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NEW HELMET CONTRACT AWARDED

The Marine Corps and Army have tapped Ceradyne Inc., to make the first of the new Enhanced Combat Helmets, ending a five-year search for a brain bucket capable of stopping rifle rounds.

The Marines and Army have given the green light to Ceradyne to build 8,600 ECHs, which will be split between the services. Fielding won't begin until after the services approve the ECH for full-rate production, a decision scheduled for May.



The ECH is a protective helmet consisting of a ballistic protective shell, pad suspension system and four-point chinstrap/nape strap retention system. This helmet fully exploits the latest lightweight ma-

terial technology, Ultra-High Molecular Weight Polyethylene materials, to provide increased small arms protection above what is currently provided by the Marine Corps Lightweight Helmet (LWH) and the Army Advanced Combat Helmet (ACH). This material provides a higher degree of ballistic protection than Kevlar and Twaron, fibers used in both the LWH and ACH. It also provides enhanced protection against fragments.

In 2007, the Army and Marine Corps began looking into how to make current helmets stronger without increasing weight. Both could withstand a direct hit from a 9mm pistol round and some bomb fragments, but senior officials in both services wanted improved protection against rifle shots.

The contract award comes after the Ceradyne ECH suffered failures in the First Article Test process early last year. I guess we'll have to trust that the problems were resolved. The Marines are expected to receive 38,500 helmets, while the Army will buy a total of 200,000

Women to Attend Infantry School at Quantico

The Marine Corps school that produces infantry combat officers will enroll its first-ever female students this year, *Marine Corps Times* has learned.

As part of the service's extensive research campaign to determine what additional jobs could be opened to women, an undetermined number of volunteers will attend the Infantry Officers Course in Quantico, VA, said **Gen. Joseph Dunford**, the Corps' Assistant Commandant. There, Marine officers are groomed to serve in direct combat roles and lead troops into battle.

"We are in the process right now of soliciting volunteers," Dunford said on Apr. 18.

It's a monumental--if controversial--move for the Marine Corps, which until now barred female Marines from the program and required instead that they attend other courses aimed at preparing them for assignments in support roles such as logistics, personnel administration and aircraft maintenance, among others.

Soon, enlisted women also will have an opportunity to attend infantry training, Dunford said.

Marine officials are developing plans to assign female Marines to the Corps' Infantry Training Battalions, which fall

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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

As I begin my first term as your ninth Commandant I would like to thank a few people for providing me this opportunity to serve you.

I would first like to express my appreciation to everyone for putting your trust in me and electing me Commandant.

My hope is that I can do as good a job as my mentor and Department of Pennsylvania Junior Vice Commandant, Pound Keeper-Pound 179, Webmaster, Detachment Adjutant/Paymaster, and too many others to list **Jim Powell, PC**. Also I cannot forget **Past Commandant Bill Miller, Junior Past Commandant Budd Pearce**, and **PC Don Gee**, without these Marines I would not have felt adequate in assuming this role my second year in the League. I also do not want to forget the "shoes" I have to fill with the likes of **Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr., Budd Pearce, Don Gee, Bob Sundling, Bill Miller, and Jim Powell** in attendance at nearly every meeting and event. The job these Marines have done over the past 25 years for the Veterans and Youth organizations in Bucks County and beyond is immeasurable.

I also want to thank those Marines stepping up to help lead the Detachment in the next year, **Senior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile**; (first timer) **Junior Vice Commandant Vince DeBella**; **Judge Advocate Don Parzanese Sr., PC**; **Adjutant/Paymaster Jim Powell, PC**; **Chaplain Don Parzanese Jr., Newsletter Editor/Public Relations/Historian Don Gee PC**, **Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling PC**, and **Quartermaster Corey Fisher**.

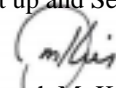
I know that everyone is not in the position to step up as often as others, but I hope that everyone will continue to help the Detachment grow and prosper. It takes everyone participating-- Marines and Associates--to make the Detachment succeed.

One great example of participation is the Department Youth and Veterans ticket sales. **Marine Ken Murray** takes the opportunity every year to set up stations and sell many of the tickets our Detachment sells, great job Ken. I will be setting up several more stations to sell the tickets this year. After the details are set, I hope to have many volunteers to boost our sales this year. Remember the Detachment gets a large portion of the sale of these tickets. This year due to some changes in State law we need to have a Small Games of Chance License when we are selling these tickets, we have copies of the license available to all who need one. We all also need to be aware what the sale of these tickets support. First of all, a portion of the ticket sales goes to the Department of Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund, and, second, a portion supports our Detachment, and in turn supports who we support as a group. In short that is the Veteran and Youth organizations in Bucks County and the surrounding area. Thanks in advance for your help with this project.

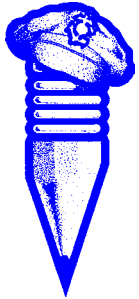
Our other great example is our Memorial Day fundraiser located at the State Store in Doylestown (Cross Keys). This event, which goes from the Thursday through Sunday before Memorial Day, would not go on without the efforts of **Junior Past Commandant Budd Pearce**.

After speaking with Budd this week, it seems like we have stepped up to fill the breach on that front, although we still may need a body or two on Saturday, May 26. Budd will have the details at the May Meeting. And also thank you in advance for your support on that project.

Once again thank you all for all that you do, keep it up and Semper Fi,


Joseph M. Kier
Commandant

APRIL DETACHMENT MEETING



MINUTES

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held April 11, 2012, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA

There were 20 members present including all officers. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr. and Bob Sundling; Department of Pennsylvania Junior Vice Commandant/Junior Past Commandant & Marine of the Year Jim Powell; Department of Pennsylvania District 2 Vice Commandant & Past Commandant Bill Miller; and Past Department of New Jersey Commandant/Past National Northeast Division Vice Commandant Ed Hoth.**

The **Minutes** of the March Meeting as published in *Listen Up!* were unanimously approved. The **Paymaster's Report** was presented and unanimously accepted.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Budd Pearce, PC, reported he and the Adjutant/Paymaster visited **Marine Ray Krout** and presented him his Charter Member and 25-Year awards.

Senior Vice Commandant Joe Kier reported the Detachment strength at 74 including 28 Life Members, 38 Regular Members, 2 Dual Members, 5 Associate Members, and 1 Honorary Member.

*He also reported on events at the Department Quarterly Staff Meeting last month and an energy program being sponsored by the Marine Corps League Foundation. Details are available on the Department website or **mclofpafoundation**.

* He also plans to set up sites around our area to sell Department Raffle tickets.

Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile reported he still has Department of Pennsylvania Raffle Tickets available for distribution.

The Adjutant/Paymaster reported Gilda's Club (Delaware Valley) in Warminster will be holding a "Bucks County Veteran's Social" on Wed., May 2, from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at 200 Kirk Rd. in Warminster.

*Town & Country Players in Buckingham is offering the opportunity to conduct a fundraiser in its facility. No action taken.

*The fencing club in Warrington is holding a fencing match between teams from the Army and Navy on Apr. 21 at 2:30 p.m.

*The Bridge Valley Elementary School in Furlong is hosting an event to honor all veterans on Thursday, May 24, at 9 a.m. in the school gymnasium.

*A "Welcome Home" celebration is being held on Sat., May 19, at the Bensalem Township Amphitheater & Township Building, 2400 Byberry Rd. It is "a celebration for veterans of Iraq & Afghanistan, WWII, Korean, Vietnam & Desert Storm."

*A notice from Bucks County Office of Military Affairs reminding veterans organizations about ordering flags and grave markers for Memorial Day was received. Since the American Legion & VFW Auxiliaries handle this for Doylestown Cemetery, there is no Detachment action required.

*A reminder was received from Marine Corps League Headquarters that there is to be no political activity conducted by a member while in Marine Corps League uniform/attire (see Page 9).

*The Memorial Day Foundation is seeking funds for placing flowers on monuments in Washington, DC. No action taken.

*Veterans ID cards will be available at a Senior Citizens Expo on Friday, Apr. 14 at Spring Mill Manor in Northampton and at the Levittown Fire Company (701 Fallsington-Tullytown Rd.) in Falls on Apr. 19

Judge Advocate Don Parzanese Sr., PC, reported the Detachment has no legal problems.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC, reported he had received no new requests for the Color Guard since the last meeting.

Chaplain Don Parzanese Jr. reported his services were available but not requested since the last meeting.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher reported sales of \$85.85 since the last meeting.

The Public Relations Officer set April 20 as the deadline for submitting material for the May *Listen Up!*

NEW BUSINESS

***Commandant Pearce** announced the Detachment would be holding its annual fund-raiser at the State Store in Doylestown (Cross Keys) from Thursday through Sunday, May 24-27. He is seeking volunteers to man the donations table.

***The Public Relations Officer** reported that changes to the Detachment ByLaws had been forwarded to the Judge Advocate for distribution to Detachment members as required. The ByLaws changes are on Page 9 of this issue of *Listen Up!* and will be voted upon at the June Meeting.

***Installation: Department of Pennsylvania Junior Vice Commandant and Department District 2 Vice Commandant Bill Miller** installed the Detachment officers for 2012-2013. Installed were **Commandant Joe Kier**, **Senior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile**, **Junior Vice Commandant Vince DeBella**, **Judge Advocate Don Parzanese Sr.**, and **Adjutant/Paymaster Jim Powell**. Appointed officers installed included **Chaplain Don Parzanese Jr.**, **Quartermaster Corey A. Fisher** and **Public Relations Officer Don Gee**.

*A discussion was held concerning a member who went on active duty. The Detachment has been unsuccessful in contacting him through a variety of mediums. The Detachment approved suspending the payment of his dues until he makes contact.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2012.

GOODIES FOR THE TROOPS

Peggy Sundling, who continues to send "Goodies to the Troops," has provided a sampling of items which are needed for the shipments. She cautions, "NO CHOCOLATE!" Items include Moist Wipes--with or without aloe (some people are allergic); Beef Jerky/Slim Jims--very popular; Hard Candy--no lollipops; Lotions and Moisturizers; Lip Balm; Chewing Gum; Crackers/Snacks/Granola Bars--in individual packages for easy toting; Fruit Snacks/Raisins--in individual packages; Writing Tablets/Envelopes/Pens; Crossword Puzzles; Magazines--military, automotive, hunting, etc. (used, are fine); Drink Mixes--individual envelopes.

Thanks, Marines, for your continued support!



Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling was among the "Warriors Watch" who welcomed home Sgt. Berg from his second deployment on Apr. 7. Berg was a classmate of Young Marines CO Bob Sundling.

Check Out Our
Detachment Web Site
at:
www.mclcb.org

LASTING LEGACY FOR VIETNAM VETERANS

2012 is an important year for Vietnam War veterans and their families.

This is the year that the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) will break ground to build an Education Center at The Wall designed to connect future visitors with the 58,272 names of the MIA/KIA's on the Vietnam Wall. The Education Center, to be constructed across the street from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, will contain photos and personal stories about those whose names are on The Wall. Congress has given the project its approval.

For the last few years, VVMF has conducted a campaign to collect photos of all the 58,000 + names on the wall and to raise private contributions to pay for the over \$85 million in projected costs. To assist VVMF staff with these efforts, VVMF founder and **President Jan C. Scruggs** has formed a National Campaign Committee with Honorary Chairman **Gen. Colin Powell, USA (Ret.)**, Advisory Board Chairman **Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, USA (Ret.)** and National Spokesman actor (and Vietnam era veteran) **Tom Selleck**.

Both of these tasks, the collection of 58,000 + photos and the raising of \$85+ million, are daunting. However, Scruggs faced and overcame an even more daunting challenge when he initially conceived the idea for The Wall in 1979, which he dedicated in 1982. Since then, The Wall has been one of the most visited sites on the National Mall.

There are two important ways that supporters, many Vietnam Veterans, their families and their close friends, can assist Scruggs and VVMF. The first is with the photos and the second is with contributions toward the financing of the project.

First, the photos. The first step is to visit the website **www.vvmf.org/thewall** and search for your casualty by name. Once you find the right person, click on "profile" to see if there is a photo posted. If not, then you can add one as well as post a remembrance.

The easiest way to send a photo is as an email attachment scanned at 300 dpi or higher. If you cannot locate a quality studio portrait, preferably one in uniform, try to scan one from a high school or college yearbook, a group photo, or even a snapshot. If you cannot produce a photo to send as an email attachment, a copy of a photo (VVMF does not want original photos and cannot be responsible for returning photos) can be sent to:

Vietnam Veterans Memorial
Fund

ATTN: Call for Photos
2600 Virginia Avenue NW #104
Washington, DC 20037

The directions at **www.vvmf.org/gmf.org/photos** link to a form you will need to complete and send with the photo. If you have any questions, you can contact VVMF's National Project Manager by phone at 202-393-0090, ext 120.

Next, the donation. VVMF has

scheduled the initial construction of the Education Center to begin with a ground breaking ceremony this year on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. This makes it imperative that VVMF and the Committee for the Education Center Project insure that sufficient funds have been collected to pay the initial costs before this year's Veterans Day. Time is of the essence.

To complete this challenge, Scruggs and his team have set a goal raising a gift of \$1,000 for each individual name on The Wall. Among the grassroots organizations that have stepped up to provide the \$1,000 for their individual members whose names are on The Wall is the West Point Class of 1953, a class that lost 13 of their members in the conflict. They began their effort when one member of the class took it upon himself to collect and submit 13 pictures of classmates. Then, they decided to raise the \$13,000 from the surviving members of the class. It took just under two weeks to raise that amount and when they ended their campaign, they had almost exceeded their goal by another \$13,000.

The last American combat unit left South Vietnam in 1973 and today the majority of the surviving veterans are in their sixties and seventies and are passing on each day at an accelerating rate. For most of them, this campaign to build the Education Center may be the last chance they will have to be a part of leaving a legacy for our nation's future citizens to understand the Vietnam War and the

sacrifice of those whose names are on The Wall and the patriotism of those who fought and returned home.

Contributions may be made on the Internet by going to www.vvmf.org/online donation,

or by mail at the following address:

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, #104
Washington, DC 20037-1915

Groups, such as military units, schools, or other organizations that

would like to honor their Vietnam fallen, may want to follow the example of West Point Class of 1953.

If so, please contact **Danielle Schira** at the above address or by phone at: 202-393-0090, ext 105.

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under the Schools of the Infantry.

Officials don't yet know how many women--officer or enlisted--will be put into the academic pipeline for the Corps' "03" infantry occupational code, Dunford said. All will be volunteers--and it remains to be seen how many will answer the call, he said.

The Marine Corps' top General, **Commandant Gen. Jim Amos**, traveled Apr. 18 to Camp Lejeune, NC, where among other business he was expected to meet with Marines and explain the service's plans for expanding women's career opportunities, Dunford said. Amos was joined by his senior enlisted adviser, **SgtMaj. Mike Barrett**.

"I think the important thing for us is to articulate the Commandant's intent, and to explain what he is doing and why he is doing it," Dunford said. "The best way to do that is face-to-face, and he, with the Sergeant Major ... is doing that right now."

The Corps has been studying this issue for more than a year. In February, officials announced that company-grade officers and staff noncommissioned officers would be assigned for the first time to select jobs previously open only to men, though not in the infantry or any billets for which ground combat is a primary mission.

Starting in May, women will be considered for about 400 positions within six types of battalions: Amphibious assault, Artillery, Combat assault, Combat engineer, Low-altitude air defense, Tank.

Additionally, new functional fitness tests are being developed to help Marine Corps leaders determine how women and men perform in, and cope with, various combat tasks. The goal is to establish "gender-neutral" physical fitness standards. Details are scant, but the Marine Corps' Training and Education Command is looking to purchase a variety of new equipment specifically for these tests, suggesting the tasks associated with them will closely mimic combat-essential duties such as operating and moving heavy weaponry, and carrying casualties from the battlefield.

The Marine Corps defines gender-neutral physical standards as being identical for men and women, rather than weighted--or "gender-normed"--like those applied in the service's annual Physical Fitness Test. During the PFT, women can earn a minimum or maximum score with fewer repetitions and a slower run times than their male counter-

parts.

This suggests that women wanting to serve in ground combat units will be given the shot to do so only if they can keep pace with their male counterparts. Standards would likely evaluate Marines not as women and men, but simply as infantrymen, tank crewmen or artillerymen, for example.

"There is a plan to ... evaluate males and females against those standards and, potentially, a downstream plan to put women through other training that actually will be informed by our experience" with infantry training, Dunford said. "I think you will hear more from the commandant on that coming up."

The data gleaned from all these efforts, Dunford said, will be used to inform a recommendation from the Marine Corps to **Defense Secretary Leon Panetta**.

This past winter, the Defense Department published a report saying that nonlinear combat against a shadowy enemy in Iraq and Afghanistan has negated the notion of a frontline behind which women can be kept safe.



Honoring All Who Served

Bridge Valley Elementary would like to invite you to a special tribute to honor all Veterans. Bridge Valley students would like to present you with our Honorary Trailblazer Award to express our respect and appreciation for all you have done to serve our country.

Please join us on May 24, 2012 at nine o'clock a.m. in the Bridge Valley Elementary gymnasium.

Bridge Valley Elementary School

2280 Sugar Bottom Road

Furlong, PA 18925

267-891-3700

Please RSVP by May 18, 2012 so we have appropriate seating.

Contact: Ms. Katie Melberger, Student Support Counselor, kmelberg@bvsd.org

ALERT: NEW E-MAIL SCAM

Beware--scam emails--that appear to be sent by DFAS employees!

There are emails being sent to individuals, including military members, military retirees, and civilian employees, which appear to be sent by a DFAS employee. Although the email appears to come from a DFAS employee and displays a dot mil address it is actually from a non-government email account. This is an example of what's called "spoofing."

The emails indicate that individuals who are receiving disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) may be able to obtain additional funds from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). These emails are not issued by DFAS and will likely result in

a financial loss if you comply with the suggestions in the email. Bottom line--do not send your personal information or copies of your tax returns and 1099s to the individual listed in the email.

The email indicates that individuals receiving VA disability compensation can receive additional funds from the IRS. The email states that such funds can be obtained by sending copies of your VA award letter, your income tax returns, your 1099-Rs, your RAS statements, and a copy of your DD 214, to a so-called retired Colonel at an address in Florida. **Do NOT** follow the suggestions in the email because you will be providing a significant amount of your personal information to a complete stranger, which could result in a

financial loss to you.

The 1099-Rs that are issued by DFAS reflect only the taxable portion of a member's retired pay. DFAS is not aware of any legal basis for the alleged additional funds that the IRS would supposedly pay over. By ignoring the email, you will avoid frustration, the release of personal information to a stranger, and the possibility of financial loss by ignoring the email. If you have any questions or concerns about these or any other tax issues, you should contact a known, reputable tax consultant, tax attorney, or legal assistance officer for advice and assistance. Read our agency email policy available on www.dfas.mil that has been developed to protect customer privacy.

Japan, Marines Commemorate Battle of Iwo Jima

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP S. D. BUTLER, Japan--The United States Marine Corps and the government of Japan conducted a ceremony Mar. 14 to commemorating the 67th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima.

The event took place on Iwo To, formerly known as Iwo Jima, and included U. S. and Japanese veterans and their families, dignitaries and leaders from both nations, distinguished guests and Marines and sailors from III Marine Expeditionary Force.

The Battle of Iwo Jima took place during February and March of 1945 in the midst of the Pacific

campaign of World War II. Both the U.S. and Japan suffered great losses during this battle.

The Iwo Jima commemoration ceremony is not only a time for reflection, but also an opportunity for the United States and Japan to honor the brave men who fought on this island 67 years ago. They truly represented the best of both nations.

Much has changed in the decades since the Battle of Iwo Jima and conflict in the Pacific theater during World War II. Now, the United States and Japan are partners, committed to peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region. The

commemoration ceremony will take place on that hallowed ground where the two allies, who were once at war, now stand side by side in peace instead of conflict.

The 67th commemoration of the Battle of Iwo Jima provides for a humbling experience. Individuals of both nations and service members alike are afforded the opportunity to show support, gratitude and respect to the survivors of this conflict, as they inspire us to seek peace and understanding with our neighbors, and we remember and are forever indebted to the selfless service and supreme sacrifice of those who lost their lives on this hallowed ground 67 years ago.



**Doylestown Post 175
Veterans of Foreign Wars**

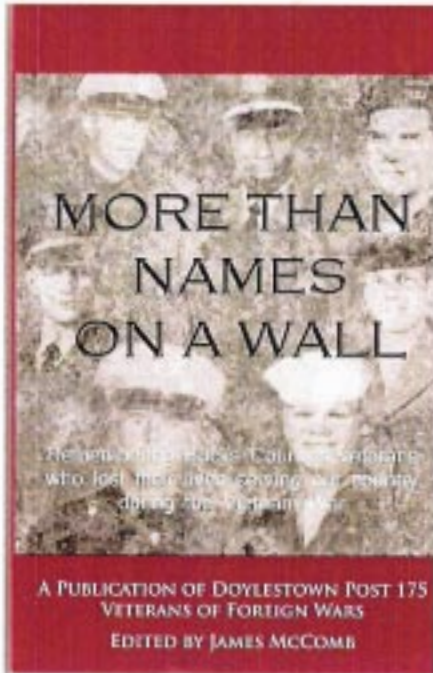
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More Than Names On A Wall

**Wednesday, May 16, 2012
7:00 PM**

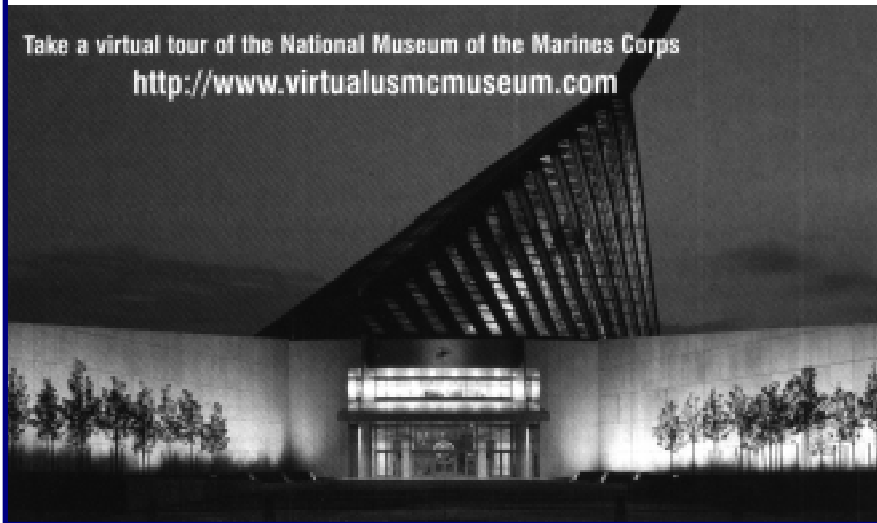
**Pearl Buck Room
Doylestown Library
150 S. Pine Street**

Admission is free



VIRTUAL MUSEUM TOUR

Take a virtual tour of the National Museum of the Marines Corps
<http://www.virtualusmcmuseum.com>



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**PROPOSED BYLAWS
CHANGES/REVISIONS/
AMENDMENTS**

The following ByLaws changes will be voted upon at the June Detachment Meeting.

1. Delete TRUSTEES from Article Two "TRUSTEES/ELECTED OFFICERS"
 - a. Delete SECTION 200--COMPOSITION
 - b. Renumber succeeding paragraphs
2. Correct (new) paragraph 201(a)(4)(d) from Public Affairs to Public Relations
3. Delete (new) paragraph 201(d)(2)
4. Article Three
 - a. Paragraph 300(c) to Public Relations Officer and Press Officer to Media Information Officer
5. Administrative Procedures
Insert "religious beliefs" in Section 103(b) after "nationality"

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

National Headquarters

March 23, 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DEPARTMENT COMMANDANTS
DETACHMENT COMMANDANTS
ALL MCL MEMBERS

Subj: MARINE CORPS LEAGUE POLICY ON POLITICAL PARTICIPATION
IN LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS

Marines: As the 2012 political campaigns heat up this Spring and Summer in anticipation of the General elections in the Fall, I wanted to take a moment to remind you that, as a matter of League policy, Marine Corps League members wearing any part of the League uniform or identifying themselves as members of the Marine Corps League, cannot sponsor a political club; participate in any TV or radio program, or group discussion that advocates for or against a political party, candidate or cause; give interviews to the press or speak at any event promoting a political candidate or movement.

The following is the Marine Corps League's official POLICY on the aforementioned subject taken from the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Chapter One, Section 110:

SECTION 110 – POLICY

(b) The Marine Corps League shall never take part in any labor or management dispute or issue, and it shall be ever non-sectarian, non-political, and non-partisan; nor shall it be based on the grounds of race, color, creed, nationality, or sex; nor shall it be used as a medium of political ambition or preferment; nor shall former or present military rank or former or present civilian position be used as the basis for special consideration or preferment.

The Marine Corps League wants and strongly encourages ALL its members and families to exercise their Constitutional right and duty to vote. With that said, our membership cannot give the impression that the League supports or opposes ANY one candidate or political party.

I enjoin you, as the leadership of the Marine Corps League, to ensure all those members under your charge review the Marine Corps League's Policy as outlined above and ensure it is adhered to. Thank you for your support on this issue. God Bless America.

VIC VOLTAGGIO
National Commandant

"Once a Marine, Always a Marine"

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22 APRIL**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
9 MAY**

**MOTHER'S
DAY
13 MAY**

**ARMED FORCES
DAY
19 MAY**

**MEMORIAL DAY
FUND RAISER
24-27 MAY**

**MEMORIAL DAY
PARADE
28 MAY**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
13 JUNE**

**FLAG DAY
14 JUNE**

**FATHER'S DAY
17 JUNE**

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20 JUNE**

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