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## Message from the Commandant

It was with great pride and joy that I was able to present Lee, Valynn, Bill, Becky, and Janice from SAIC plaques on behalf of the Mickey Finn Detachment for their diligence and support in making the Mickey Finn Detachment website a reality. Many of you have been enjoying our website and I was glad to thank them properly in our last general membership meeting for volunteering for this task which has been long over due for this detachment.

The Ladies Auxiliary did an excellent job hosting the annual children's Christmas party. Their President, Peggy Moore, and all of the ladies did an outstanding job.

Once again the detachment hosted the Wounded Warriors Hunting trip this fall. Members of the Quantico Game Wardens office and some of our wounded warriors from Walter Reed enjoyed some hunting on the base and a hot meal at the Mickey Finn Detachment. We were also proud to have our Commandant, General James T. Conway, aboard to enjoy a meal with our wounded warriors. According to LCpl Skyler Tooker, Combat Correspondent with the Quantico Sentry, several organizations, including Training and Education Command, Range Control, and



Photo by LCpl Skyler Tooker, USMC

the Fish and Wildlife Management Office, volunteered to assist the Wounded Warrior Foundation and the Quantico Injured Military Sportsman Association in putting together this three-day hunting expedition for eight wounded warriors. This expedition includes a course for the wounded men so they could get their hunting licenses. After the class, the wounded warriors suited up with General Conway and Brigadier General Michael Regner, legislative assistant to the Commandant. According to Fred Salo of Range Control Operations, this is the largest group of wounded warriors to come to the base at one time.

January not only brings a new year, but elections for the Board

of Officers for the detachment. If any regular member is planning on volunteering as an officer for this detachment, please see Marine Mac Garner with your slate of candidates, if you have one. We need all of the regular the members that can attend to come out and vote for the new leadership for the Mickey Finn Detachment. As this year of service as your Commandant draws to a close, I want to thank all the members who have given of their time and talents to keep this detachment going. It takes all of us together to run this detachment.

Thank you and God Bless,  
David Elms, Commandant

## Chaplain's Corner

Please say a prayer for Billy Breeden who had a heart attack. We all hope for his speedy recovery.

Keep in mind that this past holiday was actually the celebration not of Santa Claus, or some "holiday season", but to herald the great joy of the birth of the baby Jesus. It is about the story of the shepherds who saw an angel who told them to go to a town called Bethlehem and there they would find a baby in a manger and his name would be Emmanuel. It is about the Maggi who followed a star to Bethlehem so that they might worship at the feet of the newborn king. As the son of God, Jesus would have a magnificent calling in his life. He would eventually give his life so that we might have life everlasting again with the Father in the Kingdom of heaven.

As we conclude the Christmas festivities, please remember not to drink and drive.

Take some time to do something nice for someone else. Reach out to those you love around and let them know you are grateful they are a part of your life. Say a prayer for someone else who needs it. Enter the new year with the spirit of giving in your heart and look at what you can do to help your fellow man. Remember the bible says, "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and deeds." I John 3:17-18

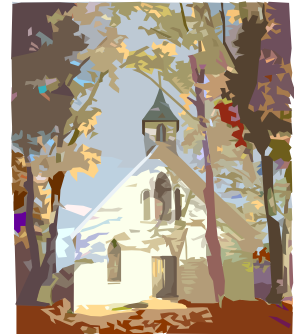
I have enjoyed being the Chaplain this past year. It is with this spirit of giving and service that I have tried to be a good Chaplain for this detachment. Faith, hope and charity are the stalwarts of this detachment. Never forget that it is by your charity this detachment gives to support the

hopes of others.

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

God Bless!

Euel Tritt, Chaplain



## Sr. Vice Commandant

A very special thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in moving the contents of the sheds. It was imperative that the sheds be moved from the property that does not belong to the detachment. Our attempts to purchase the adjoining land have been stopped by the owners. At present we are merely moving any of our items that rested on the adjoining land. A special thank you

to Leonard, the Montford Point Marine Association and the Young Marines whose help made the difficult project progress more smoothly.

This past year has not always been an easy one and our volunteers have worked hard to help me keep the enjoyment side of this detachment afloat. I hope to assist this detachment in the future and I look forward to working with

many of you as we move into the new year. Thank you for all of your hard work.

Danny Williams

# Jr. Vice Commandant

Moving into the new year means an end to the old and in with the new. As your Jr. Vice Commandant for this past year, I have been busy with the membership numbers. I hope the many members who have renewed their memberships take a look at the reason why.

This detachment operates with the help of its members. There are many detachments in the Marine Corps League which are only open when its members are available to operate it or when they have detachment business. We are

lucky here at the Mickey Finn Detachment, because we are open most of the time. But please remember as you look around this detachment, we operate because of our volunteers. Take a look around our detachment home and find something you can do to help keep the detachment going. Although we enjoy your money, we also need your action. Keep that in mind as we enter the new year. Remember this is NOT a neighborhood bar; this is a Marine Corps League Detachment. We need

active Marines and active associate members to keep our home operating. The meals, the dishes, the cooking, the serving, and the setup and tear down for parties do not get done by themselves. It takes YOU to step up to the plate and be a participant!

I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Bill Watson

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

## Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank all its members and the other ladies who contributed to making the McGuire VA Hospital visit a success. Detachment members and patients alike enjoyed the bingo party. One of the interesting people we met was a 96 year old woman who had served in Europe.

The next visit is scheduled for **January 6th** and we would welcome any member

who wishes to go with us and could help in making this an even bigger success. Your participation in this event and others like it are what make this detachment able to continue to give some light and entertainment to other veterans. It is also one of the many things that shape the face of Marine Corps League detachments everywhere.

Peggy Moore, President



