



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



## *Battle Born Banner*

May/June, 1999

Reno, NV

Commandant: Ken Santor, 322-1975

Adj/Pay: Dale Gardner, 323-7761

### **Welcome Aboard:**

#### *New Members who joined in May:*

Ronald H. Carr and Richard J. Olsen. We are glad to have you with us.

### **Department Convention:**

We met in Tonopah on Saturday, May 22 at 0900. There were 33 Marines, one Marine guest, one civilian guest and one Associate Member in attendance. Two Department Officers were absent: Kay Bencouter, JA and Bob Leibman, Jr. V. It was reported that Ben had heart surgery and Bob had to work.

Our new Department Officers are as follows:  
Ronald Brown, Commandant - Black Mountain Det.  
Joe Helfrich, Sr. Vice Commandant - Black Mountain Det.  
Bob Leibman, Jr. Vice Commandant - High Desert Det.  
Kay Bencouter, Judge Advocate, High Desert Det.  
Joyce Hartley was appointed as Adj/Pay, Greater Las Vegas Det., and Bob Roach as Sgt at Arms, High Desert Det. The Chaplain has not yet been appointed. Please note that not even heart surgery or working is going to get you a free ride in the Dept of Nevada: we just vote you in anyhow!

We were very honored to have John Serpa, National Vice Commandant, SW Div in attendance, who did our Installation of Officers.

We learned from the Paymaster's Report that we had some money in the till, so we all did our bit to spend it thus:  
\$500 - National Scholarship Foundation  
\$400 each to Devil Pups North, and Devil Pups South  
\$500 Basic High School Jr. ROTC Program  
This reduced things down a bit, but we still voted to put another \$1000 in an interest bearing account with the new Commandant and Paymaster deciding where this should be.

Marine Serpa reported that the next Quad Division meeting will still be at the Showboat. He tried other locations, but they could not give us dates that would coincide with Marine West in Camp Pendleton. The dates are Jan 13, 14 and 15 and he is thinking of renting a suite to have a "private party" status since we are no longer allowed to bring in our own food and beverages to their hospitality room but instead must purchase these things from them which would cost too many \$\$\$.

### **Sick Call**

#### *Illness reported since last month:*

We have only heard of Lena Gardner's continued ill health. Our dear friend Dale has surely got his heart and hands full. I know he is aware of our caring, and now perhaps it would be a good idea to get both of them at the top of our prayer list as well.

### **Color Guard Schedule:**

Sunday, May 30 - 1100 at Rock Park for the Fleet Reserve Memorial Service. This starts with a barbeque/picnic which is followed by the Memorial Service. Dress is white shirt, black trousers, bolo tie and MCL cover.  
Monday, May 31 - 1100 at the Northern Nevada Veteran's Memorial Cemetery at Fernley, NV. Dress is dress blue trousers, white shirt, bolo tie and MCL cover.  
Sunday, July 4, 1000 at First Baptist Church of Reno, 1330 Foster Drive. The Color Guard will need to be at the church by 0900. This is a musical salute to veterans and our country. It will be followed by an old fashioned 4th of July picnic - lots of food and fun. All are welcome, and if you would like to bring a dish to pass, that too is welcome. Dress for the CG is not yet determined. For everyone else, it's jeans, shorts and comfy shoes. Mark your calendar and plan to be there for both your enjoyment and to back up our Detachment Color Guard.

We need more Marines to volunteer to be a part of a Color Guard. It's not rough duty, and you will feel that you are doing a lot of good for your Detachment and your fellow Marines. Contact Ken Santor or George Shaffer if you are interested.

### **Marine Corps League Auxiliary:**

Every Marine has a Mother, and some have sisters, daughters, and wives, as well as step daughters, step sisters...well you get the message. All of these ladies are eligible to join the MCL Auxiliary. At present the Greater Nevada Det is the only one with an Auxiliary. Now there are gals working to start units in the other Detachments as well. This could be a lot of fun, and as a matter of fact it is solidly confirmed that those Det who do have Auxiliary Units helping them, are doing far and away the best nationwide. So talk to the ladies in your life. Let's

*Auxiliary (con't)*

make the BattleBorn Detachment a family affair!

**Check the attached flyer for information on the High Desert Picnic..see you there!**

**Yellow Pages Directory:**

*Newsletter information:*

We are now listed in the Yellow Pages under Fraternal Organizations - temporarily it's by "information please" but it will be printed in the new telephone book. The number is 775-674-1470.

Now this is also the Shaffer fax number, which is dandy for you to leave us messages on the machine for this newsletter. You can call and leave a message on the machine, or send a fax. We don't generally answer this line, and it doesn't ring loudly, so feel free to call whenever it's convenient for you. We would like to know when there is something special going on in your life, like a new grandchild or a graduation, honors or awards. Whatever is important to you is interesting to your friends as well.

**Meetings:**

*What is your opinion?*

Our next meeting will be 8 June at 1930 at the Peppermill Hotel and Casino.

One of the things that will be discussed at this meeting is the invitation we have received from the VFW to hold our meetings at their hall. The only problem we have had with this idea so far is a matter of dates. They are already committed to other activities on the second Tuesday of the month. The first Tuesday of the month is open. So now we need some solid feedback from the important folks: YOU! Shall we move? Shall we go to the first Tuesday each month? If this is not a good day for you, what days are you free? By the way the VFW hall is located right near Moana Stadium.

**Drinks are cold!**



Join us in Fallon  
at Oats Park

26 June 1200-'til 1700

## Annual Marine Corps League Picnic

Serving BBQ Tri-tip,  
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,  
all the trimmings.

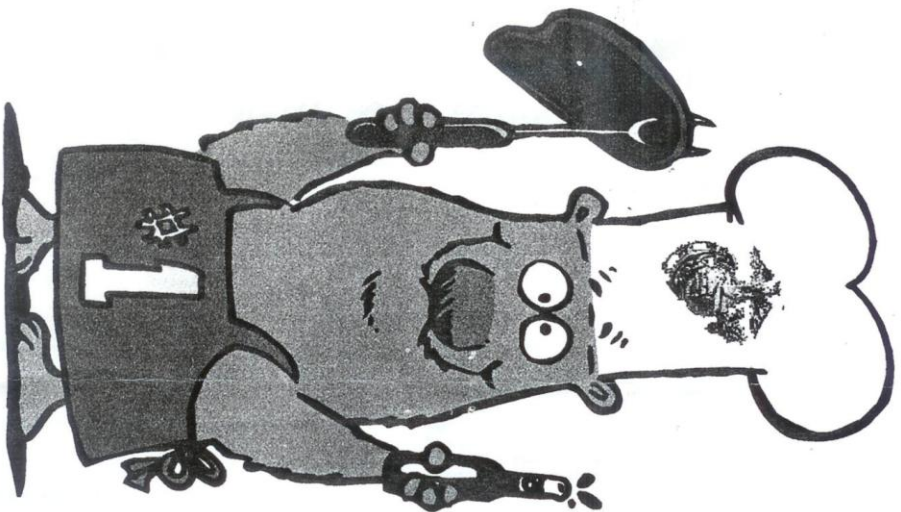
\$8 per person.

All profits will be donated to the  
Devil Pups Youth Program.

Play horseshoes, relax, visit.

Devil Pups and candidates attend free.

Call 423-3008 for info, or just show up.



**Meat's cookin'!**