which numbered close to 100, and thanked the League for its continued support of the Marine PLC program at MMI. This is the third year for the Department to contribute to the program at Marion, and the need will continue to grow as the Institute plans to increase the program (and prepare more cadets for life in the Corps). This year's recipient was Cadet Drake Phillips of Lemoore, California, who was presented with the check during the parade and ceremony which followed a fine bar-b-que lunch. Thank you to all of the Detachments and individuals who contributed to the scholarship this year and making the meeting a great success.



BRANDON WILBOURN RECOGNIZES EAGLE SCOUTS



L to R Cmdt, Sigmund Klueger, Eagle Scout Antonio Billups, Eagle Scout Travion Ragland, Scoutmaster Albert Farrar and Adjutant James O. Newell

On 12 March, 2011 the Brandon Wilbourn Detachment of the Marine Corps League was invited to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Commandant Sigmund Klueger and Adjutant James O. Newell presented the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Eagle Scout Award to Antonio Billups and Travion Ragland who had attained the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest rank. Antonio and Travion have been members of Boy Scout Troop 400 for the past six years. Their Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project was to refurbish the Huntsville Housing Authority's Searcy Home parking lot.

Editor's Note: The Eagle Scout recognition program is available through the National HQ and is a fitting way to recognize the achievements of these young men, many of whom will become Marines.. If your Detachment presents Eagle Scout certificates, please report it to Dept CMDT Cal Walters. For additional information, contact CMDT Walters.

P.L. WILSON PRESENTS 58 EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS AT ANNUAL DINNER

On 10 May, members of the P.L. Wilson Detachment joined with Marine Recruiters from the Mobile area to recognize local young men who had attained the rank of Eagle Scout during the Mobile Area Council/Boy Scouts of America Annual Recognition Banquet. An honor table was paid for by the Detachment and each of the new Eagle Scouts were presented with the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Eagle Scout Award and a Citizenship Award from the Marine Corps. There were fifty eight Eagle Scouts from the local council, which includes the districts of Choctaw, Baldwin, Cloverleaf, Maubila, and Spanish Trail. This is the second year for the Detachment to present the awards and the first for a joint endeavor with the local recruiters.



P.L. Wilson Detachment Sr. Vice Commandant Gregg Wood and member Larry Savell (left and right, center, respectively) are joined by Marine Recruiters from the Mobile area for the recognition of Eagle Scouts from the Mobile Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

HOWLIN' MAD SMITH DET RECOGNIZES 2011 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The Howlin' Mad Smith Detachment recognized the recipient of its annual Detachment Scholarship during their regular meeting on 16 April 2011. The recipient, David Cooper, is a senior majoring in mechanical engineering at UAB and has been featured on the UAB President's List. Dave served in the Corps from June 1996 to July of 2006 as a Ground Safety Specialist and First Navigator. After completing his undergraduate degree, he plans to earn a doctorate, teach at the college level, and pursue a career in aviation engineering. The Howlin' Mad Smith Scholarship was inaugurated in 2005 and is given each year to a deserving student who has served with the United States Marine Corps.



Dept Commandant Cal Walters (left) joins HMS Commandant Jack Hopping and Daphne Powell of UAB in presenting the 2011 Howlin' Mad Smith Detachment Scholarship to David Cooper

**VIETNAM ERA ART DONATION
AT BATTLESHIP ALABAMA**



On 5 May, members of the P.L. Wilson Detachment joined with members of the newly formed Jesse Andrews, Jr. Detachment in Daphne at the presentation of Harry Weber's collection of Vietnam era sketches and a sculpture entitled Wounded Warrior at the USS Alabama Battleship Aircraft Pavilion. The art was donated by the United States Sports Academy and the Jesse Andrews, Jr. Detachment and will be a permanent part of the Battleship's collection.

**CHANGE OF COMMAND
WELCOME ABOARD**

COMMANDANT MIKE WALTON
WIREGRASS DETACHMENT

COMMANDANT LOREN HORN
JOHNNY M SPANN DETACHMENT

SECOND TOUR OF DUTY

COMMANDANT JACK HOPPING
HOWLIN'MAD SMITH DETACHMENT

Thank You for Your Service!

DAPHNE DETACHMENT RECEIVES CHARTER

On 14 May, the Jesse Andrews, Jr. Det. #1378 will hold its official Chartering Ceremony and Installation of Officers at John Word's Captains Table Restaurant on Mobile Bay. The Det has over 30 members and will be the second new Detachment in the Dept this year. Jerry Cherne has been elected as the new Det Commandant and the Detachment will hold its monthly meetings at the United States Sports Academy in Daphne on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Welcome Aboard and Semper Fi!

**MARINE CELEBRITY AUTOGRAPHS/ART TO BE
AUCTIONED AT SPCTF OPEN HOUSE**

Birmingham artist Dr. Don Stewart and the Semper Fi Community Task Force (www.semperfi.org) will be presenting a rare collection of celebrity-autographed artwork for auction on Friday, May 13th at the SPCTF Open House in the Raytheon Company Auditorium, 401 Jan Davis Drive in Huntsville. Stewart will be showcasing his historic drawing *Uncommon Valor - a Visual History of the United States Marine Corps*, which was produced with the assistance of the SFCTF. Seven prints of the drawing that have been autographed by Marine celebrities will be auctioned at the event, to raise funds in support of our nation's Wounded Warriors. The artist requested and obtained autographs from Marine pilot and astronaut Senator John Glenn, former Chairman of the JCS Gen Peter Pace, former Marine Commandant and Birmingham-Southern College President Gen Charles Krulak, and TV actor Jim Nabors, who played Pvt. Gomer Pyle, USMC. *Uncommon Valor* combines more than 370 smaller pictures to form the shape of the historic flag raising at Iwo Jima. The component images are arranged in chronological order depicting the history of the Corps from its birth in Philadelphia in 1775, to the current conflict in Afghanistan. All of the proceeds from the celebrity autographed art prints will benefit the SFCTF. For additional information on the event, please visit the Semper Fi Community Task Force website at www.semperfi.org.





NATIONAL NEWS – WWW.MCLEAGUE.ORG

FROM THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PLEASE FORWARD TO YOUR MEMBERS

There appears to be some confusion on the cut off dates for registrations for this year's National Convention in Boise, ID. Registration cut off dates for delegate registration and event/activity registration are two different items. **Delegate Registration** is accomplished via the Yellow Registration form mailed to each Detachment and is used for voting strength ONLY. Delegate registration may also be completed in person when a member arrives at National Convention. Advance registration fee is \$5.00/member and must be received at National Headquarters not later than 15 days prior to the opening of the National Convention (Aug. 1, 2011). Onsite registration is \$6.00/member. **Event/Activities Registration** is the registration for the various trips that will be offered during the National Convention. Registration for these trips may be accomplished online at (www.tvdmcl.org) or by using the form in the Semper Fi magazine. **In either case the deadline for event registration is June 1, 2011.** Get your trip/activities registrations in ASAP or the trips you may want could possibly be cancelled due to minimum registrations. Direct all questions to Local Chairman Art Kilton (208) 440-4057.

HEADS UP ON MID-WINTER CONFERENCE 2012

As many of you know, we were informed a couple of months ago that the Fairview Park Marriott would likely not be available for Midwinter 2012 due to planned construction. As a result, we just finalized an agreement with the Tysons Corner Marriott to host our 2012 Midwinter Conference. The dates for the 2012 Midwinter Conference will be Thursday 2/16 (Board Meeting) through Saturday 2/18 2012. The Tysons Corner Marriott is a short 10 minutes North on the Beltway from the Fairview Park and is adjacent to the Tysons Corner Mall (which is huge and full of goodies). If all goes as planned, we will be back at the Fairview Park in 2013.

I would ask that each of you ensure that this information gets disseminated to all Detachments.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



Your Department has been working on a number of fronts in Montgomery. We currently have two bills in process. SB143, which would grant the MCL a seat on the State Board of Veterans Affairs, passed out of the Senate and is currently working in the House. A Bill to grant the MCL tax exempt status in the State has passed out of Committee in the House and is being placed on the Special Order calendar for the floor. The Wounded Warrior Resolution, which encourages a waiver of hunting/fishing license fees and fees for access to state parks for all wounded servicemembers passed in the House. If it does have the desired effect, a similar bill will be introduced next year. Our greatest enemy right now is time, as the session is coming to an end soon and there are still legislative obstacles to be overcome. However, our supporters in both the House and Senate assure us that if the bills do not get a vote this year, they will be introduced much earlier in next year's session for a better chance at full passage. Thank you to all who worked diligently on these matters, including Cmdt Dan Long, Reps Randy Woods and Victor Gaston, and Senators Ben Brooks, Phil Holtzclaw, and Rusty Glover. Be assured that your Marine Corps League will persist in these matters until we achieve our goal!

ALABAMA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE TORNADO RELIEF EFFORTS UPDATE

The days since the storms of 27 April have been difficult for many directly affected by the storms and busy for those working to assist those in need. In the hours after the storm, communications with marines throughout the state were difficult, with power outages and cell phone towers damaged. In the ensuing days, a clearer picture of the devastation emerged and thankfully, no marine or Marine Corps League member was injured or killed in the storms. Many trees were down, fortunately not on member's homes, and only one member in the Tuscaloosa area reported the loss of their home and belongings. Unfortunately, the parents of an active duty marine deployed in Afghanistan were killed in Ohatchee, Alabama. (The Marine has since returned home.)

As so often happens, disasters bring out the best in our fellow man and Marines, and members of the Marine Corps League throughout the State and the Nation sprang into action in the days after the storms. Detachment commandants from Tuscaloosa to Gadsden have reported on the situation on the ground in their areas and compiled lists of those in need and ways to help.

With the help of MCL member Carl Jones from the Howlin' Mad Smith Detachment, a network of email and internet support was established to raise funds in support of those affected. The P.L. Wilson Detachment in Mobile, Alabama was spared the wrath of the storms, and we are accepting credit card donations on behalf of the Department of Alabama through our detachment website, www.mobilemarines.org. Please click on the 'donate' button to access our secure donation server. Additional information is available on the website and additional donations can be made to Department of Alabama, 169 Lyons Park Ave, Mobile, AL 36604. The donations have been significant and are further evidence that Marines take care of their own.

Additionally, two 53 foot trucks of supplies were delivered to Tuscaloosa from the MCL in Washington State and a truckload of donations has been received from Sgt. Grit to be distributed to the Marines at the Bessemer reserve unit and the Gadsden and Anniston area. The Marine recruiters in Mobile will be holding a car wash to raise additional funds this weekend. **Based on responses from the field, we will likely be asked to form working parties and travel to affected areas in the weeks to come as needed to work or resupply those in need. More information will follow.**

We are continuing to recon throughout the state to find Marines and their families in need. As of today, we have processed three requests to the MCL Foundation for Marines in need and expect another handful at least. Please note that the applicants do not have to be members of the League to qualify. If you are aware of a member of the League or a Marine or Marine's family in distress, please email a brief synopsis of their situation along with their name and contact info to Cal Walters at mobilemcl@hotmail.com for additional support from the MCL Foundation! Thank you to Commandants Loren Horn, Jack Hopping, Dan Long, and Sigmund Klueger, as well as Past Detachment Commandant Harold Battles and Past Department Commandants Johnny Baker and George Lawson for their information from the field.

The storms that struck the state of Alabama on 27 April did indeed leave a path of destruction and impacted the lives of thousands. We remember and mourn those lost in the tragedy and continue to stand ready to assist those in need. For additional information or questions, please email Department Commandant Cal Walters at mobilemcl@hotmail.com or call 251-689-7167. Semper Fi!



Marine Corps League

Department of Alabama



Detachments

P. L. Wilson Det #447

Mobile, AL

Meet 2nd Tues - 1800 (meal) & 1900 (meeting) hrs at American Legion #88 - 2663 Halls Mill Rd, Mobile, AL

Howlin' Mad Smith Det #592

Birmingham, AL

Meet 3rd Sat - 0900 hrs at American Legion Post 171 - 8325 1st Ave North, Birmingham, AL

Wiregrass Det #752

Dothan, AL

Meet 1st Thursday - 1900 hrs at Golden Corral Family Restaurant, 3340 Ross Clark Circle, Dothan, AL

Brandon-Wilbourn Det #820

Huntsville, AL

Meet 2nd Tues - 1900 hrs at American Legion - 2900 Drake Ave, Huntsville, AL

Townsend Det #920

Montgomery, AL

Meet 3rd Saturday - 0800 Wagon Wheel Restaurant, Montgomery, AL

Billy Stelpflug Det #1064

Auburn, AL

Meet 3rd Saturday - 0730 hrs for Breakfast (0830 meeting) at Chappy's Deli - 754 E. Gleen Ave, Auburn, AL

McLaughlin Det #1091

Gadsden, AL

Meet 3rd Saturday - 1000 hrs at Mort Glosser Amphitheater, 1st St & Walnut St., Gadsden, AL

Kenney E. Black #1166

Athens, AL

Meet 1st Monday - 1830 hrs at American Legion - 124 Colerleaf Dr, Athens, AL

Johnny M. Spann Det #1166

Tuscaloosa, AL

Meet 2nd Thursday - 1800 hrs at Pine Valley Retirement Community, Tuscaloosa, AL

Allen Ray Chaffin Det # 1329

Anniston, AL

Meets 4th Tuesday - 1900 hrs at Calhoun County Civil Defense Bldg, Bynum Leatherwood Rd, Anniston, AL

Gulf Shores Det #1370

Gulf Shores, AL

Meets 3rd Tuesday - 1830 hrs at American Legion Post 44, 6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy, Gulf Shores, AL

Jesse Andrews, Jr. Det#1378

Daphne, AL

Meets 3rd Tuesday – 1830 hrs at United States Sports Academy, One Academy Dr, Daphne, AL 36526

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2011 DEPARTMENT AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

COMMANDANTS, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR DETACHMENT AND/OR INDIVIDUALS FOR THE FOLLOWING AWARDS. (THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT AT CONVENTION TO RECEIVE.) UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL TO THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 27 MAY 2011.

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION (Department level - to a Detachment) - Each Detachment can submit a nomination for their Detachment for the Department's Meritorious Unit Commendation. The nomination letter should include all community service performed, involvement of Detachment and other pertinent information that the Detachment completed during the period 1 January 2010 until 31 December 2010. Complete justification is required.

DEPARTMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR - Please ensure that each Detachment provide a nomination for the Department of Alabama Marine of the Year (MOY) Award. MOY letter of recommendation must be given to Department Commandant at the State Convention in Oxford no later than 1900 on Friday, 10 June 2011. Past Department Marine of the Year winners will be on the selection committee. **PLEASE BRING 10 COPIES OF THE MOY NOMINATION LETTER TO THE COMAMDANTS COUNCIL!**

DEPARTMENT RECRUITER OF THE YEAR - Each Detachment can submit one nomination for the Department Recruiter of the Year. Each Nomination should include all names and other information that the nominee has recruited during the period 1 January 2010 until 31 December 2010.

DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR - Each Detachment can submit one nomination for the Department Associate Member of the Year (AMOY). Each Nomination should include why this MCL Associate Member should be selected for this Award for the period 1 January 2010 until 31 December 2010. AMOY letter of recommendation must be given to Department Commandant at the State Convention in Oxford no later than 1900 on Friday, 10 June 2011. **PLEASE BRING 10 COPIES OF THE AMOY NOMINATION LETTER TO THE COMAMDANTS COUNCIL!**

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD (Department Level - to an Individual) - Each Detachment can submit one nomination for the Department Community Service Award. Each Nomination should include all community service performed and other information that the nominee completed during the period 1 January 2010 until 31 December 2010.

Most importantly, it will be an honor to recognize a deserving member or individual that has performed beyond the call of duty, and each Detachment Commandant can request that the Department present a Department **Distinguished Citizens Award**, a **Distinguished Service Award**, or a **Certificate of Appreciation**. Please ensure that each nominee performed in such a high manner that they should receive recognition of the Department Commandant. Each Nomination should include a short write-up of why the individual should receive the specific award during the period 1 January 2010 until 31 December 2010. Nominations should be sent via email to the Department Commandant.

RECRUITING/RETENTION



MEMBERSHIP TOTAL AS OF 31 MARCH 2011 ROSTER vs. MARCH 2010 ROSTER

| <u>Detachment</u> | <u>Regular</u> | <u>Asso/Mult</u> | <u>Del</u> | <u>Tot Mar '11</u> | <u>Tot Mar '10</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>%Change</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| P.L. Wilson | 168 | 65 | 30 | 233 | 212 | +21 | +9.01 |
| H.M Smith | 131 | 21 | 54 | 152 | 177 | -25 | -16.45 |
| Wiregrass | 63 | 3 | 19 | 66 | 67 | -1 | -1.52 |
| B Wilbourn | 60 | 3 | 8 | 63 | 60 | +3 | +4.76 |
| Townsend | 69 | 1 | 16 | 70 | 76 | -6 | -8.57 |
| Stelpflug | 33 | 2 | 3 | 35 | 37 | -2 | -5.71 |
| McLaughlin | 41 | 2 | 6 | 43 | 41 | +2 | +4.65 |
| K Black | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| JM Spann | 55 | 4 | 33 | 59 | 73 | -14 | -23.73 |
| Chaffin | 54 | 15 | 21 | 69 | 63 | +6 | +8.70 |
| Gulf Shores | 29 | 12 | 0 | 41 | 0 | +41 | 100.00 |
| DEPARTMENT | 705 | 128 | 190 | 833 | 808 | +25 | +3.00 |

THESE ARE THE MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS THAT WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE THE WINNER OF THE GRITS BOWL WITH OUR FRIENDS IN GEORGIA. THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE DETACHMENTS WHO PUSHED SO HARD TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS AND RETAIN THOSE ON BOARD. OUR NEXT GOAL IS TO CONTINUE THE MEMBERSHIP MOMENTUM THROUGH THE END OF JUNE FOR THE FINAL ROSTER OF THE YEAR. REMEMBER, GET THOSE TRANSMITTALS IN TO THE DEPARTMENT PAYMASTER AS SOON AS YOU HAVE NEW MEMBERS AND/OR RENEWALS. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS. SEMPER FI!



Department of Alabama

Marine Corps League

Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and Associate Members:

It has been a short four months since I stepped into the position as your Department Commandant, but the months have been full of change and growth for your Department. We have faced the challenge of leadership changes as well as economic uncertainty and literally weathered catastrophic storms throughout much of our State. Together, we have persevered and prospered through it all. As I have said before, it is in the challenge of crisis that we find the greatest chance at opportunity.

Our Spring Department meeting at Marion Military Institute was a great success, with nearly 100 members in attendance, a figure that is a record for a regular Department meeting. There was much business to be conducted for the good of the Department, including the adoption of a Department budget for the remainder of the fiscal year and a strategic growth plan for the Department. I also appointed Richard McClain from Townsend Detachment to chair a Bylaw Committee to revise our Department Bylaws and Past Department Commandant Johnny Baker to chair our Nominating Committee to recommend a Slate of Elected Officers for the coming year. I hope that we will be voting on a new set of Bylaws at the Convention in June. Your Department also presented a check for \$1600 to Cadet Drake Phillips who is an impressive young man, and a credit to our scholarship efforts. Col. David Mollahan, USMC (Ret), President of MMI thanked us for our support. Thank you to all who attended and donated.

Going forward, I believe that the best days for our Department lie ahead of us as long as we continue to work together for the benefit of the Marines throughout our State. Our attendance has increased as have our membership numbers and our activities Statewide. We now have a defined mission for our Department in our newly adopted Strategic Growth Plan. To my knowledge, this will be the first time that the Department has taken a proactive approach to its mission of helping Marines in the Department by targeting local communities for new Detachments. As Marines, we always approached our mission with motivation and dedication, and with your support, I will continue to promote this program with the same level of enthusiasm. And I am happy to report that it is working, with two new Detachments on board this year in Gulf Shores and Daphne, and two more in the works. Outstanding!

In the devastation of the tornados of late April, your Department came together not only for support and encouragement, but also with donations of time, energy, effort, and money. Donations have been made to those affected, but the recovery will be an ongoing process. We will be constructing a disaster contingency plan with the assistance of a member in Mobile with EMA experience, and I am proposing that a standing committee be formed to develop and implement these plans. Funds not used for the immediate aftermath of the tornado will be transferred to start an account dedicated for disaster relief. Thank you to all who helped out in the aftermath of the storms, including Loren Horn, Harold Battles, Jack Hopping, George Lawson, Johnny Baker, Dan Long, Carl Jones, and A.B. Grantham. However, our mission of assistance is far from over, and we will continue to assist our Marines in need as the situation develops.

Of course, our Department Convention in Oxford is rapidly approaching. There will be much business to conduct and much fun to be had. I encourage every member to attend and make their voice heard on the matters of their Department, including the very important election of officers. As always, thank you for your support of the League and our Marines. Remember that this Department belongs to you, so do something to make it yours.

Semper Fi,

Cal Walters
Commandant

THE “7” PRINCIPLES OF DETACHMENT SUCCESS

1. What does the Detachment contribute to the Community?
2. Is the leadership “Fair and Honest” with the membership?
3. Is there Cooperation and a Team Spirit with the Detachment?
4. Is there an untiring effort for improvement?
5. Is there “Courtesy and Humility” within the leadership?
6. Is there adaptability within the Detachment membership?
7. Does the leadership show gratitude for membership contributions and accountability?

“If a man does his best, what else is there?”

General George S. Patton USA

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