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The Bi-Monthly Newsletter for the Frank J. Carroll Detachment and Unit

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From the Desk of the Detachment Commandant

Marines, Associate members, FMF Corpsmen,

At our September 19th meeting, detachment officers were nominated for the upcoming year, and officer installation took place during our October 17th meeting.

RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Commandant - Ron Ice;

Sr. Vice Commandant - Dillon Lucero;

Jr. Vice Commandant - Bob Cowan;

Judge Advocate - Barry Georgopoulos

NEWLY APPOINTED POSITIONS ARE:

Adjutant/ Paymaster - Don Stine;

Chaplain - Phil Price (*Jr. Past Commandant*)

Sergeant at Arms - Warren Miller;

Web Sergeant - Meg Krebs

Detachment Awards Chairperson: Meg Krebs

Thanks to all of you who attended and participated in the election.

As the newly installed Detachment Commandant, I want to first thank Jr. Past Commandant, Phil Price for his leadership over the past two years, and his willingness to further serve as the detachment Chaplain. Thank you, Phil. I would also like to thank you all for your support and trust. With team effort, we can make this a successful year. We have many great opportunities ahead of us, and I'm always open to new ideas and suggestions on ways to improve our detachment. Let me know!

SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov. 10 - Marine Corps Birthday - Let's remember what we're all about and celebrate 243 years of the Corps. Oorah!

Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day - A salute to you, the veterans.

'Stocking Stuffing' for the deployed troops. The date and time for this event is still to be determined. Tentatively, the early part of November. Tom Krueger will email everyone with information. Volunteers will be needed! There will be no regular membership meeting in November or December. The next scheduled meeting will be January 16, 2019, 1900 hrs at the American Legion Post 1, 5400 E. Yale Ave., Denver.

Three things you are encouraged to do:

1. Attend monthly detachment meetings.
2. Volunteer
3. Recruit new members.



Websites of interest

National MCL

www.mclnational.org

National MCLA

www.nationalmcla.org

MODD Kennel

www.moddkennel.org

National MODD Fleas

www.nationalmoddfleas.org

Rocky Mountain Division
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www.mcleaguerckymntdiv.org



Thank you all.
Semper Fi!

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From the Desk of the Detachment Sr Vice Commandant

No Article

From the Desk of the Detachment Jr Vice Commandant

No Article

From the Desk of the Detachment Judge Advocate

No Article

From the Past Detachment Judge Advocate

From the Bylaws Committee,

The Frank J. Carroll Detachment Bylaws have been updated. There were several updates that were required due to the action taken at the 2018 National Convention. At the National Convention, the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures were reformatted and rewritten. Of note, our changes included reference to several inclusions of required information pertaining to the Internal Revenue Service. We also included a change in the section for regular membership as eligible Navy Chaplains can now be regular members of the Marine Corps League.

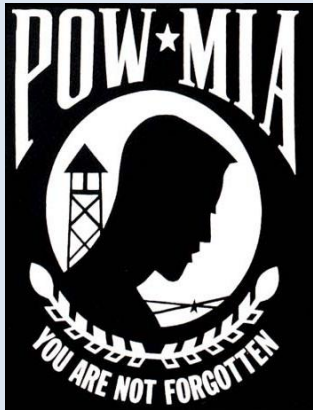
To view the Bylaws or download a copy for your personal use, go to the Detachment Website: www.frankjcarrollmclmcla.org

Fred Krebs
Past Judge Advocate



From the Desk of the Unit President

No Article



Gunny Wing's 90th Birthday Party

On September 8th Life Frank J. Carroll Member GySgt Lynn R. Wing celebrated his 90th Birthday at The American Legion Post 1. The party was hosted his Daughter Sherry Wing. The Party was well attended by family and friends of the Wing Family.

Below are pictures from his birthday Party.



Gunny Wing & Daughter Sherry Wing



Gunny Wing with Former Broncos Player Billy Thompson



Announcements

FREE STUFF

I have an MCL Red Blazer, size 48 Regular that I no longer need.

The price is right -FREE. A new Blazer from National Ship's Store is \$215.00. If you are interested, please contact me and it is yours!

Fred Krebs
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If your dues are six (6) months or more past due, you will be removed from our roster before publication of our next newsletter.

Please note National will **no** longer be sending out Dues reminders. The Annual membership year is from September 1st to August 31st. Detachment dues are \$38.00 per year and to be sent directly to the Detachment Adjutant/Paymaster. All new regular members must be prepared to show proof of Honorable Marine service.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you did NOT receive this newsletter via email, it means your email isn't on the Detachment and Unit roster. Please email Meg Krebs with your email address to better improve Detachment and Unit communication at: fjcdetauxmclmcla@msn.com.



New Mission at the VA is Service

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Contributed by [Debbie Gregory](#)

There is a new plan in the works to make customer service at the Veterans Administration (VA) priority one.

VA Secretary Robert Wilkie said that he has the commitment of Defense Secretary Jim Mattis to work together on developing a new electronic "patient-centered health care system."



Wilkie referenced his late father, a severely wounded warrior, who had to hand-carry his 800 pages of medical records to ensure he received the proper care at the VA.

Retired Army Lt. Col. Robert Leon Wilkie Sr. was severely wounded in the U.S. operation in Cambodia. The senior Wilkie had been a strapping 240 pounds before he was wounded in 1970. He returned home weighing 115 pounds.

"The VA is about serving veterans," said Wilkie. "My prime directive is customer service."

And customer service is what Wilkie is confident should improve under the VA Mission Act, which was recently signed into law. Increased funding as a result of

the Mission Act, which is projected to cost more than \$50 billion over five years, should alleviate many of the problems associated with the previous Choice Program.

Wilkie, a former assistant secretary of defense under President George W. Bush and former undersecretary for current Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, replaced David Shulkin, who was fired amid ethics charges and internal rebellion over the role of private care for veterans. Wilkie is tasked with delivering on President Trump's campaign promises to fire ineffective VA employees and steer more patients to the private sector.

But Wilkie also realizes that veterans need care from providers who can speak "in the language of veterans" and who "know what you've been through," an option that the private sector cannot provide."

The private sector also "cannot replicate" what the VA does on spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries, prosthetics, services for the blind, and suicide prevention, Wilkie said.

Upcoming Events/Meetings

Mark your calendars:

- December 2018 – NO MEETING DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS
- January 16, 2019 - Detachment & Unit Meeting 7:00 PM at the American Legion Post 1, 5400 E. Yale Ave, Denver, CO
- February 20, 2019 - Detachment & Unit Meeting 7:00 PM at the American Legion Post 1, 5400 E. Yale Ave, Denver, CO
- February 28- March 2, 2019 Mid- Winter Conference
Fredericksburg, Virginia
Fredericksburg Hospitality House Hotel & Conference Center
Guests may call (540) 786-8321 to book their reservations. Be sure to mention the Marine Corps League to get the group rate of \$99 per night plus tax. Reservations can be made now.



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