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NEWSLETTER

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Marines,



After careful consideration for the Marine Corps Ball and the many requests from the detachment members. The officers and I have decided to have a "Members Only" Ball this year. Due to the COVID restrictions we can accommodate only 56 people at Lakewood Manor. Unfortunately, guests and spouses will not be able to attend this year. We do apologize for any inconvenience but with the restrictions put out by the CDC and our Governor. Lakewood Manor can only do 50 percent of the capacity. However, we can still have a great Marine Corps Ball and celebrate the birth of our beloved Corps.

I spoke to our Senior Vice Commandant, Phil Hebner and he is getting with Joe Wadle about our special guest, Lt, Colonel Shusko. They will work out all the details and get a battle plan in place. I spoke to Jim Barrett about the meal and it will be (buffet style) and consist of filet mignon, salmon, a vegetarian dish, assorted vegetables, salad, and a sheet cake to cut. I have not received a price yet to set the ticket cost, however, I should have that this week. **FORMAL ATTIRE, SUIT AND TIE, RED BLAZER/COVER, MESS DRESS OR DRESS BLUES!** In addition, we will also have a bartender to serve beer and wine. We will sell tickets for the drinks as we did last year. Once I sit down with our Paymaster, Fred Marotta and talk budget and cost. I will let everyone know the ticket price and Fred will send out mailers as we did last year. With the number of attendees this year, confirmation on your attendance will **ONLY** be when Fred receives your money. The Ticket Price will be \$25.00 per member. Please start getting your checks in the mail ASAP, made out to James M. Slay and in the memo write Marine Corps Ball. Mail checks to James M. Slay Det #329 PO Box 416 Ashland VA 23005. **CUT OFF DATE TO ATTEND WILL BE NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

If we reach the magical number "56" before November 1st, I will let everyone know. Any money collected after will be refunded.

PLEASE DO NOT WAIT!

The start time for the event will be 1700 with the CMC Marine Corps Ball message, followed the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps John A. Lejeune message, Detachment Commandant remarks, and then Lt. Colonel Shusko will take the stage for his closing presentation. If you never heard the Colonel speak, you are in for a treat I can assure you. So please make every effort to attend. As everyone is aware, this is also a Toys for Tots event. Please bring an unwrapped toy in the amount not to exceed \$25. We will ensure the toys collected will be delivered to Hotel Battery. Phil will check with Hotel Battery to make sure they are having a Toys for Tots event this year.

I have received a few emails about donating funds for TOYS FOR TOTS instead of attending. If you would like to send a check for toys to be purchased that will be fine as well. I will ensure those funds are allocated to purchase toys for those in need.

That is all for now Marines, there will more details and information to follow. If you have any questions, please email me or contact me at 804-971-3448.

Semper Fi
Mark Moore, Commandant