

# **NORTHEAST DISTRICT ACTIVITY REPORT**

OCTOBER 11, 2010 TO NOVEMBER 17, 2010

TO: The Board  
FROM: Ed PIENTA  
Northeast District Vice Commandant  
SUBJECT: Report of Activity

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| 1. 10/11/10 | Resume "Activity Report" for 2010.   |
| 2. 10/11/10 | On Monday the installation team of Assistant NE District Vice Cmdt. Paul DIXON, NE District Chaplain Carl REINMILLER and myself attended the regular scheduled meeting of the Penn-York Detachment in Towanda to install their officers. Prior to the meeting I had asked if anyone would be kind enough to purchase tickets from the Carbondale Detachment for their raffle of "One Pound of Dollar Bills". After a short discussion a motion by Roy SCHRIMP for members to purchase tickets and then the remaining tickets would be purchased by the Penn-York Detachment was passed. A total of \$100.00 worth of tickets was sold thanks to the P-Y Det. Refreshments and beverages followed the installation. |
| 3. 10/12/10 | On Tuesday my wife and I traveled to Ogunquit, Maine for the remainder of the week for a late fall vacation. While in ME. I met some former Marines and we talked about the "Corps". It's always nice meeting new acquaintances while on vacation and having something in common. Upon my return home on Saturday I answered a few e-mails and phone messages pertaining to Detachments in my district. Some for installations others about additional V & Y tickets for their Detachment and just normal MCL matters.   |
| 4. 10/17/10 | On Sunday my wife and I attended the 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Toy's for Tots Motorcycle Ride sponsored by the Pocono Marines Detachment held at Mount Airy Casino in the beautiful Pocono Mountains Registration began at 11:00AM and included food and beverages. I was greeted by Cmdt. Mel HANSEN and later by Sr. Vice John DICKSON and Paymaster Ray FITZPATRICK. After being shown the layout and program for the event I was amazed at the marvelous turnout of cyclists that registered   |

for the ride. Also for the effort by the Detachment members being such a small Unit and putting such a huge event into action. I congratulate them upon taking such responsibility and their noble effort to help the needy of their community with a superb Toy's for Tots program

Later on Sunday I attended the White Haven Detachment regular meeting. Nominations were held for the next slate of officers for the Detachment and plans for the 235<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ball were made. Cmdt. Lou DELVECCHIO swore in one new member before a roomful of members and we received one transferee from a Detachment in New York. Two other prospects have submitted application for membership. On Saturday a party was held at the VFW for Marine Jack SWARTZ on the occasion of his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**5.** 10/22/10 On Friday at 1020 I left home for FTIG and upon arriving I went to Garrison Headquarters where I submitted the letter of request for Pistol Range 5A for the 2011, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of PA, Pistol Match. Later that evening I attended the Pack of Penna. Growl followed by the Department Board Meeting.

On Saturday I attended the Commandants Council and meetings for the remainder of the day leaving for home at 1537.

**6.** 10/24/10 On Monday I had contacted Marine Ray Fitzpatrick from Pocono Marine Detachment pertaining to his letter of intent after a discussion during the Board of Trustee meeting while at FTIG. Later I contacted a Marine in the Tobyhanna area about his intention on starting a MCL Detachment in that area. He will inform me when he can arrange a meeting. Also I received a phone call from Marine John BROGNA pertaining to having a growl of Pound 38 at the Marine Training Center in Wyoming, PA on 28 November 2010.

**7.** 11/03/10 On Wednesday at 1830 I attended the regular meeting of the Anthracite Detachment in Hazleton, PA. Cmdt. GLADEY opened the meeting and everyone in attendance witnessed the oath of membership to an associate member. During the Good of the League portion I relayed information to the body that was passed at the Fall Staff meeting. Following the meeting pizza was offered by one of the members as it was his last meeting until April and everyone wished him well during his stay in Florida. Also cake and candles and the birthday song were the order of the day along with congratulations to marine Megan OSBORNE on her birthday with everyone wishing her many more happy birthdays. Plans were finalized for their Birthday Ball.

**8.** 11/07/10 On Sunday my wife and I worked at the monthly breakfast of the White Haven Detachment at St. Patrick's Church Hall in W.H. from 0730 to 1230. After leaving and returning home to change uniforms I traveled to Scranton, PA where my Assistant NE Dist Vice Paul DIXON and I installed the Northeastern Detachment Officers.

**9.** 11/10/10 On Wednesday at 1000 I attended the annual Birthday Celebration and cake cutting Ceremony at the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Administration Medical Center. On

board were members of the Black Sheep and Wyoming Valley MCL Detachments who served cake and coffee to the nursing home patients after a brief ceremony. Immediately following the event I delivered a piece of cake to a home-bound marine whom I had previously worked with.

At 1300 I was back at the VA Medical Center for a program in the main lobby honoring all who had served, presented by the Korean War Vets and attended by all Veterans Organizations. Following the Presentation of the Wreath, Rifle Salute, Taps, Benediction and Retiring of Colors refreshments were served in Liberty Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Deck) to everyone in attendance.

I traveled to Scranton, PA and at 1800 I attended the Northeastern Detachment Birthday Ball. Upon completion of the traditional cake cutting with the Oldest and Youngest Marine present everyone enjoyed a buffet menu consisting of – Roast Beef, Chicken, Ham, Stuffed Cabbage, Red Skin Potato, Italian Green Beans, Pierogi, Tossed Salad and Dinner Rolls, all for the price of \$10.00. Certainly no profit was made as should be the order for the Birthday Ball. Congratulations to the Officers and members of the Northeastern Detachment on such a fabulous Celebration!

**10.** 11/11/10 At 1800 I arrived at St. Patrick's Church Hall for rehearsal of the White Haven Detachment Birthday Ball to be held on Saturday 13 November. The members and their wives that were present also set tables and decorations and finalized the planning for the event.

**11.** 11/12/10 I contacted PNC HASTINGS in reference to starting a new detachment at the Tobyhanna Army Depot. Also I have been in contact with the person who is interested in getting the detachment going and giving him some information as to the requirements of doing so. A meeting is to be set as soon as the person can arrange his schedule.

**12.** 11/13/10 Saturday evening my wife and I attended the 235<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Marine Corps at St. Patrick's Church Hall in White Haven. The event sponsored by the White Haven MCL Detachment began with the traditional cake cutting as well as oldest and youngest Marines receiving the first piece of cake. All that attended were treated to a superb menu.

**12.** 11/14.10 On Sunday I attended the Wyoming Valley Detachment regular meeting. I presented the members of the Rifle Team with their 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Expert Class Award. Also I had a few words from the Fall Staff Meeting that I relayed to the membership. The Detachment is doing well and their Birthday Ball is history. Plans for T4T's were being finalized as well as the installation of officers.

PROTOCOL SEEMS TO BE A BIG ISSUE IN SOME DETACHMENTS AS WE SHOULD ADDRESS THIS AT A TRAINING SESSION PRIOR TO COMMANDANTS COUNCIL AT STAFF MEETINGS. ALSO UNAUTHORIZED PLACING OF PICTURES AND WRITE-UPS IN THE SEMPER FI MAGAZINE BY INDIVIDUALS WHO PLACE THESE ITEMS EITHER FOR PERSONAL REASONS OR JUST INDISCRIMINATELY. ITEMS PLACED IN THE MAGAZINE SHOULD CONTAIN THE PROPER MCL UNIFORM AND ALSO THE CORRECT LIST OF NAMES OF PEOPLE IN THE PICTURE AND A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ARTICLE.

ALSO REMEMBER THAT THE MCL COVER IS THE UNIFORM AND WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO WEAR **ONLY THE SOLID GOLD EAGLE, GLOBE AND ANCHOR**, OTHERWISE YOU ARE OUT OF UNIFORM.

Respectfully submitted at 1942 on 17 November 2010

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