

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE HERBERT A. LITTLETON DETACHMENT



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ATTENTION ON DECK

Commandant O'Daniel is calling a **SPECIAL CALLED DETACHMENT MEETING** for **Tuesday, October 6, 2009**, at 18:30, American Legion Hall. It is critical that we meet to plan, discuss, and finalize plans for our next two events:

Marine Corps Birthday Ball
Toys-for-Tots Christmas Program

Please pass the word to all HAL Detachment members and plan on attending. Your help is needed. This early meeting MAY take the place of our regularly scheduled meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. We will decide as a detachment about this issue.

A big OOH Rahhh! For Detachment Commandant, George O'Daniel, who performed a tremendous amount of work and behind the scenes organization to ensure the success of the HAL Dedication Ceremony, Reception, and Concert. Great Job, Commandant!!!

Dues paid for Active Duty Members The detachment has approved the payment of membership dues and renewals for any active duty Marine or Corpsman who joins our detachment for the duration of their active duty service.

Herbert A Littleton Dedication Day was a great success due to the hard work and efforts of all. Certificates of appreciation were handed out to members and wives who went above and beyond to help out. Korean War pins were handed out to veterans of that war and U S Flag/USMC pins went to all members.

The Detachment approved a \$200 donation to the Mena High School Band Boosters for their fine contribution to the Dedication and a \$100 donation to St. Agnes Catholic Church for providing the delicious and

beautiful reception luncheon following the Dedication. Donations will be presented to each at a later date.

Essay Contest The Polk County Pulse's contest for youth thesis, "What it means to be an American", was praised for raising awareness of our history, freedom, & rights along with obligations. The Detachment awarded certificates to the four winners.

Flag Collection Boxes The Detachment will begin work on a new project to clean and paint old post office mail boxes to be used for the collection of un-serviceable flags for proper disposal by American Legion for on Flag Day each year. The Detachment is working with the post office to obtain the mail boxes.

Post Changes Ervin Pringle resigned as Sgt-at-arms and James Scott has agreed to take on the duties of the office. Due to health reasons, Glenn Kline has had to withdraw as Tots-for-Tots leader and Homer Ethridge has stepped up to take his place.

Bylaws Approved Our newly revised Detachment By-laws have been returned to

us approved by the Department of Arkansas MCL.

Fellow Marines A review of members who are ill revealed that Walt Gray had been briefly hospitalized recently. Chaplain Burle Mattingly has slipped and injured his shoulder, ribs, and left wrist. Glenn Klein is still slowly recovering from his stroke, and the health of Bill Doughty was declining. Homer Ethridge asked for prayers for the

safety of his nephew, Alex Norman, who is a sniper in Afghanistan.

Next Regular Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2009 at 1830 at the American Legion Hall in Acorn. This is subject to change pending the decision made during the October 6th special meeting.

Semper Fi

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