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Message from the Commandant

Our August meeting saw a wonderful event come to pass. Gene Gaudio, The Department of Virginia Commandant, was given his life membership in the Mickey Finn Detachment. In a letter to our detachment, Gene acknowledged some of the Mickey Finn members who have come to his aid on so many occasions, such as Mac Garner Jr. and Dan Hensley. Gene thanked the Mickey Finn Detachment for their generosity and the membership.

Effective September 1, 2007 a new chip system will go into effect and old chips will be replaced, although you may still redeem them.

I asked Robin Schuleman to give a brief report from the National convention. Robin has provided our detachment with any changes to our national by-

laws, as well as any reports given to our National Commandant. It was also reported that 470 votes were cast from the Mickey Finn Detachment which helped to elect Andrejs Bedelis as the Assistant Division Vice Commandant. Additionally, the detachment was proud to receive a new streamer for our flag in the form of the Marine Corps League National Jr. Vice Commandant's Citation for 100 percent membership.

There is no word yet on the status of the paperwork or legal situation concerning the League's acquirement of the property adjoining it.

Quantico Marine Base Sergeant Major Watkins spoke at our meeting notifying us of his wish to further strengthen the relationship between Marine Corps Base Quantico and the detach-

ment by working with the Sr. Vice to re-institute the Marine of the Quarter awards again. Past Commandant Hensley noted that the Mickey Finn Detachment has supported this event in its past and asked that it be a "red jacket" affair.

I would like to give a special thanks to all the members who volunteered their assistance at our annual picnic.

Additionally Mac Garner was given a special plaque in sincere appreciation for his excellent support of this detachment.

Our next major event will be the Marine Corps Birthday Ball on 10 November. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

David Elms, Commandant

Sr. Vice Commandant

We are still putting on small activities and the regular events like wing night, Friday night dinners, and Sunday breakfast. It is difficult to plan many special activities during the summer season since so many of our members are taking advantage of the weather and the season to

plan trips and vacations with family and friends.

I would like to thank the volunteers who have been helping with the visiting detachments. The opening of the Marine Corps Museum has sparked a plethora of visits by other detachments to

our area and may of them have required our assistance.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Mickey Finn Detachment picnic. This event was a huge success and the many volunteers who helped, made it a success.

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Chaplain's Corner by Euel J. Tritt

The word trust, what does it mean and why is it so important in life? Webster says a: assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something; b: one in which confidence is placed.

It is inevitable in life that we must trust others. As Marines we learn early on that whether you get your indoctrination in Parris Island or San Diego or OCS, here at Quantico, we have to trust that the Marine beside us can be trusted in a pinch.

In the bible there is a story of a young boy named Joseph who was sold into slavery by his brothers. Joseph's master must have seen great character in the young man because he rose to a position of authority. The bible says in Genesis 30:4 NIV 4 Joseph found favor in his

eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. As the story goes Potiphars wife wanted Joseph to sleep with her. No one was around and Joseph could have easily done what she asked. Instead he refused her and she became more determined and actually pulled off his robe as he ran away. She then accused Joseph of trying to take advantage of her and he was thrown into prison by his master. It would have been real easy for Joseph to sleep with her but he was entrusted by his master and most of all did not want to sin against God.

Later on in the story Joseph became a great leader and was entrusted with even more authority and was rewarded for his unchanging character.

Trust is something earned and once lost can hardly ever be reestablished. The bible gives us these important words.

Luke 16:10

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much."

I had to miss the last meeting because my daughter has step throat. Also, Carol Long is going to check on the well-being of Col. Jake Hill. Dave Wagner is doing much better and working two days a week.

If anyone needs anything just call my cell. 540-845-3852.

God Bless!

Euel Tritt, Chaplain

"...make suggestions and ensure your name is on the suggestion so we can get back to you."

Sr. Vice (continued)

Marine Corps Ball tickets will go on sale for REGULAR members on 1 October at noon and will cost \$30 per person. Members may buy up to four tickets (1 table) at that time. Tickets will be available to associate members on 15 October. For those of you who are wondering about the raise in price, we asked our caterer to add extra serving people to ensure a smoother process for our members to

receive their meals at the birthday ball. The added cost is for the additional wait personnel.

The detachment continues to need your support and help for the many activities and events. Our meals do not run themselves and YOUR support is always needed.

Whether it is wing night, Friday night dinners, breakfast, or just cleaning up after your-

self around the detachment, your constant diligence and attention to the care and staffing of our detachment home is a constant necessity.

Please take a look around and see what you can do to help this detachment continue to grow and thrive.

Danny Williams, Sr. Vice

Jr. Vice Commandant

We would like to welcome our newest members to the detachment, Ronald L. Wilks, Anthony Earnest, Deborah Horher, Richard Narum, Brendon Slattery, Creg Corvin, Thomas Jennings, Victor Eaves, Justin Horn, and Dan Terwilliger. Additionally, Robert W. Keene became a life member and received his gold card.

Look around you when you are in the detachment and when you see people you do not know, introduce yourselves and make them

“Introduce yourself to new members and make them feel welcome.”

feel welcome.

Our latest membership figures are as follows:

Total: 797

New: 10

Regular: 611

Associate: 185

Life Member: 203 of which 183 are regular members and 18 are associate members.

Bill Watson

The Department of Virginia Fall Staff Meeting 12 - 13 October 2007

This event will be hosted by the Marines of the Chesapeake Detachment. If you have not made your plans, please do so as soon as possible. Your Commandants should have the information.

Support the Department of Virginia and attend the Fall Staff Meeting and enjoy the hospitality of the Chesapeake Detachment!

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary is going to be visiting the patients in McGuire VA Hospital in Richmond on 7 October. Ladies Auxiliary President Peggy Moore said, “It will be a costume party and we are looking for member participation to make this a truly memorable event.”

Marine Mac Garner said, “You truly see things through new eyes and get a different perspective when you visit

these vets.” Additionally, these visits mean a great deal to the men and women in the hospital.

Those who would like to ride instead of drive, may ride with Shirley Keyes who will be at the detachment at 10:30 am.

I would like to thank all the ladies who brought salads, side dishes, and desserts for the detachment’s annual picnic. Your continued support helps ensure that activities and

events like this are even more special for the entire detachment.

Peggy Moore, President

October Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 25 CENT WINGS	4	5	6
7 Visit the Veterans at McGuire VA Hosp.	8	9	10 25 CENT WINGS	11	12 Dept of VA	13 Fall Staff Meeting
14	15 7 PM Officer Meeting	16	17 25 CENT WINGS 7 PM Gen. Membership Meeting	18	19	20 Band of Brothers Meeting @ Noon
21	22	23	24 25 CENT WINGS	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 25 CENT WINGS			