

Commandant's Message

July 2019

Marines,

This month has flown by and we are preparing for August. I hope everyone had a Happy 4th and enjoyed spending time with your family. I know many grilled out enjoying the day's activities and saw fireworks to top off the evening.

I hope everyone got the chance to take just a few minutes to reflect on what a great country we live in. Since 1775, Marines have fought in every war to ensure FREEDOM! There are many holidays I cherish and July 4th ranks next to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

At our last detachment meeting, Danique Masingill and Jason Haag from Leashes of Valor gave a tremendous presentation on what they do. Jason's story was really heart felt and what they do for the community is nothing short of extraordinary. I believe it was well received by the membership and I hope we can have them back in the future.

Our detachment has been invited out to their facility. Danique and I have been trying to coordinate a Saturday that would work so we can take a tour. If anyone is interested please let me know. In July, we will have Major James Giudice USMC as our special guest. He is the Marine for Life Liaison and will be giving a presentation about this wonderful program. In addition, we need a detachment representative for this program. If you are interested please contact me so I can forward your information.

As many know we are hosting the fall conference and our Conference Fire Team has been hard at work. So I am pleased to announce that our conference will be held at the Hyatt House Richmond West in Short Pump, VA. We will also have some special guests with us Friday evening and Saturday morning. Trust me when I say this, you need to make every effort to be there. You will not be disappointed I assure you. The detachment officers have worked extremely hard on putting this together.

I believe this conference will be the best one yet and the venue is spectacular. We are working on the final touches which everything should be in place in the next couple weeks. I want to thank the detachment officers for the countless hours of

hard work to ensure this conference is memorable. Be on the lookout for more information to follow.

Our detachment is steadily at work and I want to thank everyone for the outstanding job everyone is doing. We have some of the finest members and I believe great things will continue. So I would like to take this opportunity to salute everyone for what they do for this detachment. Your dedication, Esprit De Corps, and devotion to duty shows we are MARINES!

That is all for now and I look forward to seeing you at our next detachment meeting. Until then...

Semper Fidelis,

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