

NEWSLETTER

MINEOLA DETACHMENT #1278

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

December Newsletter

DECEMBER PARTY!

Our meeting this month will be our Christmas party on December 13 at 6 pm at the Red Dome in Quitman.

OFFICER MEETING

January 3rd after the spouse lunch at the Red Dome we will have our next officer's meeting to discuss some of our upcoming events and projects.

POST ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Toys for Tots Fund Raiser at Pizza Hut in Mineola on December 5.

Toys for Tots Car Show The car show will be at the Mineola Wal-Mart on December 10, 2016 from 10am – 2 pm. We also have a toy drive until 2pm at the Lindale Vet Clinic and will be offering free services, and pics with Santa Claus for your pets.

SPOUSE LUNCH 1st Tuesday of every month at 11:30 am. This month we will meet at Red Dome in Quitman **December 6, 2016 at 11:30 am.**

WEEKLY BREAKFAST @ the Country Kitchen on Wednesday mornings 6:30 am.

NEXT MEETING (Christmas Party)- December 13, 2016 at 6:00 pm, everyone is welcome at 6 pm for supper at the Red Dome

TELL YOUR FRIENDS about our **Facebook Page**. The page is called Marine Corps League Mineola Detachment and we keep great photos on.

WEBSITE- Our website is up and running at www.mineolamcl.com come and visit us. Take a look at it and thank Terry Pruitt our Web Sergeant for a job well done.

Next Month Agenda and December and January Calendar is attached for your convenience. If anything needs to be added just send an email to info@mineolamcl.com or contact your squad leaders.

“Never underestimate one Marine, let alone a group of them.”



Post Commandant Update- What an honor and an experience it has been to be your Commandant and I look forward to the upcoming year as we push towards more exciting goals. We have had a few challenges along the way but it is encouraging to be able to discuss them with each member and see how we continue to grow our Detachment. As you all know I will be taking office January 1, 2017 which will open many more doors for me to spread the message in our community about our Detachment and our ongoing mission. We had a great meeting in November with the Alba-Golden School Board and look forward to working with them in the future. I am hearing about the plaques around the community and even seen them hanging in some offices. I would like everyone to continue to be patient as we meet the needs of our veterans and their families. As we improve in areas of communications, meeting needs and growing our existing programs we must stand together and realize that we are all a very important part of the Detachment. Each of your service is seen,

recognized and very much appreciated by me, the Detachment and members of our community. We have an active calendar on the website but I will also try and attach it with each newsletter. We accomplish many things for our Detachment at the Officer Meetings and I would like to invite each one of you to attend. In January we will try having them after the spouse lunch so that we can have as many people there as we can. If you cannot stay for the meeting that is fine. I am also going to try and send an agenda with the newsletters so you can see what we will be discussing. I will see you all soon and pray that each one of you has a safe and blessed Christmas and New Year.

For those that were unable to attend last meeting we had the AGISD School Board in attendance and presented them with Distinguished Citizen Awards which they thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Newell and I did the KMOO radio show the week prior and spoke briefly about the meeting. The Mineola Monitor was at the meeting and did a great article in the newspaper for us. Larry Southard has flyers for new membership that we can be handing out to every veteran we see. Look to your churches, civic groups and friends and invite them to come.

Our website and Facebook page are showing to be a great success and thank you to everyone helping out with these projects. The Facebook page and website are now linked together. So, please share this information with friends and family. They can like our Facebook page, visit our website and come and visit us. They will be an invaluable asset with recruitment and retention. Terry Pruitt has put in some time on this project and will continue to keep it updated so be sure and thank him as well. We have many, many members that work behind the scenes for our Detachment and do not intend for that to go unnoticed. Thank you to each one of you. I will be inviting the Mineola ISD School Board to our next meeting and intend on recognizing them for their efforts with our school, and the many things that they work endless hours on.

I also ask that when you get a chance thank Doris Newman of the Wood County Monitor for her continued support and KMOO for allowing us to announce on their Double Talk radio show.

RECRUITING AND RETENTION

I know how important our Post is and am seeking the best means to promote recruiting and retention of our members. The best way to do this is to open our hearts and minds to new means of communicating our mission and leadership values. I ask that we all keep an open mind and like we always do, welcoming new members to our post. I hope that you are as excited as I am as we embark on the upcoming year. I have left the bottom portion of this newsletter blank so that you can put an address on it, fold it and mail it or simply drop it off at a place of business once you are done with it.



OUR MISSION

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps. This is accomplished by banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service; voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans, and by perpetuating the history of the United States Marine Corps through fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

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