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INSTALLED! Detachment Officers for 2008-2009

Pineywoods Detachment installed its slate of officers for 2008-2009. Junior Past Commandant Roger Crone was the Master of Ceremonies for the swearing in. Pictured are, left to right: Sergeant-at-Arms Rich Barnhart, Paymaster Rob Zurfluh, Junior Vice-Commandant Jimmy Lee, Commandant Dan Singletary, Adjutant Will Lane, Senior Vice-Commandant Dennis Bradford, and Judge Advocate Phil Devlin. Not pictured is Chaplain Ken Rains.



May Meeting:

15th

The Author is unknown:

“A veteran, whether active duty, retired, national guard, or reserve, is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to ‘The United States of America,’ for an amount ‘up to and including my life.’ That is honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.”

[Togetherweserved Newsletter, August 2007]

2008-2009 Officers

Commandant—
Dan Singletary

Sr. Vice-Commandant—
Dennis Bradford

Jr. Vice-Commandant—
Jimmy Lee

Paymaster—
Rob Zurfluh

Adjutant—
Will Lane

Judge Advocate—
Phil Devlin

Chaplain—
Ken Rains

Sgt.-at-Arms—
Rich Barnhart

COMMANDANT’S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Detachment for electing me as your new commandant for the up coming year. We have accomplished much this past year because of the great leadership of our past commandant Roger Crone. I hope we can build on those accomplishments and continue to make our Detachment one of the best in the state.

I am asking all members to please recruit a new member so our membership will grow. Please make it a priority to come to the monthly meetings and be an active member. We need you to be here to give your input on all items being brought up at the meetings. I look forward to the new year and to doing good things for the Detachment.



Chaplain's Corner

by Ken Rains

When a good Veteran leaves the 'job' and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased and others, who may have already retired, wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind, because we already know. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times. We know in the Military Life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the Military world with a respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing. Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping a 'job' and merely being allowed to leave 'active' duty.

So what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that 'Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called children of God,' and you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

ACM/ICM

The Department of Defense announced 21 APR that campaign stars are authorized for wear on the Afghanistan Campaign Medal (ACM) and Iraq Campaign Medal (ICM). The campaign stars recognize a service member's participation in DoD designated campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq. Service members, who have qualified for the ACM or ICM, may display a bronze campaign star on their medal for each designated campaign phase in which they participated. The stars will be worn on the suspension and campaign ribbon of the campaign medal. Those eligible should contact their respective Military Departments for specific implementation guidance. The three campaign phases and associated dates established for the ACM are:

- (1) Liberation of Afghanistan – Sep. 11, 2001 to Nov. 30, 2001.
- (2) Consolidation I – Dec. 1, 2001 to Sep. 30, 2006.
- (3) Consolidation II – Oct. 1, 2006 to a date to be determined.

The four campaign phases and associated dates established for the ICM are:

- (1) Liberation of Iraq – March 19, 2003 to May 1, 2003.
- (2) Transition of Iraq – May 2, 2003 to June 28, 2004.
- (3) Iraqi Governance – June 29, 2004 to Dec. 15, 2005.
- (4) National Resolution – Dec. 16, 2005 to a date to be determined. [Source: DoD Press Release No. 321-08 dtd 21 Apr 08]

PHOTO UPDATE

CHARLES WILSON VA OUTPATIENT CLINIC

Site preparation is moving ahead at the new location for the Charles Wilson VA Outpatient Clinic in Lufkin as the following pictures attest.



MARINE QUOTE: "So they've got us surrounded, good! Now we can fire in any direction, those b***s won't get away this time!" CHESTY PULLER, USMC**



TFL HOSPITAL COVERAGE

The retired enlisted Association (TREA) has learned that some hospitals are playing games with Medicare and as a result, some Tricare users are ending up owing hospitals large amounts of money. The rule that if medical care providers accept Medicare they must accept Tricare apparently is not always applicable. It turns out that the hospitals still accept Tricare, and they still accept Medicare payments if the patient has previously been treated in that hospital. However, they are not accepting any new Medicare patients. Thus, if the Tricare insured has not previously been a patient at that hospital, the patient ends up having to pay the Medicare portion of the bill out of pocket. The Medicare portion for TFL beneficiaries is normally 80% but under these conditions payment under Tricare Standard should apply the same as it does for overseas users. They pay 25 % of the bill in addition to the \$150 deductible since Medicare provides no coverage outside the USA. Although this seems very unfair and is really "playing games" with Medicare and with patients, it is legal. Accordingly, Medicare eligibles need to make sure anytime they are having scheduled hospitalization that the hospital will take both Tricare and Medicare if they are a new patient in that hospital. If not, verify with your Tricare regional office if Tricare Standard rules will apply. Also, it might be prudent to check with your local hospital what their policy is in the event you will have to use them for emergency treatment in the future. [Source: TREA Washington Update 18 Apr 08]



Pineywoods detachment "goodies are now available from two sources for those who want to wear our colors proudly. All manner of items are available from **Café Press** at <http://www.cafepress.com/pwm1189b>. These items are "printed" on the clothing or hat.

Embroidered clothing and hats, as well as backpacks and portable stadium seats and other goodies are available in Nacogdoches at **Unlimited Designs** on NW Stallings Drive, next to License to Laugh, the defensive driving folks. It is also possible to have the embroidery sewn on the MCL red uniform cover there. Pricing is reasonable, and Kim Cartwright and staff are most helpful. Keep it local!

NOT EVERYBODY HATES US A Letter From An Australian Whose Son Is In Iraq

The following was circulated from the Viet Nam Helicopter Flight Crew network. Members are primarily U.S. Army veterans of the conflict, and the letter is about the soldiers in Iraq. It makes one proud of our Comrades-in-Arms, and points out that, again, the liberal press has it wrong, not because they do not understand, but because "misery" sell.

Gentlemen,

I am an Australian and my son is an Australian - as far as we are concerned there is not place on God's earth better than Australia, and there are no people better than Australians.

That was until the past week or so. My son is in the Australian Army and he is currently on deployment in Iraq. I can not go into his duties in great depth, but shall we say that he and his fellow army buddies are on a glorified guard duty looking after the Australian Embassy. They don't go out looking for "action," though it is a different story in Afghanistan, there the Aussie troops chase the baddies over the hills and into the valleys.

My son and I just ended a long phone conversation and here are some of his comments, believe me this is what he said. We have all seen the bullshit emails written by some clown in his lounge room pretending to be at the "coal face," but this is what was said.

"Before I came over here I thought we (the Australian Army) were pretty shit hot.... was I ever wrong! The Yanks (I hope you don't mind me using that word) are so professional from the top to the bottom that it is almost embarrassing to be in their company, and to call yourself a soldier ... don't get me wrong, we are good at what we do but the Yanks are so much better ... they are complete at what they do, how they do it, and their attitude is awesome ... they don't complain they just get on with the job and

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"Children should be educated and instructed in the principles of freedom."-- John Adams (Defense of the Constitutions, 1787)



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they do it right.....I carry a Minimi (SAW) so I am not real worried about a confrontation but I tell you I feel safer just knowing that the US Army is close by....If we got into trouble I know that our boys would come running and we could deal with it but they would probably be passed by a load of Hummers. No questions asked, no glory sought, the Americans would just fight with us and for us because that is their nature, to protect those in need of protection.....We use the American Mess so you could say that we are fed by the Americans ... they have every right to be pissed at that but they don't bitch about that they just make us feel as welcome as possible ... what gets to me is that the Yanks don't walk around with a "we are better than you attitude" and they could because they are, they treat us as equals and as brothers in arms. If nothing else, coming here has taught me that the Americans are a truly great Nation and a truly great bunch of people Let's face it they don't HAVE to be here, they could stay in America and beat the shit out of anyone who threatened them, BUT THEY ARE HERE because they believe they should be here, and the Iraqis would be screwed if they weren't here When I come home, you and I we are going to the US, we will buy some bikes and we are going riding"

The reason why I am sharing this with you is because I realize that you (as a nation) must get pretty pissed with all the criticism you receive by the so-called "know it alls" who are sitting at home - safe. The reality is that they are safe, just as I am, because of America . If the world went arse up tomorrow there is f**k all we (Australia) could do about it, but I know that the Americans would be there putting themselves on the line for others. That to me is the sign of greatness.

The most precious thing in my life is my son, I look at him and I thank God that I am fortunate enough to be able to spend time in his company. We laugh, we discuss, we argue, we dummy spit, we have the same blood. I am not happy that he is where he is but that is his duty. He joined the Army to protect and to defend, not to play games. I mightn't like it but I accept it. My reasons for not liking it are selfish and self centered. I felt assured that he would be safe because he is in a well trained army with an excellent record, BUT NOW, I feel a whole lot better knowing that he is with your sons, daughters, brothers and sisters.

Whilst he was growing up. I was always there to look after him, I would not let harm befall him and I would always put myself before him to protect him. I can't do that now. When it comes to looking after him now he and his mates will do the job, but also THANK GOD FOR AMERICA.

Gentlemen, I have rambled on for too long. but as I finish I say to you, as a foreigner and outsider, a nation is only a collection of its people and its attitude is the attitude of its people, collectively and as individuals. I am really glad you are here on this Earth and I respect you as a nation and as people. Stand up and feel proud because you deserve it, there is no one else who will do what America does without question. The next time someone howls you down, take some comfort in the fact that America is defending their right to act like an idiot.

Finally, thank you for looking after my son. Peter Turner

Carry on Army! *Semper Fi!* (Ed.)

Below: Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia, 1918



"Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" —Patrick Henry, to the Virginia Legislature, 23 March 1775



VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

By Dan Singletary

MILITARY STOLEN VALOR

To report suspected fraud involving veterans benefits, other crimes such as Stolen Valor, fraud, waste or mismanagement in the VA, contact the Office of Inspector General Hotline at 1 (800) 488-8244 or email at vaog.hotline@forum.va.gov or write to VA OIG HOTLINE, PO Box 50410, Washington, DC 20091-0410

SBP PAID UP PROVISION

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) is reviewing all military retiree accounts affected by Section 1452(j) of Title 10 U.S. Code, commonly referred to as "Paid-up SBP." Under the law, reductions in retired pay for the Survivor Benefit Plan will be terminated effective 1 OCT 08 for eligible retirees. The law applies to retired members who are 70 years old and have paid SBP or Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan premiums for at least 360 months, or 30 years. Retirees who are at least 70 years old and have paid at least 360 months of premiums on 1 OCT will have their monthly premiums terminated. The change will be reflected in the NOV 08 pay statement. If a retiree does not meet the eligibility criteria on 1 OCT, the premiums will stop when the retiree has met both criteria: reached age 70 and paid SBP premiums for 360 months. Eligible retirees will be notified by the DFAS via mail regarding the status of their account and premium payment count.

VA DENTAL TREATMENT

U.S. Representative Mark Kirk (R-IL) joined with local veterans 15 APR to introduce bipartisan legislation that would significantly boost dental care for service-connected disabled veterans. The "Make Our Veterans Smile Act" (H.R.5595) was co-introduced on 12 MAR by Congressman Kirk and Congressman Chris Carney (D-PA), the U.S. House's only actively serving U.S. Navy Reserve intelligence officers. Currently, only 100% disabled, homeless or prisoner-of-war veterans are eligible for dental benefits. The bill expands dental coverage to any service-connected disabled veteran, regardless of disability rating starting 1 JAN 09. This legislation also allows the VA to use contractor facilities if they find it necessary to meet the demands for dental care. The bill was referred to the House committee on Veteran Affairs and has already gained 44 cosponsors. According to the U.S. Veterans Administration, 258,000 veterans currently are eligible for dental benefits. More than 2.5 million additional disabled veterans would receive coverage under the Kirk-Carney bill. In Illinois, coverage would expand from nearly 5,000 veterans to more than 60,000 veterans, according to the Congressional Research Service. [Source: Rep. Christopher P. Carney Press release 13 Mar 08]



Left: A re-discovered photograph of the carnage at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on the morning of December 7, 1941

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Detachment Meetings

- 2008
- 15 May
- 19 June
- 17 July
- 21 August
- 18 September
- 16 October
- 20 November
- 18 December

- 2009
- 15 January
- 19 February

2008 Marine Corps Birthday Ball
 8 November 2008
 Fredonia Hotel
 Nacogdoches, Texas

Marine Corps League
38th Annual Texas State Convention
 6-8 June 2008
 Corpus Christi, Texas

As more information becomes available about these and additional events it will appear in future issues of your newsletter. If you have events of interest to the Detachment, contact the editor.



CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCES RETURNING VETERANS INITIATIVE

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken announced today that TWC has approved \$2.25 million to fund a comprehensive program to assist returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan as they resume civilian life in Texas. Pauken thanked Gov. Rick Perry for his strong support of this important initiative.

The Texas Veterans Leadership Program will be modeled on the successful Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program which Pauken, himself a Vietnam Veteran, established during the Reagan administration. The program will enlist Texas veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan to lead this initiative to help their fellow veterans throughout our state.

“Gov. Perry and I want Texas to serve as the model for the nation in welcoming our veterans home as they return to civilian life,” said Chairman Pauken. “The best means of thanking them for the sacrifices they have made for our state and nation is to put in place a road map for their successful re-integration into civilian life.

“Returning veterans deserve our utmost appreciation, and we must honor their service by easing their re-entry into the Texas workforce,” said Gov. Perry. “The military provided them training and leadership experience in high-pressure situations and taught them devotion to unit integrity. Now the state of Texas will ensure that their unique skills are applied and further developed within our economy, helping them to succeed in the next phase of their lives.”

Pauken also announced that retired U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Jason K. Doran has been selected to lead the Texas Veterans Leadership Program. During his 20-year career, Doran earned the Silver Star, Navy Achievement Award, Navy Commendation Award and Combat Action Ribbon during service in Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Australia and the Philippines.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the programs it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit www.texasworkforce.org.

VA INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM

On 15 APR Senator Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI), Chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, introduced the proposed Training and Rehabilitation for Disabled Veterans Enhancement Act of 2008 (S.2864). The bill stems in part from a 5 FEB 08 congressional hearing on vocational rehabilitation, as well as Committee oversight. In addition, it responds to a DEC 07 VA Inspector General report. If enacted, this bill will improve the Department of Veterans Affairs' Independent Living (IL) program conducted under the authority of chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, which serves veterans whose disabilities render them unable to work. VA's IL Program was first established in 1980 by Public Law 96-466, the Veterans Rehabilitation and Education Amendments of 1980. Initially, that law provided for the establishment of a four-year pilot program designed to provide independent living services for severely disabled veterans for whom the achievement of a vocational goal was not reasonably feasible. The number of veterans who could be accepted annually into the pilot program was capped at 500. In 1986, the program was extended through 1989 and then, in 1989, it was made in Public Law 101-237, the Veterans' Benefits Amendments of 1989. In 2001, the 500 annual cap on enrollees was increased to 2,500. The VA's Inspector General found, in a report issued in DEC 07, that the effect of the statutory cap has been to delay IL services to severely disabled veterans. This delay happens because VA has developed a procedure that holds veterans in a planning and evaluation stage when the statutory cap may be in danger of being exceeded. By removing the cap on the number of enrollees in the program and making it an official objective of the program to improve veterans' quality of life Akaka believes it will lead to bettering program participant's chances of rehabilitation and future employment. [Source: SCVA Press Release 15 Apr 08]

BALL PICTURES AVAILABLE

Pictures are available for those who attended the Marine Corps Birthday Ball in 2007, but did not buy a portrait or photo package. Precious Memories Photography has a website where pictures can be viewed. If one is desired, it can be purchased. The photo album expires June 24, 2008, so if you are interested, you only have a short time to place your order. After that time, you will need to contact them directly at (318) 755-2290, or write them at 219 Jefferson Street, Pelican, Louisiana 71063.

The album of photographs may be viewed at the following website:

<http://nacogdochesmarineball.photoherald.com/>



Ninth Commandant

Major General Charles Heywood, ninth Commandant of the Marine Corps, was born in Waterville, Maine, on 3 October 1839. He was appointed a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps from New York, on 5 April 1858. During that year he was stationed at the Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., and at Brooklyn, New York.

While on duty in Brooklyn he served in the Quarantine riots at Staten Island, New York. He performed special duty on the Niagara and later on board the St. Louis, of the Home Squadron, the ship seeking filibusters in Central America. He was invalided from Aspinwall (Colon), in January 1860, and later was ordered to the sloop of war Cumberland, flagship of the Squadron of Observation at Vera Cruz, Mexico. In March 1861, he returned to duty on board the Cumberland and with that vessel took part in the destruction of the Norfolk Navy Yard during the Civil War.

In May 1861, 2dLt Heywood was promoted to first lieutenant, and as such landed with the Marines at Hatteras Inlet, where he was present at the capture of Forts Clark and Hatteras. He was advanced to captain in November of that year, and during the winter of 1861-62 participated actively in a number of boat expeditions in the James River.

In the fight between the Cumberland and the Merrimac, in March 1862, his conduct was particularly noteworthy while commanding the after gun deck division, firing the last gun in the fight and saving himself by jumping overboard as the Cumberland went down with her flag flying. He was most favorably mentioned for his gallant conduct and received the brevet rank of major for his services during the engagement.

For some time afterwards he was actively employed, both on shore and at sea in search for the notorious raider Alabama, until he applied for duty on board the flagship Hartford. He was ordered to that vessel as Fleet Marine Officer of the West Gulf Squadron.

Major Heywood served on shore at Pensacola and was on board the Hartford in the battle of Mobile Bay, where he received the brevet rank of lieutenant colonel for gallant and meritorious services. During that engagement he had charge of two nine-inch guns. His services during the Civil War thus secured for him two brevet ranks for distinguished gallantry in the presence of the enemy.

From 1865 to 1867 he performed duty on board various ships, serving as Admiral Farragut's Fleet Marine Officer on the European Station and later in the same capacity in the North Atlantic Squadron. During this period he also served for a time at Washington, Norfolk and Brooklyn. In November 1876, he attained regular rank of major to which he had been brevetted more than ten years before, and was ordered to command the Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.

During the serious labor riots of the summer of 1877, Major Heywood commanded a battalion of Marines at Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Reading, Pennsylvania. He was honorably mentioned by General Hancock, U.S. Army, who was in general command, and received thanks from the Navy Department for his services. His next years of duty carried him to widely separated posts--Mare Island, California, and Brooklyn, New York.

In April 1885, he organized, within twenty-four hours from the time of the order, a battalion of 250 Marines for duty on the Isthmus of Panama to open the transit.

Subsequently under his command on the Isthmus were 800 Marines in addition to a strong detachment of U.S. Navy and the artillery. For his arduous services the admiral commanding asked Major Heywood to "receive his grateful acknowledgements."

Major Heywood was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 9 March 1888, and on 30 January 1891 was appointed Colonel Commandant of the Marine Corps. By special acts of Congress he was promoted to brigadier general in March 1899 and to major general in July 1902. He was the first Marine to hold the rank of major general.

The energy, experience and training which he had shown and obtained in his early days in the Marine Corps were fully brought into play from the moment he assumed command of the Corps. At that time the Marine Corps consisted of 75 officers and 2,100 enlisted men, which gradually rose during his tenure of office until at the time of his retirement in 1903, it had reached the total of 278 officers and 7,532 enlisted personnel, the highest strength up to that point.

He kept in mind the problem of more closely associating the Corps with the Navy so that the work of the two could be in the closest harmony. He was the first to establish a regular system of examinations for officers for promotion and set up the system of officers' schools, which has continued with slight interruption since then.

By increasing the efficiency of the Corps he tried to demonstrate to the Navy how absolutely essential it was as an auxiliary to the naval service. Under his administration the number of Marine Corps posts were increased from twelve to twenty-one. There was scarcely a regular post at which Major General Heywood was not able to provide new barracks or officers' quarters.

He caused the regular system of target practice to be established and adopted good conduct medals for the betterment of the discipline in the Marine Corps. The declaration of war with Spain found the Marine Corps prepared.

Major General Heywood closed a most distinguished career of over forty-five years as a commissioned officer in the Marine Corps, when on 3 October 1903, in accordance with law, having attained the age of 64 years, he was placed on the retired list.

His death occurred in Washington, D.C., on 26 February 1915, and his remains were interred in Arlington National Cemetery.



Recruiting is important. DON'T FORGET TO INVITE SOMEONE TO VISIT WITH US AT OUR NEXT MEETING. Ask them to stay and become a member of our elite Detachment. If we find someone interested in the Marine Corps League, provide them with an application and ask them to fill it out, either as a regular or an associate member. Be aggressive! Our membership will not increase by magic, only by hard work.

Semper Paratus

**ONCE A MARINE,
ALWAYS A MARINE!**

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"The name of American, which belongs to you... must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism." George Washington

"It is the duty of every good citizen to use all the opportunities which occur to him, for preserving documents relating to the history of our country."

Thomas Jefferson

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**"Once a Marine,
Always a Marine"
Semper Fidelis!**



Marine Corps History

22 May 1912: First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham, the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation" by Major General Commandant William P. Biddle, reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, Maryland, and Marine aviation had its official beginning.

23 May 1988: The V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tilt-rotor aircraft, made its debut during roll-out ceremonies at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, Texas, facility. More than 1,000 representatives from the military, industry, and media, gathered to hear various speakers, including Gen Alfred Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps, praise the versatile rotor craft designed to meet the needs of 21st Century battlefields.

26 May 1969: Operation Pipestone Canyon began when the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and 3d Battalion, 5th Marines began sweeps in the Dodge City/Go Noi areas southwest of Da Nang. It terminated at the end of June with 610 enemy killed in action at a cost of 34 Marines killed.

Life Membership

The following Detachment members are Life Members of the Marine Corps League

- Rich Barnhart
- Betty Benavides
- Dennis Bradford
- Strimple Coyle
- Roger Crone
- Phil Devlin
- Billy Duke
- Don Kirkley
- Dale Koonce
- Buck Lee
- James Lee
- Jack Noble
- Jack Sanderson
- Dan Singletary
- Joe Stewart

Semper Fil

CONSIDER LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership Dues

National Marine Corps League Website

<u>Age Grp</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>As of 01/01/09</u>
0-35	\$400	\$500
36-40	\$350	\$400
41-50	\$350	\$400
51-60	\$250	\$300
61-over	\$125	\$150

To become a Life Member, you must already be a "Member in Good Standing." That means becoming a member and paying your initial dues first. Yes, according to the Bylaws, you could join the League, pay your dues, and then pay your Life Membership Dues all in the same day.

BIRTHDAYS

The following Detachment members have a birthday to celebrate in **MAY**

**Judy Crone
Jack Noble
Rick Zurfluh
Rob Zurfluh**

Happy birthday and many happy returns!

Also, apologies to any we have missed.