

# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE HERBERT A. LITTLETON DETACHMENT

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## \*\*\*ATTENTION ON DECK \*\*\*

The 234<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be held on **Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009**, at the **Mena Country Club** at 7 PM. Admission price is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Tickets may be bought the night of the event at the door if necessary, but please call Bob at 394-8147 to let him know you will be attending. A full meal and live entertainment will be provided and a cash bar will be available.

**A big OOOh Rahhh!** For James Scott who donated his time and effort in preparing the display unit that will be used to showcase Herbert A. Littleton at the Mena Depot Museum.

The Commandant presented a certificate of appreciation to John McGuire in recognition of his extra efforts during the Littleton Memorial event.

**Shotgun Raffle** ticket sales continue. Everyone is encouraged to continue promoting the raffle. Profits will be used to purchase a customized Marine Corps League Flag/Banner for our detachment.

**Toys for Tots** The Toys-for-Tots telethon has been re-scheduled for Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Rich Mountain Community College. Please contact Walt Gray or George O'Daniel if you can assist.

**Special Veteran's Day Discounts** Home improvement retailers Lowe's and Home Depot are offering a 10 % discount to active-duty, National Guard and reserve members, retirees, veterans and their immediate family members in honor of Veterans Day. The Home Depot is offering the discount Nov. 5-11. Lowe's will offer the discount from Nov. 8-15. Customers must present a military ID card or other proof of service.

**Veterans Day originated 91 years ago**, on the 11th day of the 11th month at 11 am 1918 (Paris time) the armistice (or truce) came into effect. The actual signing took place that day at 5 am between the allies and Germany ending WWI.

In 1938 Congress passed a bill that November 11 be known as Armistice Day. The name was changed to Veterans Day by Act of Congress May 24, 1954 to honor all veterans.

## 2009 Veterans Day Ceremony at State Capitol

The Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs is preparing for the Veterans Day ceremony to be held Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at precisely 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd floor rotunda of the State Capitol.

Veterans Day is a State Holiday and there should be plenty of parking available. The tunnel entrance at the front of the Capitol will be used. Anyone needing wheelchair access can take the elevator to the 2nd floor.

**Dues** If you have not paid your annual dues please send payment before they expire – it is less expensive to renew than to re-join if your membership expires.

## Next Regular Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2009 at 1830 at the American Legion Hall in Acorn.



*Semper Fi*

## **UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY MESSAGE - 10 NOVEMBER 2009**

Date Signed: 10/5/2009 ALMAR Active Number: 033/09

*United States Marines represent the best young men and women our nation has to offer. To be a Marine is to be a member of America's warrior class - to be one of the few who steps forward with the courage and conviction to face whatever dangers await. Our Nation expects Her Marines to be ready when the Nation calls; to leave family and the comforts of home behind; to march into battle and thrive under austerity; and to come home under a victory pennant.*

*From Al Anbar in the west of Iraq, to Helmand province in the south of Afghanistan, our corps of Marines can always expect to be found where the fight is toughest. Such is our history. Today, as we write the final chapter on our victory in Iraq, we will increasingly take the fight to the enemy in Afghanistan and add new pages to our legacy in places called Delaram, now Zad, and Garmsir. One day, we will return to our naval heritage and patrol the high seas with our Navy brothers. Such is our future.*

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*As we celebrate our Corps' 234th birthday, we first pause to reflect and pay tribute to those Marines who have given the last full measure in defense of freedom. We extend our deepest gratitude to our Marine Corps families - the unsung heroes who endure hardship and sacrifice so that we are able to go forward and accomplish any mission. We extend our appreciation to our countrymen who have answered our every need. And we celebrate the magnificent men and women who willingly and selflessly continue to go into harm's way to protect this great Nation.*

*To all who have gone before, to those who wear the uniform today, and to the families that give us the strength to forge ahead - I wish you all a heartfelt happy 234th birthday!*

*Semper Fidelis!*

*James T. Conway, General, U.S. Marine Corps, Commandant of the Marine Corps*