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Newsletter of the Hardware City Detachment, Marine Corps League

Commandant's Corner

Hello Hardware City members and friends,

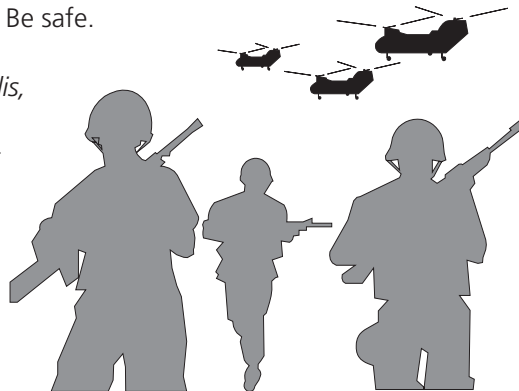
At this writing, I am reminded that we have a heavy workload coming our way at the end of May. Memorial Day brings with it a bunch of events that require our services. Among them we have the Devil Dog initiations on May 2nd and the Sacred Heart Cemetery service on Sunday May 23rd commemorating the Polish Army massacre in World War II. Next up is the Fairview Cemetery ceremony on Thursday May 27th. We then are obligated for the Sunday May 30th Memorial Day Monument ceremonies. Don't forget, this year we add the Iwo Jima Monument to the list. However, it is not part of the Parks Department schedule because the monument is actually located in Newington. We will do that event this year with and for the Iwo Jima Survivors organization. Then we get a lunch break before we muster at 16:30 for the parade in New Britain. The bus leaves the VFW at 17:00 to get us to the assembly point. After the parade, your Commandant is pleased to provide a Tailgate lunch in the VFW parking lot. We should be sufficiently worn out for the observed holiday the next day for you to need a little R + R.

For June our schedule is light. We have a Detachment meeting and then the State Convention held this year in Dayville, CT by the Paul C. Houghton detachment. We then have a July meeting before heading into August and the National Convention in Greensboro, NC.

I will report on our Awards Dinner in our July-August newsletter.

Carry on. Enjoy the spring and summer. Be safe.

*Semper Fidelis,
Raymond L. Carrier, Commandant,
Hardware City Detachment*



Chaplain's Report

To: All Marines and FMF Corpsmen –
Hardware City Detachment

The following activity is being reported for the period February 1, 2010 through April 20, 2010

HCD Wake Detail A Wake Ceremony was performed for the following Marines and/or FMF Corpsmen: Billy Rowe at Farley – Sullivan Funeral Home in Wethersfield on February 26, 2010; Also, for Donald Schroeder at Carmon Funeral Home in Avon on February 26, 2010; Russell Peterton on at Watkins Funeral Home in Manchester; Titus Sigorowicz on March 12, 2010 at Carmon Funeral Home in Bloomfield; Edward Cusack on March 15, 2010 at Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home in Wethersfield; Edward Dooley on March 15, 2010 at Carmon Funeral Home in Avon; James Coughlin on March 23, 2010 at Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home in Wethersfield; Mr. Willison on March 28, 2010 at Browne Funeral Home in Enfield; Major Charles D. Riordan at Vincent Funeral Home in Simsbury on April 7, 2010.

Get Well Cards were sent to Marines Bob Holcombe and John Lynch, and Marine Keith Bechard's wife, June.

Hospital Visit was made to Marine Bob Holcombe at Bel Air Manor in Newington.

Commerative – Iwo Jima: The scheduled Ceremony at the Iwo Jima Memorial in Newington was cancelled for 3 days straight due to inclement weather. The final Ceremony was completed in a pouring, cold rain with Major Cameron and Ray Carrier participating.

Note: There was no activity in the month of January, as your Chaplain was on a most well deserved vacation. Also, I would like to Thank Marine Al Buatti for standing in as Chaplain while I was away.

*Respectfully Submitted,
William E. Cox, Chaplain*

Ladies Auxiliary

I hope that everyone is enjoying the spring. We just returned from Florida where the temperature was 78-80 degrees only to come home to 45 degrees and rain. Oh well that's New England.

Now that I am home one of the first things that I am doing is writing this article. Don't forget that the Scholarship Applications are due by June 10th to our Chairperson, Jean Lawrence. If you did not get one and would like one you may contact Jean at 860-3572284. The Scholarships will be given out before our meeting in September.

Our Historian Celia Westergom is looking for pictures and articles for our Historian Book. If you have any and would like to share them with us please get them to Celia or call her at 860-225-1102.

If you know of anyone from our Auxiliary or the Detachment who is sick please let myself or our Chaplain Laura Boehm know so we can send a card. Laura's phone number is 860-666-3652. By the time you read this Newsletter the Awards Dinner will have taken place and I am sure it was a success.

The only Birthday we have in May is Jean Lawrence on May 1st Happy Birthday Jean & many more. We do not have any Birthday's in June. Our next meeting is May 5th due to a medical procedure scheduled for that day I will not be in attendance. The Hostess' for May are: Irene Marine and Laura Battaglia.

June 2nd is our last meeting until September therefore NO coffee or dessert will be served before the July meeting. The

Hostess' for June are: Betty Morse and Jean Lawrence. We hope everyone has a safe and healthy summer. The ladies would like to thank those that donated to our Coffee Fund.



*Semper Fidelis
Donna Rampone*

**Notice of Special Meetings
For Marine Roses and Golf Committees
To Be Held In the New Britain VFW Lounge
Every 2nd Wednesday of the Month
7:30 PM**



Hardware City Detachment Elected Officers

Commandant	Raymond Carrier 203-758-3865 rlcsr1ald2@sbcglobal.net
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Scholarship Chairman	Thomas Parker 860-563-4734 tomjudyp55@att.net
Funeral Honors	Sal Sena 860-666-8634 4mermarine@sbcglobal.net
Historian	Joe Marine 860-584-2478





Hardware City Detachment's 2010 Marine of the Year Thomas J. Parker

Thomas Joseph Parker was born in Hartford, CT on January 31, 1948. He is the 2nd of 8 kids, 4 boys and 4 girls and life was never dull growing up in a large family. Many in the family usually attend Hardware City's Awards Dinner and tonight there are a number of Parkers here to celebrate Tom's "Marine of the Year" award.

Tom played many sports growing up in Hartford and he graduated from Weaver High School in 1966. After high school, Tom followed in his Father's footsteps and enlisted in the Marines Corps. Tom's Father served in the Marines s" Division in World War II in the Pacific. Tom spent 3 years in the Marines and attained the rank of Sergeant. Thirteen months of that time was spent in Vietnam from March 1967 to April 1968. He was in the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division, H&S Company.

After the service, Tom went to work at Aetna Life & Casualty in the Group Insurance Division. In 1975 he married Judy and their son Jeff was born in 1980. Tom spent 34 years at the Aetna working in the IT area. He started on the evening crew running computers and progressed to the development area working on many different projects. After he retired from the Aetna he worked at The Hartford for one year as a consultant. After a bout with prostate cancer, he fully retired to the golf course. Besides golf, Tom enjoys being with family and friends, attending plays at Hartford Stage and Broadway shows at the Bushnell and spending more time at his Naples, FL condo which naturally is on a golf course.

Tom's introduction to the Marine Corps League came in 2000 at the wake service Hardware City did for his father and he joined soon afterwards. Joining the Marine Corps League gave Tom the connection back to the ideals of the Marine Corps; the importance of history and being a part of it having served in Vietnam; the sense of brotherhood that is instilled in every Marine; and the importance of honor by honoring fellow Marines at wake and funeral services. In addition, being part of a group that helps others through scholarships and donations to groups helping children and other veterans groups, especially Marines Helping Marines, has been very satisfying.

Tom's involvement with Hardware City has grown over the years. In addition to his participation in wake and funeral services, he has brought his organizational and computer skills to the detachment. He was Chaplain for 2 years and started the telephone tree for calling members for wake services and he computerized the records of the Chaplain's position.



Thomas J. Parker this year's recipient of the 2010 Marine of the Year Award presented by Leo Fitzpatrick

Next Tom took over as Paymaster right after Aaron Cheerman had computerized the detachment's financial records. In his first 3 months as Paymaster, Tom spent many hours reviewing and researching the books and membership roster, reviewing and cleaning up the mailing list and creating monthly reports that better reflect the financial picture of the detachment. In the 2 years as Paymaster, Tom was responsible for the checkbooks, banking, paying bills, receiving income, monthly reports, preparing

reports for federal tax filing, handling the membership roster and renewals, and keeping the mailing list up to date, etc. He has refined the income and expense entries in the QuickBooks Accounting Program to give a better financial picture for the Budget Committee and he also serves on this committee. After Tom gave up the Paymaster's position, the job that he was doing was split between 2 people. After 9 months, the current Paymaster was unable to continue and Tom agreed to serve as Paymaster again.

Tom is in his 2nd year as chair of the Scholarship Committee. Tom worked with Peter Galgano to put the detachment's scholarship application on the state's website and an applicant can now fill out much of the application online, print it and mail it in. Tom also helped John Lynch for several years with national scholarship applications by creating a computer listing of the applications that John had received.

Tom is in his 4th year as co-chair of the Golf Tournament Committee. Besides helping to plan the tournament, he does all the computer work creating flyers and brochures, handles the golf applications and sets up the foursomes.

Tom has participated in Toys for Tots doing pick-ups and for several years even handled Charlie Company's master list of companies and pick-up assignments on his own computer. When the state began paying members of the Funeral Honors Detail, Tom wrote the computer program that determines who will be paid. Tom runs the program for each funeral and even does this on his vacations since all communication is done via email.

Lastly Tom also serves on the Awards Dinner Committee and the Marine Roses Committee and, in addition, he is a member of the Devil Dogs. For all he has done for Hardware City, Tom has earned the 2010 "Marine of the Year" award.





Message from the Commandant Department of CT

Marines and FMF Navy Corpsmen

We are entering the busiest time of the year for us. I extend my personal appreciation for the effort put forth by our entire member. My congratulations, to those members of the Hardware City Detachment, receiving awards this month.

There will be many parades and ceremonies during the month of May. Please forward any information to the Department, so that we can possibly attend.

June 18 and 19 is our annual Department Convention being held in Dayville. The Devil Dogs will hold their Pack Growl on Friday and the Department Business will be conducted on Saturday, followed by a banquet. Information is available on the Department Web Site.

On a sad note, on April 13th, members of the Marine Corps League attended the wake services for 19 year old Marine Tyler Griffin, who was killed in action in Afghanistan. There was an outstanding turn out from all over the State by our members to show our respect for this fallen hero.

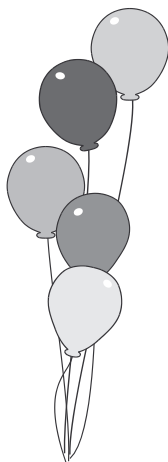
Over the course of the past two years, it has been my honor and privilege to head this organization. On St. Patrick's Day, I led a composite unit of Marine Corps Leaguers up 5th Avenue, along with New York State Commandant Daniel Tobin. A great time was had by all. I also attended a Mess Night held by the Ridgefield Detachment in Danbury. The Joint Venture Committee is also holding a Mess Night on May 15th and tickets are available. It should be a fun night and Retired First Sergeant Ben Grainger is the guest speaker.

It is my hope is that we have mended some fences and the League will continue to grow.

Semper Fi
Sam Beamon, Commandant Dept. of CT

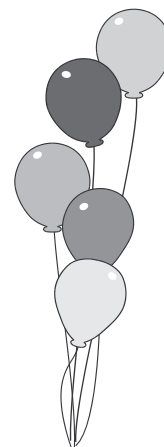
June Birthdays

Edmourd P. Touchette	6/1
Laura Olgetree	6/2
Thomas G. Buehler	6/3
Michael R. Iacoviello	6/3
Thomas L. Conant	6/4
Earl W. Herrington	6/4
John D. Mimnaugh	6/7
LeRoy T. Glover	6/9
John A. Kelly	6/13
John F. Meehan	6/13
Carlos M. Sgro	6/15
Ronald A. Bernabo	6/16
Richard Groggoza	6/18
William J. Sakowicz	6/20
George H. Pahl	6/21
Nicholas Defrino	6/23
Drew E. Gallupe	6/24
Todd M. Palmer	6/26
LeRoy Pitman	6/27
William J. Ulitsch	6/27
Jack M. Wenz	6/27
Keith E. Bechard	6/28
Ron Collins	6/28
Neil Lufkin	6/28
Robert M. Scent	6/29
Howard N. Hunter	6/30



May Birthdays

Orlando J. Rinaldini	5/2
Elain Bailey-Siena	5/5
Michael D. Miller	5/6
John V. Ryan	5/6
George F. Howley	5/7
Lamont W. Benson+A272	5/8
Richard L. Valentukonis	5/8
Carl R. Venditto	5/9
Michael S. Pizzuto, Jr.	5/11
Joseph R. Deschaine	5/14
Roman A. Leskiw	5/14
Jacob Vandrilla, Jr.	5/15
Joe Arnone	5/17
James E. Sanders, Sr.	5/20
Richard J. Machado	5/21
Peter Galgano, Jr.	5/28
John J. Lynch	5/28
George O'Rourke	5/28
Maryon Hermanowski	5/30





**HARDWARE CITY UNIT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Date of Application _____

Application Number _____

The Hardware City Unit Marine Corps League Auxiliary Scholarship Fund Grants scholarships to qualified individuals IN ORDER OF NEED AND PREFERENCE as follows:

- 1) Current paid up active members of Hardware City, Marine Corps League or Hardware City, Marine Corps League Auxiliary.
- 2) Sons and daughters of Hardware City, Marine Corps League or Auxiliary Members whom are active.
- 3) Grandchildren of Hardware City, Marine Corps League or Auxiliary members who are active.

Requirements for obtaining a Scholarship Grant:
APPLICANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THAT EVERYTHING IS INCLUDED.

- 1) Any student continuing their education directly following High School Graduation for 2-4 years. Full Time.
- 2) Please attach an official CURRENT copy of your high school or college Transcript.
- 3) A CURRENT letter from the applicant with a brief life history, choice of studies & college preference. A recent picture of the applicant is to be attached. (Picture will not be returned).
- 4) CURRENT letter of recommendation from a person, other than family.
- 5) School you plan to attend or are attending. _____
- 6) Major Field of study. _____
- 7) THIS SCHOLARSHIP MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT ONLY.

All requirements for a Scholarship Grant must be received by the
Chairman of the Scholarship Committee NO Later than June 10th.

ALL INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION SHALL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL

“ONCE A MARINE ALWAYS A MARINE”

Application Number: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Address of Applicant: _____

Telephone Number of Applicant: _____

Father's Name: _____

Address: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Address: _____

Other Family Members & Ages living at home: _____

**Application must be submitted
no later than June 10th, 2010.**

Please include the following:

- A CURRENT letter & grades from you High School or College.
- A recent photo. Not to be returned.
- A CURRENT letter of recommendation.
- A brief summary about yourself.
- Attach all forms & letters to this application & mail to:
Jean Lawrence
370 High St. Apt. 114
New Britain, CT. 06051

Signature in good faith of student applying for Scholarship:

Name: _____

Date Signed: _____

Signature of Hardware City MCL

or Auxiliary Member: _____

Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Relative's Membership # _____

Expiration Date: _____





Department of Connecticut
Marine Corps League

68th Department Convention

June 18th & 19th, 2010

Comfort Inn and Suites
Dayville, CT

Hosted by the Paul C. Houghton Detachment



Marines, Auxiliary and Friends;

The Paul C. Houghton Detachment is pleased to host the **68th Convention of the Department of Connecticut**, which will be held on **June 18th, and 19th, 2010**. The location will be at the Comfort Inn and Suites, 6 Tracy Road, Dayville, CT. This location is easily accessible from Interstate I-395.

Directions: we are the eastern most Detachment –

From I-84 take Route 6 East to Killingly (Danielson) to I-395 North.

From I-95 take I-395 North.

Once on I-395 North take Exit 94, turn left, the Comfort Inn and Suites will be about ¼ mile on your right. If you cross the railroad tracks you have gone to far.

Room reservations can be made to the telephone number **860-779-3200**. Room rates are \$79.00 per night plus applicable taxes for a standard room, or \$89.00 per night plus applicable taxes for a mini-suite. When making your reservation let them know you are with the Marine Corps League.

Friday night there will be a buffet, following that there will be a Grand Growl of the Pack. Saturday all day is the MCL/MCLA Conventions, and Saturday evening is the grand banquet, we are still working on a guest speaker. There will be a luncheon available Saturday noontime. All other meals are “on your own”. There are several restaurants within a mile. We will provide a hospitality room in the hotel on Friday and Saturday as well.

Please use the attached form to register your preference of meals and return to me at the address below by May 31, 2010. You may also telephone me if you have any questions.

Hope to see you all there!

Semper Fidelis,
Doug Fisk
860-774-0378





Department of Connecticut Marine Corps League

68th Department Convention

June 18th & 19th, 2010

Make room reservations directly with the hotel – telephone 860-779-3200

\$79.00 per night plus applicable taxes for a standard room.

\$89.00 per night plus applicable taxes for a standard room.

Let them know you are with the Marine Corps League.

Please fill out this form indicating your meal preferences and return to me by May 31, 2010.

Names of attendee(s): _____ Number attending: _____

Friday Evening – circle the appropriate number of guests you are paying for:

Buffet 1 2 3 4 Other _____ Multiply the total guests x \$20.00 = subtotal/Buffer: \$ _____

Saturday Noon – circle the appropriate number of guests you are paying for:

Luncheon 1 2 3 4 Other _____ Multiply the total guests x \$12.00 = subtotal/Luncheon: \$ _____

Saturday Evening – circle the appropriate number of guests you are paying for:

Prime Rib 1 2 3 4 Other _____

Scrod Bellavista 1 2 3 4 Other _____

Baked Stuffed Chicken 1 2 3 4 Other _____

Multiply the total guests x \$30.00 = subtotal/Banquet: \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Please mail your check (payable to "Paul C. Houghton Det. MCL") and this form to:

Paul C. Houghton Detachment, PO Box 4, Danielson, CT 06239-0004

2010 Department of Connecticut Convention

Program Book Ads

Full Page \$100.00

Half Page \$60.00

Quarter Page \$30.00

Eighth Page \$20.00

Booster. \$5.00 per name

Please send your camera ready artwork and a check made payable to "Paul C. Houghton Det. MCL" and mail to:

Paul C. Houghton Detachment, P.O. Box 4, Danielson, CT 06239-0004



9th Annual Hardware City Detachment Golf Tournament

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Indian Hill Country Club – 111 Golf Street, Newington, CT 06111

www.ihccgolf.com

Player Registration - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

12:30 pm Shotgun Start – Scramble Format

\$125.00 Per Player (\$115.00 if paid by July 31st) – \$30 (Dinner Buffet Only)

Boxed Lunch Wraps include (Sliced Turkey, Roast Beef, Tuna Salad) – Chips, Bottle Water

Dinner Buffet (London Broil, Roasted Potatoes, Penne Pasta w/Sauce, Sausage & Peppers, Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls & Butter) – Includes Coffee, Hot & Ice Tea, Dessert

Hole 'n One – Win a Car Sponsored by Monoco Ford of Glastonbury

Ancillary Items –

- 18 Holes Golf w/Cart – Golf Cart Label with players' names
- Bag Drop Off
- Range Balls & Practice Facilities
- Use of Men's and Women's Locker Room
- Raffles – Including 50/50 Raffle
- Free Team Photos
- Cash Bar
- Cash Prizes (1st, 2nd Place), Longest Drive, Closest Pin, Closest Line Contests
- Singles are Welcome
- Dress Code Required
- No Jeans, Cargo Shorts/Pants, T-Shirts
- Collared Shirt Required
- Shorts must touch knees
- Soft Spikes
- NO Alcoholic Beverages may be brought onto the premises

Marine Corps League Hardware City Detachment 9th Annual Golf Tournament

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Indian Hill Country Club, 111 Golf Street, Newington, CT 06111 • www.ihccgolf.com

Wayne Smyth, Head Golf Professional

Contact: Leo Fitzpatrick - (860) 667-2111

18 Hole Tournament w/ Cart – Golf Cart Labels

Bag Drop Off • Range Balls & Practice Facility • Use of Men's and Women's Locker Room

Prizes • Raffles – Including 50/50 Raffle • Group Pictures • Cash Bar

Longest Drive Contest • Closest to the Line Contest • Closest to the Pin Contest

Cash Prizes - 1st and 2nd Place winners • Singles are Welcome

Hole 'N One Contest (Win a Car)

Sponsored By Monoco Ford - Glastonbury

Dress Code Required:

No Jeans, Cargo Shorts/Pants, T-Shirts

Collared Shirt required • Shorts must touch knees • Soft Spikes

No Alcoholic Beverages brought on the course

Schedule of Events

10:00 – 12:00 Registration • 12:30 pm Shotgun • Scramble Format

Boxed Lunch on Course • Cheese and Crackers after Golf

Dinner Buffet (*London Broil, Roasted Potatoes, Penne Pasta w/Sauce, Sausage & Peppers,
Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea, and Dessert*)

About Us.....Hardware City Detachment –

The Marine Corps League was incorporated by an "Act of Congress" in 1937. The league promotes and perpetuates the "Ideals of American Freedom and Democracy", along with the "Traditions and Spirit" of all Marines – Active and non-Active. The Hardware City Detachment supports local Veteran's Organizations and various charities. We perform numerous Ritual Ceremonies and Funeral Memorials for Marines and FMF Corpsmen. Proceeds from this tournament support our "Marines Helping Marines" Charity and "Scholarship Grants" Program.

Registration Form:

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

City _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Phone _____

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

City _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Phone _____

**Marine Corps League Hardware City Detachment
9th Annual Golf Tournament**

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

HCD is a 501 c (4) non-profit organization

Sponsorship Opportunities

- ★ **Eagle Sponsor**\$850.
A complimentary foursome with dinner, Eagle Signage at tee, and 4 guest tickets to dinner
- ★ **Birdie Sponsor**\$650.
A complimentary foursome with dinner, Birdie Signage at tee
- ★ **Par Sponsor**\$350.
Four guest tickets to dinner, and Par Signage at tee
- ★ **Platinum Tee Sponsor**\$200.
Platinum recognition Signage at tee
- ★ **Gold Tee Sponsor**\$100.
Gold recognition Signage at tee
- ★ **Silver Tee Sponsor**\$50.
Silver recognition Signage at tee

Sponsor Level: _____ Sponsorship Amount: _____

Company Name: _____

<i>Player Information:</i>	Individual	\$125
	Two players	\$250
	Foursome	\$500

No. Golfers _____ X \$125 = Total Amt \$ _____
(If received by July 31st = \$115 per golfer)

Dinner Buffet Only:

No. People _____ X \$30 = Total Amt \$ _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Hardware City Detachment, MCL
Return completed form & payment to:
Thomas J. Parker • 55 Collier Road • Wethersfield, CT 06109-3525
(860) 563-4734



Scratchings from the CT Worthy Pack Leader

I attended the New England Division / Quad State Conference hosted by the Department of Vermont on the 16th & 17th of April. The Connecticut Pack had a great representation of dogs at the growl. We barked and howled at the New England Vice Chief Devil Dog Frank Diekman, as PDD Collins was sneaking in a cat call (Meow) every now and then to get the Dogs barking. PCDD Fisk informed the Vice Chief Devil Dog that the Worthy Pack Leader of the CT. Pack was present and had a report to give. Before the Vice Chief could call on me I jumped up and identified myself and informed all present that I have a long version and a short version and paused and felt my pockets and then announced that I lost both versions. The growl went into and up roar of howls and laughs. I sat down to wait for the Police Dog to make a House Call, which never happened. Infact there where moments during the growl that I thought that the Police Dog was in a comma or that rigormortis had set in and he could not move do to the stiffness of standing in one place to long. All in all, it was a good growl, but nothing like the growls we put on.

I put in for and order of certificates from PCDD Clifton Williams, the Kennel Quartermaster, and with the order I sent a correspondence. Where as I questioned the PCDD Williams, why we did not have presentation folders for our certificates? Since the MCL does have them, I then explained my needs and the benefits that the MODD would receive from these folders. I recently received an e-mail from PCDD Williams stating that the Quartermaster now has presentation folders in his inventory and that a sample was on its way to me. "Woof Woof"

I attended Hooch Pooch Hound Pound 141's growl on April 20th, hosted by Housatonic Detachment at the VFW in Stratford. We stirred it up a bit and kept the Police Dog, PDD Jim Lauber busy catching bones as the Sir Pound Keeper Jack Dougherty tried to keep order. The Pound Keeper anointed two members of the Housatonic Detachment into the order of MODD as Pup's. We had a small gathering, but a great time was had by all. "Woof Woof"

*PDD Duanne Knowles
Worthy Pack Leader, Ct. Pack
Military Order of Devil Dogs
"It's and Honor to be a Devil Dog"*



The Plainville Wind Ensemble

Dear Veteran:

The Plainville Wind Ensemble is promoting the U.S. Marines' Toys for Tots program with a concert on November 14, 2010, 2pm in Welte Hall of Central Connecticut State University to honor our Veterans and those presently serving in the military. This is the sixth concert sponsored by the Veterans Affairs Department of Central Connecticut University and will feature the Plainville Wind Ensemble. As in past years members of Charlie Company have been present to accept the donations of toys for their annual Toys for Tots program.

We look forward to our veterans attending the concert with their friends and family or helping with the collection of toys for this outstanding program. With the economic setbacks and loss of jobs, this program will be of the greatest importance to help families during the Christmas holiday as the mission statement of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. This is a message of hope to area youngsters, allowing them a moment to experience the joy of the holiday and an opportunity for the community to band together and assist our neighbors in need. Please share this information with other members of your program. This is a wonderful concert that might be of interest to your Activities Directors at the Veteran's Hospitals to have as an outing for our Veterans.

The concert is free, new games and toys will be accepted for the U.S. Marines' "Toys for Tots" program. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

*Sincerely,
Kathleen Marsan
860-747-1851
Executive Director, Plainville Wind Ensemble
www.plainvillewindensemble.com*





MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Pack Growl at Ron Collins Doghouse, Poquonnock Firehouse Windsor 1:00PM	3	4	5 MCL/HCD Detachment Meeting New Britain VFW 511 7:30 PM Veterans Drive	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10 New Britain Veteran Council Meeting Time & Place NW TGM	11	12	13	14	15 Armed Forces Day
16	17	18	19	20	21 Rocky Hill Veterans Bingo MCL	22
23 Scared Heart Cemetery Muster 8:00AM VFW 511	24	25	26	27 Fairview Cemetery Muster 6:00PM at Cemetery	28	29
Muster for 30 Monuments 8:15AM and NB Parade 4:30PM	31 Memorial Day					



Hardware City Detachments website can be found on Dept. of CT's website: www.mcldeptct.org
Please visit this site first, then go to MCL Detachments on line.





JUNE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 MCL/HCD Detachment Meeting New Britain VFW 511 7:30 PM Veterans Drive	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Remembering When

The first gaze upon their naked innocence,
 The feel of joy so intense,
 The sweet whispers of assuring love,
 The little eyes searching for the voice above,
 The first steps without a fall,
 The running after a ball or playing with a doll,
 The day 'ma ma' and 'da da' were heard,
 The sentences streaming beyond one word,
 The mixed emotions on their first day of school,
 The interesting times with the car pool,
 The first football and baseball thrown,
 The dance recital with beauty shown,
 The growth spurt into a teen,
 The start of self-independence seen,
 The nervous excitement of their first date,
 The difficult conversations when they were late,
 The pride in their various skills,
 The shutter at paying some of those bills,
 The kisses and hugs regardless of their best,
 The tears that fell when they left the nest,
 The time is today,
 The path taken is the military way,**
 The love still strong, magnified by ten,
 The parents always there while remembering
 when!

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Attention To Orders!
 The next meeting of the Hardware City Detachment will be
Wednesday May 5, 2010 at 7:30 pm
VFW Post #511
41 Veterans Drive New Britain, CT



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 US WHO
 HAVE SERVED**
**WE WILL ALWAYS
 BE VERY PROUD**