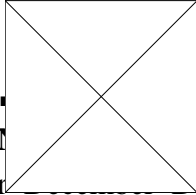




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DETACHMENT NEWSLETTER
December 2010



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ATTENTION MARINES!!!

Our detachment meeting will be held at **1930, Thursday, 16 December 2010** at the **Sons of Italy** Building, 111 12th Street, Renovo, Pa. Plan to attend. Please mark your calendar now!!!

Check out our WEB Page on the Internet at:
<http://www.kcnet.org/~dmiller2/>

“The first Pennsylvania Detachment on the Internet”

Also, check out Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania’s Web page at:
<http://www.pamcleague.org>

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John J. Tarantella, Sr. 923-2538
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CHAPLAIN’S REPORT

If you know of a member or the family of a member who is in distress, sick in the hospital, or bereaved by the death of a family member please contact the Detachment’s Chaplain, **Art Kramer** at **923-1888**, and if he is not available, one of the Detachment officers with the appropriate details.

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COMMANDANT’S MESSAGE:

The Detachment will use this meeting to discuss the status of this years Toys for Tots program. We want to make sure that we have covered all bases in support of our obligation to provide all needy children in Clinton County with a new toy for Christmas.

There are several important dates ahead of us to carry out this responsibility. The first is **Saturday, 18 December** when we sort toys for the children in Western Clinton County. This is an all hands effort. We will gather at the Chapman Township Fire Department building at **1:00pm** and work until we are finished. It should take about 4 hours. We ask that all members, their families and their friends show up to help out. These toys will be distributed the following day, **Sunday, 19 December**. On this same day we also need a large crew in Lock Haven to help sort toys for the Salvation Army and the American Rescue Workers (Love Center). Again, we are asking as many of you as possible to show up at our Flemington warehouse to help carry out this work. We plan to start work at **10:00am**. If you have any questions concerning all of this activity please give me a call.

Toys for Tots Program

For those of you who are not fully aware of our Detachment's role in the Toys for Tots program I would advise that the Bucktail Detachment is officially authorized in writing by the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation to carry out the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Program as a Local Coordinating Organization (LCO) for all of Clinton County. As such, we can distribute the boxes throughout Clinton County and collect toys in the name of Toys for Tots. Furthermore, we are authorized to solicit funds in the name of Toys for Tots, something that the Marine Corps Reserve can not do.

All the funds that we collect are deposited in an account in our name. These funds can only be used by our Detachment to support our Toys for Tots program in Clinton County to include all that area served by the Keystone Central School District.

The toys that the Detachment collects during the Toys for Tots drive each year are distributed to several agencies in the County for distribution to identified needy children. In the greater Lock Haven area, we use the services of the Salvation Army. In the eastern end of the county we turn over toys to the American Rescue Workers located at the Love Center in Jersey Shore. Although the Love Center is located in Lycoming County it does maintain two sets of books supporting both Clinton and Lycoming Counties. The toys we turn over to the Love Center go only to Clinton County Children. In the Beech Creek area, we use the services of the local food bank. Similarly, in Sugar Valley we again use the local food bank and the Sugar Valley Lion Club. In the Western end of the county, toys are distributed by our Detachment. Senior Vice Commandant John Tarantella, Sr. assisted by local churches and the food bank is the local area coordinator.

Toy collections throughout the County this year are way down and at the same time the need for toys is higher than normal. To close this gap the Detachment has had to purchase several thousands of dollars of additional toys from local vendors throughout the area to include Kmart,

Family Dollar, Dollar General, Walmart and Toys R Us. This is where the cash contributions that we receive become so important in supporting our program.

The Detachment's objective in support of the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program is to insure that every needy child in our area has a new toy for Christmas. We will do whatever it takes to accomplish this objective.
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The Marines won this one!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
November 27, 2010

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. - A U.S. Marine reservist collecting toys for children was stabbed when he helped stop a suspected shoplifter in eastern Georgia.

Best Buy sales manager Orvin Smith told The Augusta Chronicle that man was seen on surveillance cameras Friday putting a laptop under his jacket at the Augusta store.

When confronted, the man became irate, knocked down an employee, pulled a knife and ran toward the door. Outside were four Marines collecting toys for the service branch's **"Toys For Tots" program.**

Smith said the Marines stopped the man, but he stabbed one of them, Cpl. Phillip Duggan, in the back. **The cut did not appear to be severe.**

The **suspect** was transported to the local hospital with **two broken arms, a broken leg, possible broken ribs, assorted lacerations and bruises he obtained when he fell trying to run after stabbing the Marine.** (Ed Note: I like the word *fell*)

The suspect, whose name was not released, was held until police arrived. The Richmond County Sheriff's office said it is investigating.

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PAYMASTER’S REPORT

A summary of the Detachment’s financial status as of the end of November 2010 is attached to this Newsletter and detailed financial information will be available for inspection at this month’s meeting.



**DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
CALENDAR PROGRAM**

The Paymaster still has a few of the Department’s **2011 Calendars** left to be sold. These appear to be a very popular item. **Each calendar costs \$30.00. If anyone is interested in purchasing one or more of these calendars please contact your paymaster.**

The proceeds from the sale of these calendars benefit all of the Department’s programs for Veterans and Youth Scholarships. Each calendar is individually numbered, a number that the purchaser only learns after purchasing the calendar. **The purchaser can not pick his number.** Each day of the year is identified with a winning amount and should your calendar number match the 7pm Daily Number Straight you win the amount shown for that day. For most days the winning amount is \$35.00, but the 4th of July 2011 is \$175.00 and 10 November 2011 is \$100.00. **There is also a special grand prize.** If the Daily Number from the 4th of July repeats itself again on the 10th of November the grand prize is **\$10,000 .**

The purchaser does not have to daily check his calendar for the winning number. The Department does it for him/her.



MONTHLY CASH DRAWING

Don’t forget about our monthly meeting cash drawing! At the conclusion of each meeting a member’s name is drawn from the hat and the winner receives a cash prize. However to claim the prize, the member must be in attendance. This sounds to me like a darn good incentive to be at

each meeting. The prize is increased by ten dollars each month to a maximum of one hundred dollars until some lucky member can claim it.

There was no winner in November so the prize increases to \$50.00. Please plan to attend this month’s meeting and be eligible to win the \$50.00.



ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Summary of Financial Accounts for month ending November 2010 (Members Only)

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