



"The Hard Charger"

Kentuckiana Detachment # 729

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Once A Marine! Always A Marine!

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Never Forgotten



Allen Broussard

I was pleased that the Kentuckiana Detachment was asked to be the premier Color Guard for the Louisville 911 Remembrance Service this year. First I would like to thank our member, Fred Moore, for pressing Mayor Fischer to even have such an event this year, and second for his inviting us to perform this great service. It was long overdue and kudos to Fred Moore for being so persistent.

After 14 years the city has stepped up and recognized our first responders and the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen and the more than 2777 lives of our fellow Americans on this, our generation's "Day of Infamy".

As most citizens who witnessed on the news on 911, I remember where I was on that fateful day. I was teaching my second period class of MCJROTC cadets when the parent of one of my students called me and told me to turn on the Television. The images are never too far away from my memory. I can only remember that as the Twin Towers fell, telling my students, "Cadets, I think you have just witnessed your generation's Pearl Harbor"

As Americans, we should never forget what happened that day, and we need to be ever vigilant that it does not happen again. God Bless America and particularly the 2777 souls who became victims of this heinous terrorist attack.

The Commandant's Corner

Message from John Froehlich

October Commandant Message

Today is September 11. I hope you offered a prayer for those who were lost and their families. By the time you read this, September 21 has come and gone, the votes are in and I have no idea of the outcome. As Rett Butler said to Scarlett... 'Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn!' Whatever the outcome, I am only concerned about one thing, **the GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**. That should be all a good Marine is concerned about.

"You got skin in the game?" Yep, I am talking to you Marine. How about you sit down a minute and make a list of all your League related activities over the last 6 months, excluding our monthly meeting. Now, how many hours does that total. Are there any high rollers in the crowd? Think about it. We all know that every good Marine had an aversion to volunteering, but that was when we were young and stupid. We now know that nothing happens without volunteers. This Detachment has a long proud history of service to our members and the community. And Marines, a biggie is coming up, Toys for Tots and it is an **"all hands on deck"** operation. Please devote some time to this operation during the next three months. Toys for Tots is one of our biggest manpower (and lady-power) demanding projects.

There are a number of other potential projects we could consider. Part of the mission of our League is the spread of that spirit of patriotism. How bout we join with the Ladies Auxiliary to develop some kind of grade school level program promoting patriotism, maybe poster contest or essay writing, offering certificates and prizes, such as a family pass to the Frazier Museum. Maybe offering Color Guards for school functions, Scouting Courts of Honor, or opening game of the season. Recently, a teacher at my grandson's grade school told she was appalled at how children went about raising and lowering the flag, until she got to the 7th grade boys who she knew had been my Cub Scouts for 5 years. They knew the drill. Just takes a little training. How about offering flag etiquette classes? These and other League activities will help to increase our visibility in the community and attract new members. Now, I will see your 2 and bump you 5!

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-- UPCOMING EVENTS --

Marines Proudly Serving Our Community October 2015

- ROVING MESS:** 13 October 2015 at 11:00 AM
Hibachi Sushi Japanese Buffet located at 5316 Bardstown Road
Louisville, KY
[Please RSVP to Bob LeBlond 502-239-9946 or Email rleblond@aol.com](mailto:rleblond@aol.com)
- BOARD MEETING:** 14 October at 1830 (Wednesday)
Ross & Company Offices
800 Envoy Circle
Louisville, KY 40299
- GENERAL MEETING:** 19 October 2015, 1900 hrs (Monday)
Buechel Women's Club (BWC)
3758 Pulliam Dr
Louisville, KY 40218

OCTOBER 4 DINNER CRUISE

Last year's Dinner Cruise was a tremendous success. Everyone said, "Are we going to do it again"? Yes we are! Sunday October 4, Departing Captain's Quarters on River Road, the cruise will go from 1 pm to 4 pm. Check in is between 12 noon and 12:30 pm. Cost is \$20.00 per person and reservations must be called in to Nancy Wallace 502-245-5615 and paid for by the September 21 meeting in order to assure seats. Tickets limited to 120, Marine and one guest, to avoid the overcrowding we experienced last year. After 21 September, sales will be open to other Leagues, friends and family.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN NEVER FORGET 09.11.2001

This past month the Marine Corps League (MCL) Color Guard participated in the 911 Memorial Service held in downtown Louisville. It was well attended by Military, Law Enforcement, Firemen, First Responders, ROTC, elected officials and the community. Fred Moore, one of our MCL members, had presented the idea of a 911 Memorial Service to Mayor Fisher, noting that Louisville had never had a 911 memorial in fourteen years! The Mayor responded by giving Fred the responsibility to coordinate the event which was very successful. We all need to congratulate Fred for making a real difference in our community.

The color guard included: Al Broussard, Bill Taylor, CJ Wychulis, Wayne Hall, Troy Bowden and Richard Schmidt. The color guard consisted of two rifles, the American flag, Marine Corps flag, one flag with all the names of the first responders who died and another flag with all the names of the civilians that died. There was a moment of silence which was coordinated throughout the county to remember that fateful day. Following the opening ceremonies we all assisted in placing 2,977 flags in the memorial park area on Jefferson Street.

As I stood there and the ceremony proceeded I had a flood of thoughts and emotions. The sky was so blue, the air fresh and it felt so good to be alive!!! I felt proud to be an American surrounded by other Americans who love and serve this country. But there was this sad melancholy feeling that seemed to catch in my throat and the tears came to my eyes as they played America the Beautiful.

I am so glad that Fred was inspired to lead us in this memorial service. We need to remember 911 and what it means to America. Wars and battles have been fought overseas by American soldiers but 911 saw nearly three thousand civilians killed on American soil. It marked a new chapter in our history where Americans awakened to an America that is under attack.

The aftermath of 911 saw churches fill with people who turned to God for help. It reminded us that we needed God as some had forgotten Him. But time has passed and many have forgotten the lessons learned. It is so important that we do not forget!

Proverbs 3:1-2 "My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart"

Richard Schmidt
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DETACHMENT 729 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



Richard K. Borders



Eric A. Shrader

MEMBERS RECEIVE AWARDS



Commandant John Froehlich receives plaque from National Headquarters, celebrating 1st place Recruiting Plaque, streamer for 100% membership (maintaining our membership over the past year) and Certificate of excellence from National, in the largest Division of Detachment's in excess of 201 members. Kentuckiana Det recruited 27 new and re-instated members in FY-2015.

Additionally, Junior Past Commandant Bob Cross received the National Distinguished Citizen's Medal Gold (highest award presented to an individual by National Headquarters).

Also recognized but not in attendance at the State Conference were Mike Maloney (Distinguished Citizen's Medal (Silver) awarded by Department Commandant Zeddie Harmon.

Ron Snyder (**Department Recruiter of the year Medal**)

Bob Ross (Individual Meritorious Commendation Medal for superior recruiting by Department Commandant)

These members will be presented their awards at the October meeting.

WELL DONE, Marines!!!!



MEMBER WARREN DIFFEY



From time to time, members of our Marine Corps family in Kentucky are in need of help. During December 2014, the Marine Corps League (MCL), Kentuckiana Detachment #729, brought to the attention of our local Marine Corps community the plight of Warren Diffey, a Marine Corps veteran (Operation Iraqi Freedom) and MCL Lifetime Member, whose infant daughter (Malena Alexandra) was born with an atrioventricular septal defect (AVSD), a condition of the heart in which there are holes between chambers, and the valves that control the flow of blood between these chambers may not be formed correctly. This means that blood flows where it normally should not be able to, and extra blood flows to the lungs. Although there was health and medical insurance in place to cover major expenses associated with multiple future surgeries to repair and rebuild his infant daughter's heart, co-pays for numerous physicians' visits and medical examinations had taken a toll on limited family income.

MCL, Kentuckiana Detachment #729, initiated a fund raising effort to assist Warren Diffey with multiple miscellaneous healthcare expenses stemming from his infant daughter's medical crisis, through which significant support was provided in the **true spirit of "Marines taking care of their own."** This wonderful effort was instituted by C. J. Wychulis, MCL Kentuckiana Detachment #729, who was beaming with pride and satisfaction as Malena smiled at the MCL membership, which had played a supportive role in her fight to achieve sound health.

AUXILIARY NEWS
Peggy Landis-PRESIDENT
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HELLO LADIES:

The boat ride is this Sunday October 4, be there 12:00 Noon, boat leaves at 1:00 returns at 4:00 PM. Fall is here and proving to be very colorful, leaves are falling off the trees and gathering on our lawns. Time to plan bulbs for a beautiful Spring and we really do enjoy those colors popping up early in the year, Sometimes it seems to cold for them to be up but there they are.

The Ladies got to vote on the new Building along with the men and majority vote was to continue forward. Inspections will take place, and then hopefully a closing. Let's all try to make this a good thing and press forward to enjoy the good times we have all had together and the friendships.

No Birthdays for October

Sincerely,
Peggy J. Landis

Pistol Team

Pistol team practice continues weekly on Tuesday nights at 6:30PM at Louisville Armory indoor range. Detachment members who are interested in firing with the team should report no later than 5:30PM. Practice continues each Tuesday through October 13th

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KENTUCKIANA DET. #729
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Commandant Froehlich at 1900 hours. All officers were present or accounted for.

Commandant John Forehlich announced that all further business would be on hold until the October meeting in order to allow ample time to address the question of purchasing interest in the BWC Building.

The first order of business was the question of whether the Ladies Auxiliary should be allowed to vote on the question of purchasing the BWC. **After discussion on By-laws and Robert's Rules of Order, Dale Salyers moved that we suspend the by-laws portion that prevent the Ladies Auxiliary from participating in the vote pertaining to the purchase of the Buechel Women's Club building. Mary Broussard seconded the motion. The motion required a 2/3's majority vote to pass. 76 members voted and all voted affirmatively with 4 No votes. The motion carried.**

The second order of business was to authorize the Commandant to represent the Detachment in the conduct of finalizing the consummation of the sale. **John Heffley made a motion "to move that the detachment purchase 50% interest in the Buechel Women's Club property and authorize Commandant John Froehlich to act on behalf of the League in all matters concerning the purchase of the property". The motion was seconded by Ralph Lindner. The motion carried.**

The Third order of business was the actual vote. The vote was conducted by ballot vote of members present or who had cast early votes according to the directives. Ballots were collected, and tallied by the appointed Officers headed by Sr. Vice-Commandant C. J. Wychulis, Sgt at Arms Charles Turner, and Allen Wallace.

The vote resulted in 70 votes in favor of proceeding with the purchase of a 1/2 interest in the BWC building. There were 17 votes cast in opposition. The issue carried in excess of 2/3 majority vote.

THERE WAS NO OTHER NEW BUSINESS

FOR COMPLETE MINUTES PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

DUES RENEWALS FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Previous Month

Current Month

Next Month

SEPTEMBER

100% Renewed

OCTOBER

Garrett, Ronnie
Fentress, Roger
Reiter, Kenneth M.
Hoagland, Hank
Simpson, Charles

SEPTEMBER

Adams, Chuck
Becherer, Ken
Bradbury, Don
Cresswell, Jim
Hilton, Steven
Likens, Mike
Mayer, Charles
Moore, Butch
Price, Paul C.
Tomes, Aaron

Marines,

Congratulations to the Detachment on attaining a 100% renewal for the month of September. **This is awesome!** Let's keep this record going. For all of those whose renewals are due in October, please get those dues in as soon as you can. We are on a good track at this time. We have two members from the month of August whom we hope will pull us up for the year. **Retention is important.** Being active is equally important to keep your members interested. If you are not involved in something, please think about how you can help the Detachment and by all means, ask to join in. Also, Toys for Tots is here! The Honors Visitation and Rifle Honors Detail are always looking for a few good Marines, and the pistol team is opening up another Division of competition, and finally, we now have our own building and things are really looking up. **Join in and "MAKE A DIFFERENCE"**.

Thanks, Al Broussard

BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER 2015

Hoffman E.	10/1/1956	1	Fox Otis	10/5/1949	5	Barr, II John	10/17/1947	17
LeBlond Robert	10/1/1935	1	Broussard Allen	10/6/1945	6	Hall Lewis	10/20/1938	20
Budig George	10/1/1936	1	Price Paul	10/7/1930	7	Schaad Marcus	10/21/1976	21
Hughes Walker	10/1/1939	1	Hall Bradford	10/8/1949	8	Becherer Kenneth	10/24/1933	24
Devine Michael	10/2/1950	2	Fentress Roger	10/13/1951	13	Salyer William	10/26/2025	26
Buchanan Michael	10/3/1946	3	Rausch Tom	10/14/1931	14	Heady Chris	10/26/1976	26
Adams, III Chuck	10/4/1961	4	Hoagland Hank	10/15/2025	15	Brunner Marc	10/27/1935	27
						Jordan Robert	10/27/1935	28

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR POTENTIAL PISTOL SHOOTERS

Anyone who would like to compete with our regular pistol team and form a special "Open Division Team" for submission of scores to National Headquarters is invited to attend the next team practice at 6:00 PM on Tuesday 29 September at the Louisville Armory Indoor range on Kiln Court. Please bring any center-fire automatic pistol, 60 rounds, and eye and ear protection. Our regular team will assist you in firing the annual record course of fire for Nation level Competition. You will be competing for trophies against other "Open Division teams from across the entire MCL. Our regular Service Team will finish it's record course of fire in October. Please come out and shoot with us!!!

Semper Fi,
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For a more detailed Newsletter please visit our website at:

<http://www.kentuckianamarines.org/newsletters/>

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