

JARHEAD SCOOP



RIVERVIEW DETACHMENT 1226

Your News Letter is Back

Your newsletter is back, a new name, a new look, and a new editor; welcome to the "Jarhead Scoop".

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After making several unsuccessful attempts to replace our previous award winning editor (Debra Steele) I have decided to go it alone. However, anyone interested in stepping up to assist or take the lead is welcome. Rather than trying to duplicate our previous paper I have decided to start fresh. I am looking for ideas and items of interest so feel free to contact me or one of the Detachment officers. At this point the plan is to publish on a quarterly basis and distribution will be limited to those with email access.

Poker Run Rescheduled

Due to conflicts in scheduling and holiday commitments the Annual Poker Run which usually takes place in October has been pushed back to the first quarter of 2014; with a tentative date of March 1st. Another change is that the Legion Riders will be taking the lead for this run. However it should be noted that our commitment and responsibilities will remain the same as in past years. Tommy Reichard is the project lead for this event and can be contacted by phone H-813-409-2455, C-760-464-2478 or email devil.dog59@yahoo.com



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OFFICERS

- Commandant - Bernie Kotrady
- Sr. Vice - Sal DiFonzo
- Jr. Vice - Steve Spears
- Adj—Jack Skelding
- Judge Advocate— Walt Ryan
- Paymaster - Houston Tucker
- Chaplain —Dave Blizzard
- Sgt. At Arms -Larry Westcott

Commandant's Message



With the holidays gone by it is time to roll up our sleeves and begin a new year by getting more involved with recruiting and other detachment programs.

To assist in "new member acquisition efforts, National has approved a program where there will be an award of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars to the single Detachment that recruits the largest number of NEW members for the time period from December 1, 2013 to July 1, 2014. If each of us recruited one new member we would double our numbers and have a good chance of winning.

I would also like to inform all members that Officer Call is the last Thursday prior to our regular business meeting. "O-call" is a meeting of officers & project/committee chairs for the purpose of discussing and planning events prior to presenting them to detachment members. This is not a closed meeting, it is OPEN to any member of the detachment. If you have an idea that you would like to share, a complaint, or just want to sit in, you are welcome to attend.

As I stated in one of my earlier messages, one of the reasons that we enlisted in this outfit (MCL) was to join together in camaraderie and fellowship; there is no better way to do this than involvement in Detachment activities. This is your detachment, you can give as little or as much as you desire but step up and get involved. The Detachment needs YOU.

Chow Time

Life Membership Dues

Increase Effective 01/01/2014

Life membership fee was amended to reflect a change to the age and fee: 65 and over will increase to \$200 from \$150

Here's the new table for 2014:

0-35 \$500

36-50 \$400

51-64 \$300

65 and over \$200

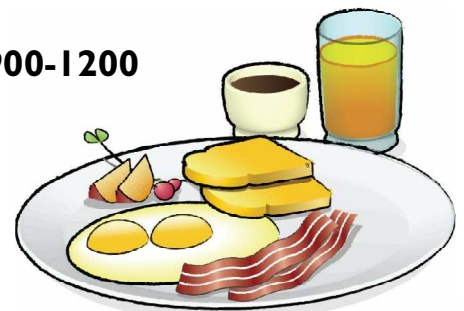
Come join us on the 3rd Sunday of every month at the VFW 8108 building for breakfast cooked and served by your Detachment. For just \$7 per person you and your family can enjoy all you can eat breakfast.

Breakfast Served 0900-1200

Jan. 19th

Feb. 16th

Mar. 16th



Detachment To Bid on Hosting a Department Conference

At the December meeting the membership was asked if they would support the Detachment making a bid to sponsor a Department Conference. By a show of hands it was approved. Peter White and Jack Skelding will begin formulating a plan. This is a money making project & if approved by the Department will require your support for success.

Officer Nominations

It is not too early to start thinking about who you would like as your leaders in the upcoming 2014-2015 years. There is no nomination committee within the Detachment, nominations are made by any member in good standing. The first nomination of officers will take place at the March business meeting (March 04). The second nomination will be at the April meeting followed by the election. Elected positions include: Commandant, Sr. Vice Commandant, Jr. Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate; only regular members in good standing are eligible for elected office.

Time to Step Up



Yard Sale

Volunteers and donations are needed to keep this project going, salable items only. Items can be dropped off during the sales on Sunday or brought to the membership meeting. We need at least two people for each 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Contact Jack Skelding or Walt Ryan for further details.

Honor Guard:

This past year included a total of 41 events: including 17 Funeral/Memorial services (American Legion, VFW, Serenity Meadows, Sarasota National Cemetery, Plant city Wells Funeral Home). If you are interested in participating in the Honor Guard please contact Walt Raysick at : WRaysick@verizon.net.

Bingo Hot Dog Sales

Volunteers needed to make & sale hot dogs, etc. to Legion bingo players. Hours 1700 -1900. Currently we have three groups ; each group works every third Wednesday. We would like to add a forth group; if interested contact either Bernie (Commandant) or Sal (Sr. Vice).



Annual Picnic



Wheel Chair Games



Homeless Memorial

The year would not be complete and as successful if were not for the outstanding performance of Kamela Ryan and her Auxiliary Unit.



These women though invisible at times have assisted us through many projects over the past year. They have supported our yard sale, VFW breakfast, Birthday celebration, conference hosting, and numerous other events. Ladies we THANK YOU for your support. .



Marine of the Year
Aux. Member of the



Run For The Fallen



2013 Summary



Change of Command



238th Birthday



Rose Fund Drive

