

Commandant's Message

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Marines,

Normally I pick a subject for the newsletter and stick with it. Conversely, in the Detachment meetings, I am not as skilled at doing that. This month will be different. I have a couple subjects for my newsletter column, but plan to stay on track at our next meeting.

1.-We have had a few complaints about the meetings running over the time many feel is a fair time. (1 ½ hours) This has mainly been the result of two things. Not starting the meeting on time, and not sticking to the subject at hand. From here on out, the meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. If due to employment obligations I cannot be there to start the meeting, the next senior member of the staff will open the meeting promptly at 7:00. The meetings will be ended at or before 8:30 P.M. Any non-concluded business will be held over to the next scheduled meeting. All members who need to bring up a subject that is not the subject being discussed must wait until the proper time. We will attempt to hold our meetings along the guidelines of Roberts Rules of Order.

2.-I have been catching wind that a couple of the members are not satisfied with other Detachment members. If you have a problem with an individual that cannot reach a satisfactory conclusion between the two of you, it needs to be brought to the attention of the Commandant to be assessed and handled in the most amicable manor and within guidelines of the Marine Corps League and our Detachment. You are not to "Bad-Mouth" a member to other members through verbal or written communication. We are a team that should be building bridges of communication and support with each other, not building walls of divisiveness.

3.-The Marine Corps Museum was awesome. Unfortunately, very few people went. I understand that things come up on the personal side, but it was inspiring to see entire detachments there from other areas. Recruits awaiting shipping to boot camp there with recruiters. Families of Marines both past, present & future. I look forward to returning. Hopefully, you will be there with me.

Moving forward, let's all be involved, and as Marines always have, be a part of the solution, not the problem. See you at the next meeting. Be prepared, I know I will.

Semper Fi,

Jerry Dangler