I am struggling with words that can say how honored I am that you have elected me to serve as Commandant of the Department of Texas. I enter into the task with a genuine concern that I may live up to the confidence and trust you have placed in me and I can only assure you that I will deliver my best effort. I trust that each Marine of the League does the same. I must say to you all that I never had any ambitions or desires to seek out the office I now hold, but merely came into the League because I liked being around Marines and treasured the camaraderie we always enjoy at various functions. As I attended more League activities and continued to get involved, the more I wanted to be a part of what the League does. I’ve had great times and hope there are many more to come. I’ve learned a lot about Marine Corps League values and I am still learning as I go along. I’ve learned a lot about other members of the League and what it means to you. What an organization we have, that we can show to the world that we not only were Marines, but we are Marines. Once a Marine, Always a Marine.

I am very excited about the staff of officers now elected and appointed to serve the department for the next year. We have Marines who are truly dedicated to their various duties and I expect we’ll see great things from them. Past officers who have already served us so well are willing and eager to continue their service and I know we’ll all benefit from their knowledge and experience. So many have given and continue to give. It brings home the League value that “we serve as ably in civilian life as we did in uniform.”

Our first obstacle to meet came early – publishing and distributing the department newsletter. We simply do not have the funds or resources to make a first-rate distribution of the newsletter. As a result, we’ve had to call upon the detachments to get the published document into the membership’s hands. I sincerely hope we can negotiate a satisfactory plan that will ensure getting news of the department out to those who are interested in knowing it. I appeal to all readers of the newsletter to work in a cooperative attitude with those who are distributing copies to make the task as pleasant and effective as possible. And as I asked of the detachment commandants, I would welcome any volunteer who can produce a polished plan for distributing the newsletter. Meanwhile, we’ll make do with what we have and make the best of it.

I look forward to an exciting year with the Department of Texas Marine Corps League and I hope everyone will find fulfillment from what you do for the League, our Corps, and America. Don’t forget national convention in New Orleans and the Fall staff meeting in Ft. Worth in October. See ya on down the road.
Chaplain’s Comments

Ken Henry, Dept. of Texas Chaplain

The following is the Lord’s Prayer as He wants it to be:

You cannot pray the Lord’s Prayer
And even once say “I.”

You cannot pray the Lord’s Prayer
And even once say “My.”

Nor can you pray the Lord’s Prayer
And not pray for Another,

For when you ask for daily bread,
You must include your brother.

For others are included
In each and every plea,

From the beginning to the end of it,
It does not once say “Me.”

Psalm 105:1-2 is a good directive to go by.

FOR 2000-2001:

OFFICERS

► President ~ Jacquie Stephens
► Sr. Vice President ~ Viola Trevino
► Jr. Vice President ~ Allie Willey
► Judge Advocate ~ Janet Walton
► Secretary ~ Marie Williams
► Treasurer ~ Gregoria Lopez
► Captain of Guard ~ Kaye Horne
► Chaplain ~ Duchess Hatley Gallion
► Auditor #1 ~ Suzanna Perez
► Auditor #2 ~ Lupe Araujo
► Auditor #3 ~ Connie Chambers
► Historian ~ Marie Williams

CHAIRPERSONS

► Americanism ~ Duchess Hatley Gallion
► Rehabilitation ~ Viola Trevino
► Child Welfare ~ Kaye Horne
► Civics ~ Marie Williams
► VAVS ~ Kathy Nelson
Charter Verification

Submitted by Josémaría López
Coastal Bend Detachment

Detachments receive a request for verification of Officers and Director Information from the Secretary of State every four years.

The form with the correct information must be returned (even if there is no change) in order to continue with an active charter. If it is not returned, the charter will be REVOKED without notification to the detachment.

The Secretary of State can be reached at 512-463-5578 or 512-463-5586 if you need to check on your detachment’s form. Have your charter number available when you call.

To reinstate a revoked charter:
- Secure Form 901: Report Update - Officers and Director Information from the Secretary of State.
- Fill out the form.
- Return the completed form to the SOS.

The Secretary of State can also be reached via the Internet at their website: http://sos.state.tx.us/.

(Reference to this requirement is found in Article 1396-9.01.)

Uniform Tip

When wearing short sleeve undress uniform, no tie is to be worn. MCL ribbons or Marine Corps ribbons and badges may be worn, but not mixed.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- National Convention
  New Orleans, LA - August 13th – 19th
- Fall Staff Conference (Dept. of Texas)
  Ft. Worth, TX - October 12th – 15th
Devil Dog Doings
PDD Tom Miller, Pack Leader

First of all, let me say a big “Thank You” for electing me as your Pack Leader for 2000-2001. As we venture forth into this new millennium, let’s all try to work as a team and accomplish many great things for the Military Order of Devil Dogs.

There will be a large delegation of dogs enroute to the Supreme Growl in New Orleans. There are a lot of fireplugs that need to be addressed in that little town, so let’s all try to wet at least one down while we are there.

The pack is in very poor financial shape at the present, but we have plans to fix that fact soon. So at the next Grand Growl, bring plenty of bones! The new Mad Dog has a few plans for any mongrels who might have aspirations to join our elite pack.

Pounds are reminded to hold election of officers after the Supreme Growl, making sure that the newly elected officers’ dues are paid for the ensuing year in both the Devil Dogs and the Marine Corps League. (If either or both are not paid, they will be rejected by kennel!)

The next Grand Growl will be in Ft. Worth on Friday the 13th of October (this ought to be interesting!). Anyone going up for advancement will have their paperwork filled out (properly and completely) prior to being advanced.

Congratulations!

Marine Corps League
Texas Marine of the Year

Bernie O’Dell
North Texas Detachment

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Marine Corps League Auxiliary
Member of the Year

Suzanna Perez
Coastal Bend Unit