

## Commandant's Message March 2009

Marines, Associates and Friends,

Spring is just around the corner. Soon the days will be longer and the flowers will be in bloom. With the coming of Spring also comes even more opportunities for you to get involved as a member of the Marine Corps League. Many of our fundraising activities are kicked off during the Spring. Please help us out as your circumstances will allow.

I cannot over stress the importance of our members stepping up to the plate and volunteering. We need your support! Volunteer for one of the three standing committees (Fundraising, Membership or Programs). Ask me where you could be fit into a possible role on the staff. Lighten the burden of members like Frank Williams and Frank Kildea, who are holding multiple positions within the detachment. I know that we all have our limitations but there is always somewhere you can help, even if you are just sitting at home making phone calls.

The officers are ready to kick off our first raffle. The prizes are secured and the tickets are just about ready to print. Please do your part to support the detachment in this endeavor. If we are successful, others will benefit.

A small group of our membership are hard at work finalizing a plan for a Toys-For-Tots appreciation dinner that we are going to host in April. Frank Kildea has formed a committee that consists of himself, Ray O'Neill, Fred Leenerts and Jim Miller. What a great team! Soon the details will be finalized, and we will pass on all of that information to you at our next meeting.

I want to thank all of the officers for starting out this year with great enthusiasm. The teamwork is great! We have really jelled as a team and have had nothing but 100% positive input by all. We've already jumped our biggest hurdle for a new administration and completed our budget in record time... thanks to Hammer the humble Paymaster.

Until we meet again, God bless and Semper Fi!!

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