

**Colonel Phillip C. DeLong Detachment #1267, Marine Corps League
The Villages, Florida**

**Meetings Third Monday of Each Month @Bacall Recreation Center @ 1900 Hours,
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"Marine Ace Captain Phil DeLong Flying F4U Corsair Solomon Islands 1944"



**Joe Olimpio
Commandant
2011-2012**

**Fred Geier
Senior Vice Commandant**

**Dennis Faillo
Junior Vice Commandant**

**John Davies
Judge Advocate**

**Don Westlake
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**John Ryan
Paymaster**

**Ralph Hoffmann
Chaplain**

**Bob Baden
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**Jim Coleman
Quartermaster**

**Jack Maiz
Newsletter/Public Relations**

**Angelo Grotticelli
Web Sergeant/Communications**

**Charlie Miner
Color/Honor Guard Sergeant**

**Roger Carignan
Development Officer**

**Roy Thacker
Historian**

**Jack Maiz
Past Commandant**

**Dan Smycynski
Past Commandant**

**G. Lee Radford
Past Commandant**

**Bernie McCarthy
Past Commandant**

Commandant's Message, August, 2011

Marines, Associate Members and Members of our Ladies Auxiliary:

While we are enjoying the summer with friends and family, I hope everyone will take a moment to remember those who are serving in harm's way and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We should also honor our Wounded Warriors who have suffered catastrophic injuries while in the service of our country. Last month, 5 members of the detachment accepted the invitation to attend the monthly Operation Helping Hand dinner at the James A. Hadley, VA Hospital in Tampa, to honor our wounded troops. The purpose of the dinner is to let the active duty patients and their families know that we recognize, support and thank them for their sacrifices and for what they have done for our country. We met and spoke with several wounded warriors and I was amazed at their general upbeat attitude and sense of humor of these fine men and women. It was our honor to be able to express our sincere appreciation to them and their families and it was apparent that they appreciated our taking time to visit them. For me, visiting the hospital was a sense of pride and duty and I would encourage every member to find some time to go and visit them. These young warriors spend 24/7 at the hospital recovering from their wounds and you're visiting helps make that time pass knowing they have not been forgotten. Past Commandant Maiz is going to be going down for the August 18th dinner, please be sure to let him know if you would like to go along.

*Semper Fidelis,
Joe Olimpio, Commandant
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Upcoming Detachment Events Mark your Calendars!

Get Involved, show your Pride and Be an active member!!!

- **MCL Weekly Golf (Tuesday's)** Contact Angelo Grotticelli, grottica@comcast.net.
- **August Toys for Tots Pancake Breakfast, August 13st**, contact Jack Maiz, jmaiz@aol.com
- **Weekly Color/Honor Guard Practice @ Pimlico Rec. Center Thursday's @2PM**, contact Charlie Miner prm1178@earhtlink.net about becoming a member of this prestigious group.
- **9th Annual Toys for Tots Golf Tournament, Saturday, September 24th, Havana CC**, contact Fred Geier, Senior Vice, fgeier3360@comcast.net to volunteer or play, get a foursome together now.
- **4th Annual Detachment Cook Out, Oct 1st @ Seabreeze Rec Center**, contact Ralph Hoffman frhof3132@comcast.net for tickets or to help out.
- **Ladies Auxiliary Card Party and Luncheon, October 12th @ Lake Miona Rec. Center**, contact Dottie Ryan, President @ dryan47@embarqmail.com for tickets and information.
- **Devil Dog Growl, September 14 @ Bacall Rec Center**. Contact Drew Loiacono usmcbarr13@embarqmail.com regarding qualifications to become a Devil Dog.
- **Monthly Visit to Moffitt VA Hospital Tampa, third Thursday of each month**, contact Jack Maiz, jmaiz@aol.com for details on going down for dinner and to visit our wounded warriors.
- **Detachment "Rose Program Fundraising" to help the various charities and community projects we support**. See Ralph Hoffmann frhof3132@comcast.net to sign up and work. Dates are Oct 21st, 22nd and 29th.
- **Veterans Day Memorial Service @ Villages Veterans Park, Nov 11th @ 1000 hours**, see Ralph Hoffmann frhof3132@comcast.net for details.
- **236th United States Marine Corps Birthday Ball @ Lake Miona Rec. Center, Saturday, November 5th @ 1700 hours**. See Past Commandant Dan Smycynski topski@embarqmail.com for tickets which include a sit down dinner, dancing with live entertainment and a guest of honor speaker.
- **"Adopt a Vet" school educational program visiting local schools to share your experience with students who have to write an essay about your veteran's experiences**. See Ralph Hoffmann, frhof3132@comcast.net for dates and details.



2011 Campaign Update

Fred Geier reports we have over 150 golfers already signed up for the 9th Annual TFT Golf Tournament, but we still need to get to 300 to fill the morning and afternoon flights. Please see Fred to get an application and don't get shut out. Talk to friends and neighbors to get their foursomes and come out and play.

Chaplains Corner **Ralph Hoffmann, Chaplain**

The detachment held a Memorial Service at The July Meeting In Honor of Lt. Col Terry Cannon who passed away. Dept of Florida Commandant Bill Backes presented Anne Cannon, Terry's wife with a Certificate of Remembrance and Dept of Florida Adjutant Bob Beale presented her with The EGA as a token of our sympathy. A Formal Memorial Service will be held at The VA Cemetery in Bushnell at 10:00AM November 10th, 2011. All members are Asked to attend the service which falls On the Marine Corps Birthday!



News & Scuttlebutt!

Dog Pound News

The next Growl is scheduled for September 14th and we are looking for new members to join our Pack. Information about qualifications to become a Devil Dog can be obtained from Bob Beale at our next meeting in August.

Quartermaster News!

Jim Coleman reports we now have our detachment Challenge Coins in stock for \$10 each. These beautiful coins have Col. Phillip C. DeLong's F-4 Corsair depicted along with our detachment information. Buy them while we have them; see Jim at the next meeting!

Marine Corps Ball Tickets Now On Sale!

Dan Smycynski reports MCB tickets are on sale and will be sold to membership first and public to follow. See Dan and don't miss out on the premier detachment event of the year. November 5th, 2011, Lake Miona Rec. Center. Just announced, our Guest Speaker will be a three star General from VA. Details in next month's issue.

Auxiliary News *Dottie Ryan, Presidents reported that their membership attended the recent MCL meeting to hear Anne Cannon share the e-mail and cards she received in sympathy for the passing of her husband Retired Lt. Col. Terry Cannon. 83 Card Party tickets have been distributed and 38 have been paid for. There will be no August Meeting but Dottie will be at The Bacall Rec. Center on August 15th from 7-7:30 to collect money for the party. The next MCA will be held on Monday, September 19th.*

Recruiting is the Lifeblood of the Marine Corps League
Our Motto for 2011-2012

WHO IS THIS MARINE?????



Each month we will put a picture in for you to guess who this Marine is. Last month, no one guessed the answer. Last month's Marine was no other than Bob Beale. This month's Marine is a career Marine who has been one of the hardest working members we have. Always there to lend a hand and always looks sharp in uniform. Can you guess who it is? A clue

He is a Mustang and served as a DI when he was just a PFC?

Detachment Happenings!

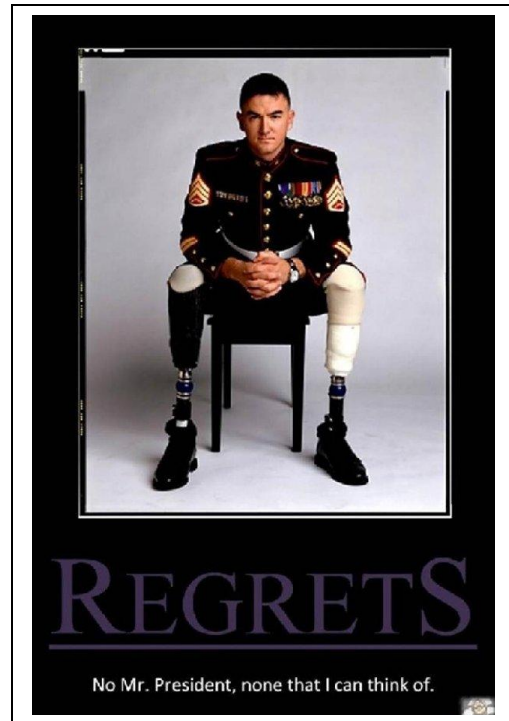
Jack and Chris Maiz, Bernie and Jane McCarthy recently attended the USMC Tuesday evening Parade at the Arlington Iwo Jima Memorial. The weather was perfect, in the 70's and the Marines were at their usual best. Prior to the Evening Parade, The Maiz's and McCarthy's spent a couple of days down at Quantico visiting the USMC National Museum and the Toys for Tots Foundation and managed to get some great steaks at the Globe and Laurel. Joe Apichella is hard at work putting together a Classic Car Show to benefit Toys for Tots. The event, will be held, Saturday afternoon, August 13th in the parking lot of Sweetbay Market in The Villages. Anyone looking to help or who wants to enter a car please contact Joe.

Today's Marine,

We often hear discussions comparing Today's Marines against the old corps. I came upon this picture that says it all! Today's Marines are every bit as good As those that went before them and They continue to inspire us and make Us proud. No, Mr. President, we have No regrets!!!

August 18th Visit to VA Tampa!

Past Commandant Jack Maiz is going to the VA Tampa, Spinal Cord Injury and Head Trauma Unit's monthly dinner on Thursday August 18th. We will meet @ Seabreeze Rec. Center Parking lot @ 4:30 and carpool down. **Anyone who have never gone should Consider going.** Dinner will be served and You will have an opportunity to interact with Our brave wounded warriors. Please RSVP Jack @ jmaiz@aol.com if you would like to go.



Don't Forget.....



Saturday, August 13th, Toys for Tots Pancake Breakfast @ 0700
Havana Country Club, we need volunteers!!! Please contact Dan Smycynski for details @ topski@embarqmail.com

Saturday, August 13th @ 1300 Hours, Classic Car Show to benefit Toys for Tots @ Sweet Bay Grocery Store parking lot, over 50 Classic cars and motorcycles, raffles, entertainment, and special events, come out and support this event!

Contact Joe Apichella for more information.

Recruiting is the lifeblood of our Detachment!

To bring a guest or sponsor a new member to join our GREAT detachment. There are lots of Villages Marines and Corpsmen who need to be aware of the Col. DeLong Detachment; Recruiter of the Year gets a beautiful USMC Jacket.....



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