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Welcome to the New year

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas, Hanukah, (or other holiday) and New Year.

This is a great time to be part of our Detachment as we begin the New Year with lots of excitement and opportunities to serve our local Marines, Veterans, and communities.

THANK YOU

I wanted to thank everyone who attended our Detachment Meeting in December and contributed to the Toys for Tots program. We collected lots of toys and everyone I've spoken with enjoyed themselves. The Elks Lodge did an excellent job of supporting our event, with food and even music. And I

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Public Info. Officer: Eric Hill
Historian: Manny Moreno, Jr.

Message from Commandant Moreno

know the children enjoyed the visit (and gifts) from the Claus family (Santa, Mrs. Claus, and 'Elf' Faith). I would also like to give a special thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for their support.

I also want to thank all of you who volunteered in either the donation, collection or sorting of toys, as well as those who helped out at the Toys for Tots warehouse.

Thank you all who worked throughout the year to make our Detachment successful. It is because of **your efforts and willingness to give of your time** that our Detachment is one of the best in the State of Florida. Personally I believe we are the Best, of course I believe we should all feel that way about our Detachment. I have started and kept a list of those who have volunteered and supported our events throughout the year and our numbers are better than reported in the past. Proof that action speaks louder than words.

COMMUNICATION and COOPERATION

As always communication and cooperation are very important. It is my commitment that if you call me; I will contact you, work with you and do my best to make your membership of our Detachment enjoyable and successful, while following the guidelines set forth by National. With that being said a Bylaws committee has been appointed to review (and amend where necessary) our Bylaws so that we are not in violation of National's Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

A nomination committee has also been appointed to nominate officers for our upcoming election.

Upcoming Events:

Rose Program, (February and March) dates to be announced later.

Leadership Class during the Department of Florida Spring Conference (March/April); this class is a **requirement for all those seeking advancement to Department level** offices. Although not a requirement on the Detachment level, I would like to **encourage all members** who would like to learn more about the Marine Corps League and the **responsibilities of our leadership** to also attend this training.

Mess Night currently scheduled for Saturday, March 22nd 2008 at the PGA Marriott. We will also be awarding the Scholarship during Mess Night.

Detachment elections...April meeting (remember being on Staff is much more than a position or title; it is also an honor and a commitment).

Golf Tournament, May 2008 more details to come at a later date.

Marines, I look forward to seeing many of you at our next meeting, Monday, 14 Jan 08 @ 1930.

Let us remember to focus on our **EXPECTED RESULTS** and to support the Detachment, our leaders, our fellow Marines, and our community.

Semper Fi Marines,
Manuel "Manny" Moreno, Jr.

Detachment Officers, Committees, Etc.

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Standing Committees

Americanism: Greg (Doc) Emery.....737-0505
 Audit/Budget: Dianne C. Bradley.....309-5262
 Birthday Ball: Jesus Pintos642-7248
 Membership: David Pintos.....969-3235
 VAVS: John (Gunny) Vissers.....968-7160
 Youth Activities: David Pintos.....969-3235

Special Committees

Awards: Jesus Pintos.....642-7248
 Golf Tournament: David Pintos.....969-3235
 Mess Night: Jesus Pintos642-7248
 Picnic: Dianne C. Bradley.....309-5262
 Rose Program: Paul Banick.....432-9177
 Scholarship: Manuel Moreno, Jr.....596-6360
 Toys for Tots: Jesus Pintos.....642-7248
 Veterans: Greg (Doc) Emery.....737-0505
 Fund Raising: Robert Rustino/William Smith.....

Detachment Units

Honor Guard: Richard Capriglione.....723-8599

Affiliated Organizations

Devil Dogs: Pound #278, Florida Pack
 Pound Keeper: PDD Lou Calleja.....747-8124
 Ladies Auxiliary:
 President Nancy Calleja.....747-8124
 Young Marines: Jesus Pintos.....642-7248

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Detachment Named for General A. A. Vandegrift

This Detachment No. 068 of the Marine Corps League, established November 10, 1973, is named for General Alexander A. Vandegrift (1887-1973), who was Commandant of the Marine Corps from 1944 through 1947. His Marine Corps decorations included the Medal of Honor, the Navy Cross, and the Distinguished Service Medal.



Senior Vice Commandant

First, I would like to say thank you to Commandant Moreno, Jr. Vice David Pintos, Adjutant & Paymaster Jesus Pintos, Judge Advocate Warren Paul, Chaplin Doc Emery, VAVS Gunny Vissers, and all the others that have helped throughout the year. They were very busy in November and December with numerous Veteran's activities and Toys for Tots. Please make sure to thank them. Without them, these activities would not be possible.

As I reflect back on 2007, I remember many changes. Look where we are now. 2008 is here and and we need to be prepared. I have enjoyed working with everyone this year and am excited for next year.

I look forward to seeing you at our all our future meetings. You are all family to me and I wish you every best wish for the upcoming year.

Semper Fi! Dianne Bradley



Junior Vice Commandant

Marines
 I hope your holidays went well for you and your family's our christmas party went well and we had a great showing of friends and familys. I hope this coming year will bring to you health and prosperity.

there are 205 members in good standing in our beloved league.

I will not be seeking reelection for Jr vice. I have other commitment with my son and his baseball, He will be playing travel ball and I will be at the base ball fields most of the time. I want to thank each one in the League for giving me the oppertunity to become the Jr vice.

I want to thank you again and God bless.

Jr Vice
 David Pintos.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary would like to thank the Detachment again for making our fundraising raffle at the Toys For Tots Party a success. As many know, this is our only fundraiser. In the past year we have accomplished the following with our funds: Packages for Marines in Iraq \$616; VA Hospital WPB \$427; Sponsored two Marines at the Birthday Ball \$110; Marines Helping Marines \$100; Children and Community \$200.

This does not include individually what the Auxiliary members do to live up to the Auxiliary's ideals of promoting the Marine Corps, Marine Corps League, love of Country and Community. As every wife, mother, sister, daughter and granddaughter knows how hard their Marine worked to gain their title, each Auxiliary member is proud and respectful to be an Auxiliary

member, using their membership to support the League.

The Auxiliary is always looking for "A FEW GOOD WOMEN". Our January meeting will be our luncheon, with details to follow.

Membership information on the web www.palmbeachmcl.org
 Nancy Calleja, President

Boy Scout Liaison Coordinator for the State of Florida MCL

We have been handing out the Boys scout award already 15 today we need more I will submit a report to state next month if you need help with this I will come to your detachment and help you find the Boys scouts in your area.

Jesus Pintos

Bugler Boosters

Jan 2008: Tom Perry
 Feb 2008: John Carres, John Vissers, Tom Perry, Tony Modzelewski, James Nappier, Tony Iannuzzi
 April 2008: Margaret Myers
 May 2008: Lawrence Kalish, Carlos M. Rodriguez, Jr., George Salony
 August 2008: Jesus Pintos, Larry Parker
 August 2008: Rick Capriglione
 Oct 2008: Carl Bergner, Rosie Langevin, Morton S. Levin, Mildred Romero
 Dec 2008: Paul Banick Sr., Jeanne Banick
 Feb 2009: Harris Levine, Jack Levine, George Veins, Thomas Totz
 March 2009: Victor Straight
 July 2009: Manny Fayer
 Jan 2010: L.S. Taylor, Lee Resnik, Dianne Bradley
 May 2010: Jim Reid
 September 2010: Warren Paul
 October 2010: Richard Wennet
 Feb 2011: Al Shimo
 April 2011: Hugh Wilson
 May 2012: Hugh Wilson
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
 Become a Bugler booster for \$10 per year. Marines, send check payable to Gen.A.A. Vandegrift Det and mail it to :
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**General A.A. Vandegrift Detachment #068, Marine Corps League of the Palm Beaches
 Minutes of Regular Meeting Monday 10 December 2007**

On Monday, Dec 10, 2007 the Gen A.A.Vandegrift Detachment, Marine Corps League of the Palm Beaches held their regular membership meeting at Elks Club, Belvedere Rd. WPB Florida.

Call to Order: Commandant Manuel Moreno Jr called the meeting to order at 1900, and ordered Sgt at Arms Thomas Totz to Advance and Post the Colors, and to lead the membership in The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Chaplain Doc Emery leads us in the opening Prayer. Sgt at Arms Thomas Totz opened the meeting to official business.

Commandant Manuel Moreno Jr acknowledged the presence of District 10 Vic Commandant Jesus Pintos, Past commandants: John Vissers; Jesus Pintos Carlos M Rodriguez, Paul Banick

Tom Cullins

Roll Call of Officers: Number of Officers present: (9) Members absent (3): **New Members. (3) Frank Damato, Vinoo Persaud Ramdat, Ariel I Ramirez**

Motion to accept: David Pintos, Seconded: William Smith
All in Faver: passed unanimously

VAVS we need help on Wednesday to feed the Vets at 9610 VFW and Saturday is ice cream day. .

Proceed to close for Christmas Party.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jesus Pintos (Adjutant/Paymaster)



**District 10
 Commandant**

We Did a outstanding Job on Toys for tots for this year thank you all for working so hard on it will need a report from all Detachment of District 10 on Toys for Tots I will be working on awarding all the units with a state award for the work that you all have done this year all the Detachment have dome so much work this year I thank you all. We got Toys for the kids in Iraq and Toys for Tots it was over 100,000 Toys. Working together will make District 10 what it is best in the State of Florida. Thank you all for working so hard to make this happen. Let's keep up the good work... Also send in your Due's on time. And your reports. We need to give out some more Boy Scout awards; we already have given out 15 awards. . Let's make sure that new members have DD-214 before joining them..

District 10 Vice Commandant
 Jesus Pintos

ADJUTANT

I will be sending out 2 new transmittal. I up date our members to date on dues so some of you owe us your dues so just send them on time from here on. We are up to 205 members most in good standing. I will be putting out a new list of members that I need to update some of there phone numbers and date of births so I can keep National roster up to date some member that have Moved.. Books are back from the CPA for this quarts audit I will have the audit at the next meeting for you all to view. I will be training the New Adj in the next few mouths.

Jesus Pintos



**DEVIL
 DOG
 POUND
 #278
 FLORIDA
 PACK**

15 Jan 2008

Devil Dogs Meeting,
 1930 VFW Post 9610,
 350 10th Street, Lake
 Park, FL.

Judge Advocate's Column

A Clarification of Membership Eligibility

By Warren I. Paul

As authorized by the national Marine Corps League and the *ByLaws* of the General A. A. Vandegrift Detachment, our Detachment has two types of members: Regular and Associate. As also authorized by the national Marine Corps League (and noted in the *Vandegrift Bugler's* "Detachment Officers, Committees, Etc." column), our Detachment is affiliated with and helps support a ("Ladies") Marine Corps League Auxiliary. Not every Detachment is affiliated with an Auxiliary, but since our's is, an applicant for Detachment Associate membership who qualifies to be in the Detachment's affiliated Auxiliary can join that Auxiliary but cannot be considered for Associate membership in the Vandegrift Detachment. This is clearly stated in Article IV, Section 1 of our Detachment's *ByLaws*. (Hereinafter, "ByLaws" refers only to the Vandegrift Detachment's current *ByLaws* unless otherwise specified.)

Our *ByLaws* Article IV, Section 1, stipulates that "The Regular membership of this Detachment shall be limited to only those persons who are serving or who have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps on active duty for not less than ninety (90) days and those persons who are serving or who have served honorably in the Marine Corps Reserve and have earned not less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points, and United States Navy Hospitalman (HM) Corpsmen and other Navy medical Corpsmen who during their honorable service have served and/or trained with Fleet Marine Force (FMF) units in excess of ninety (90) days and earned the Marine Corps Device (clasp) worn on the Service Ribbon and those who earn or have earned the Warfare Device authorized for FMF Corpsmen." Certain Korean War Era Marines with fewer than 90 days of active or Reserve service also are eligible, as specified in both our

Detachment's *ByLaws* and the national Marine Corps League's *ByLaws*. "Honorable service" can include a Marine's years of service until USMC or USMCR retirement. For other Marines, as stated in the December 2007 *Leatherneck* magazine (pages 61 and 62) by Marine Corps League Executive Director Michael A. Blum, " 'Honorable Discharge[,] or General Discharge under honorable conditions, is required for regular membership.' "

For Associate membership, our *ByLaws* stipulates that "Those individuals not qualified for Regular membership in the Marine Corps League or Marine Corps League Auxiliary who espouse the principles and purposes of the Marine Corps League as contained in its Congressional Charter may upon application to a Detachment, or to the National Headquarters, be accepted for Associate membership in the Marine Corps League."

The Vandegrift Detachment's *ByLaws* was developed and adopted in 1997 and approved by the Department of Florida Judge Advocate (as required by the national Marine Corps League *ByLaws*) in April 1999. Detachment Regular members approved Vandegrift Detachment *ByLaws* amendments in 1998, 2000, 2001, and 2003, and all of those amendments were approved by the Department of Florida Judge Advocate on 8 December 2003.

Membership in the Detachment's affiliated Marine Corps League Auxiliary is open to wives, widows, mothers, daughters, granddaughters of Marines. Auxiliary officers and other members, all volunteers, work with and assist the Vandegrift Detachment with Birthday Balls, golf tournaments, Memorial Day ceremonies, and many other activities, and conduct and/or participate in other appropriate activities, including for veterans at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Riviera Beach.

During the development of our *ByLaws*

several Detachment Regular Members pointed out that if persons eligible for the Marine Corps League-authorized Auxiliary were accepted as Detachment Associate Members instead, the Auxiliary probably would not have sufficient members to survive or be effective. Detachment members agreed that the Auxiliary should be encouraged to survive, and one result was the inclusion in the *ByLaws* of the stipulation that Associate membership in the Vandegrift Detachment was to be limited to "Those individuals not qualified for Regular membership in the Marine Corps League or Marine Corps League Auxiliary..."

A number of Marine Corps League Detachments do not have affiliated Auxiliaries. In such a Detachment, if voted in, an otherwise-Auxiliary-eligible person could become an Associate Member. If such a person sought to transfer her Associate membership to the Vandegrift Detachment, she could apply to join our Detachment's affiliated Auxiliary, but according to our current *ByLaws* she could not be an Associate Member of this Detachment.

Any vote by Detachment members to approve Associate membership in the Vandegrift Detachment for an Auxiliary-eligible applicant would be in violation of our current Detachment *ByLaws*, and thus would be null and void.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2008

05 January 2008, Saturday - VAVS volunteers at VA Medical Center, 7305 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33410. 1100. Visit veterans, provide general assistance.

09 January 2008, Wednesday - VAVS - Detachment members feed lunch to VA Medical Center veterans (patients). 1100 VFW Post 9610, 350 10th Street, Lake Park, FL

12 January 2008, Saturday - VAVS volunteers at VA Medical Center,

7305 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33410. 1100. Visit veterans, provide general assistance.

14 January 2008, Monday - **Detachment Regular Meeting. 1930 Elk's Lodge, on south side of Belvedere Road about 1/2 mile east of Jog Road, West Palm Beach**

15 January 2008, Monday - Devil Dogs Meeting, 1930 VFW Post 9610, 350 10th Street, Lake Park, FL.

18 January 2008, Friday - Deadline to submit articles and pictures for the February 2008 Vandegrift *Bugler* to Editor Dianne Bradley, email: dianne_usmc@yahoo.com.

19 January 2008, Saturday - VAVS

1300 Ice Cream Social VAVS volunteers at VA Medical Center, 7305 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33410. Visit veterans, provide general assistance.

26 January 2008, Saturday - VAVS volunteers at VA Medical Center, 7305 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33410. 1100. Visit veterans, provide general assistance.

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