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Manuel Moreno, Jr., Commandant

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Message from Commandant Moreno

MEMBERS

First I would like announce to all who weren't able to attend our June meeting, that our Mess Night / Dining In and Golf Tournament were both successful events. The numbers were very encouraging for next year's Mess Night and Dining In. And I've already had people tell me that they are looking forward to next year's Golf Tournament.

THANK YOU

While on the subject of the Mess Night / Dining In and Golf Tournament, I would like to thank Marine Jim Winters for his hard work and dedication, without him the results for the Golf Tournament might not have been as encouraging. I would also like to thank Marines Jesus Pintos and Rick Capriglione who helped to with both events, as well as thank all those who participated in the Mess Night / Dining In "Ritual" making it fun and enjoyable for all.

STATE CONVENTION

This past weekend (19-Jun thru 22-Jun) several of us attended the Department of Florida State Convention. Our Department Officers will remain the same for the upcoming year and Marine Jesus Pintos was re-elected as the District 10 Vice Commandant. There are several Bylaw changes being proposed at the upcoming National Convention to be held in Orlando from 10 Aug thru 16 Aug 2008; it is very important that we have all our

Delegates registered. I will share more information from the State Convention at our July meeting.

EVENTS

We are looking into having several social events throughout the upcoming year...for the purpose of building friendships, camaraderie, and telling sea-stories. The first proposed event is a Bowling outing (afternoon) to be held in July. These will be great opportunities for our families to meet you...our Marine Family. I would like to encourage you all to join us...if you have an idea for events please let us know...we want to include everyone who would like to participate.

PRAYER REQUEST

On Thursday 19-Jun Marine Carlos Rodriguez was been admitted into the ICU of Palms West Hospital. Upon my return from the State Convention, I tried to visit Marine Rodriguez on 22-Jun; however it was after visiting hours and I was not allowed. On Monday 23-Jun I

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Quartermaster: Jesus Pintos
Chaplain: Greg (Doc) Emery
Public Info. Officer: Mary Castillo
Historian: Manny Moreno, Jr.

spoke with someone from the Hospital who said they expect Carlos to make a complete recovery. In the meantime I would ask that you all keep him and his wife, Tina, in your prayers, Carlos is a Past Commandant of our Detachment and brother Marine.

As always I would like to encourage all our members to participate in as many opportunities as possible. And, Marines, I look forward to seeing many of you at our next meeting, Monday, 14 Jul 08 @ 1930.

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

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

SEMPER FIDELIS

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Audit/Budget: Dianne C. Bradley.....309-5262
 Birthday Ball: Jesus Pintos642-7248
 Membership: Eric Hill.....
 VAWS: John (Gunny) Vissers.....968-7160
 Youth Activities: Open

Special Committees

Awards: Jesus Pintos.....642-7248
 Golf Tournament: James Winters.....704-1693
 Mess Night: Jesus Pintos642-7248
 Picnic: Dianne C. Bradley.....309-5262
 Rose Program: Paul Barick.....432-9177
 Scholarship: Manuel Moreno, Jr.....596-6360
 Toys for Tots: Jesus Pintos.....642-7248
 Veterans: Greg (Doc) Emery.....737-0505
 Fund Raising: 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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 ADJUTANT AT THE MCL ADDRESS.**

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

Semper Fi Marines!

First, I want to remind you to attend our summer meetings. This time of year is important as that all our northern members have returned home for the summer.

Now, piggybacking on the above, I am going to be a little hypocritical. Due to my school schedule, I will have to miss the next two meetings. But, the good news is that if you are a Devil Dog, you will see me at the growls!

Also, piggybacking on the whole school thing I would like to thank you for your support and awarding me \$500 for the Paul Miles Sr. Scholarship. This will go towards my books! Thank you very much. Also, congratulations go out to the other two recipients.

I am only an email away. Should you need anything, do not hesitate to contact me.

S/F Dianne

Adjutant Joanna Kent

I look forward to working with the League as Adjutant for the 2008/09 term.

As time goes on I will have more information to pass on to the Leaguers.

I am just getting started there so there is not much to report as I am still in the process of learning all the SOP of this post. Please read through the list of MCL names to see if your dues renewals are due and submit ASAP.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

I am Marine Proud-Semper Fi.



District 10 Commandant

We will go to MCL State Conference and I will be giving the District 10 report. I'll like to thank you all for making this District the best in the State of Florida. I will be Running for District 10 Vic commandant again this Year. Hope to have all your Support.

District 10 Vice Commandant

Jesus Pintos

From the paymaster

We will have the next audit will be in September 2008

Boy Scout liaison coordinator for the State of Florida MCL

We have been handing out the Boys scout award already 61 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. Lets keep up the good work

Young Marines Commanding Officer

I'll Like to thank you all for your support with the Young Marines Most of all the Staff are Marine Corps leaguers. We just got back from a trip to Washington DC the Young Marines had a great time we stayed on base at the Marine Reserve Center.

**General A.A. Vandegrift Detachment #068, Marine Corps
League of the Palm Beaches
Minutes of Regular Meeting Monday 17 June 2008**

CALL TO ORDER: Commandant Manuel Moreno Jr. called the meeting to order at 1930

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Present: Manuel "Manny" Moreno Jr., Diane Bradley, Warren Paul, Jesus Pintos, Joama Kent, Greg "Doc" Emery, and John Visser

Absent: Eric Hill, Ray Burns

APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERS: Wilfred Antonio Alfalla and Carver Dawkins

Motion to accept-Diane Bradley-2nd-Rick Capriglione

Motion carried and approved by MCL

READING ON LAST MONTHS MINUTES (May)

Motion to accept the minute's -Diane

Bradley-2nd-Manny Moreno

Motion carried and approved by MCL

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter of appreciation from the WPB VA Medical Center

Mary Phillips MS-Chief of Recreation Therapy Program

REPORT OF MCL MEMBERS OR FAMILIES IN DISTRESS

Tom Botti Jr. -Hospital-Max

Feldberg-Hospital-Manny Fayer- Hospital

OFFICERS REPORT

COMMANDANT: Memorial Day Service at the Royal Palm Memorial Gardens was acknowledged and participated in by the MCL. The state convention for the MCL is the weekend of the 21 and 22 June 2008.

SR. VICE COMMANDANT: Introduced our two newest members, Tony Alfalla and Carver Dawkins. She informed the MCL she is going to be absent for the next two detachments meetings.

JR. VICE: Currently compiling information for the "New Member Package".

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Finalizing review of by-laws and preparing adjustments for reconsideration by the MCL.

PAYMASTER: He is preparing for the next audit.

ADJUTANT: Joama Kent is currently being trained for the post.

HISTORIAN: Requested that new pictures be sent to him via his e-mail address.

BUGLER EDITOR: Requested that all articles for the Bugler be sent to her ASAP after the detachment monthly meeting. She will be sending the May issue out to all MCL members via e-mail due to the US Postal Service damaging copies of the Bugler. MCL members had not received theirs because of the problem.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET: Committee will decide when they will meet for a regular date and time over the next month.

MARINE BIRTHDAY BALL: The date is set for 8 November 2008. Location and time are TBA. All MCL members will not be receiving a mailed invitation. It will be published in the Bugler. This is a cost cutting measure.

MEMBERSHIP: MCL welcomes two new members

Tony Alfalla and Carver Dawkins aboard.

V.A.V.S. There is going to be an ice cream social at the VA Medical Center for the long-term care patients on SAT 21 June 2008. Volunteers will be needed for that event. Contact John Visser. They are still compiling VAMC Fitness Report. It will be available later in the summer 2008.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES REPORT

GOLF TOURNAMENT: There were 26 golfers that participated in the MCL event.

The tournament raised funds for the detachment. Expenses are to yet be deducted.

PICNIC: A new committee needs to be formed to implement this future event.

The MCL would like to have the next picnic in September 2008.

SCHOLARSHIP: It has been divided among 3 recipients.

They are Diane Bradley, Danielle Bradley and Courtney Miles.

The scholarships were presented at this past Mess/Dining In Night held on 31 May 2008.

VETERANS: Doc Emery reported that he placed the Marine Corps flag on the Marine graves at the cemetery on Memorial weekend. He made a request that 3 or 4 more MCL members volunteer for the next year's duty.

FUNDRAISING: The Detachment made money on the pig roast. The MCL is still waiting for the donation check from the Congressman in Boca to be delivered.

DETACHMENT UNITS REPORTS

COLOR GUARD: The MCL participated in 2 ceremonies on Flag Day, one for the Elks Lodge and another for the Boy Scouts.

YOUNG MARINES: Report that the Washington D.C. trip was a great success. There were 26 YM and 10 staff that made the trip. YM visited the historic monuments, a Washington Senators ballgame and the Marine Corps Heritage Museum. They had the privilege to meet with the first Young Marine in YM history who gave them a personal guided tour of the museum.

OLD/ UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NO REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS: David Knapp, Commander of the American Legion Post of the Palm Beaches presented information about a benefit fundraiser concert on 23 August 2008 at the Palm Beach Convention Center, WPB. Tickets are now on sale for \$40.00 per person.

The concert is 50's style music with an authentic Elvis Presley impersonator and other bands. The web site is www.pbconventioncenter.com go to calendar of events, click on August 23 date and follow the prompts.

NEW BUSINESS: The Commandant made a motion to amend the MCL Vandegrift Charter to read GENERAL A.A. VANDEGRIFT DETACHMENT 068, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OF PALM BEACH COUNTY.

Motion made by Bill Smith-2nd by Rick Capriglione

Motion carried by ALL

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2045

NEXT LEAGUE MEETING IS ON 14 JULY 2008

MCL Leaguers whose
Membership is due for 2009
Renewal

General A.A. Vandegrift Detachment
068, of the Marine Corps League of
Palm Beach County

June

L. Brownson
J. Esposito
R. Fullerton
R. Hutchinson
P. Santiago
W. Schulman

July

R. Baisly
C. Bergener
C. Bryant
W. Hirshinger
S. Houlahan
D. MacPhee
M. Moreno Jr.

D. Pintos
M. Rivera
R. Robinson
G. Rosario
W. Roy
P.J. Suftko
J. Winters

August

B. Bernardino
T. Leavey
P. Massa
V. Mastrianni
S. Moore
F. Pearce
J. Rainey
S. Slausen
L. Taylor
J. Weatherspoon

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY 2008

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

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

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

14 July 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 July 2008, Tuesday - Devil Dogs
1930 1100 VFW Post 9610, 350 10th Street, Lake Park, FL

19 July 2008, Saturday - 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 June 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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*Next Meeting: 1930 Monday, 14 July 2008
Elk's Lodge, Belvedere Road, 1/2 mile east of Jog, West Palm Beach.*

