



Newsletter - January 2009

Change of Command

On December 6, 2009, Michael Fredette assumed command of Detachment 1186 and became the 3rd commandant since the formation of the Detachment in 2004.

Commandant Simon which completed his honorable service as Commandant and will continue to be an active member of the Detachment.

Andy Murphrey was elected and installed as Senior Vice Commandant and Jason Lowry was installed as Junior Vice Commandant.

Bill Plueddemann will continue his service as paymaster. Don McWhorter was appointed as Sergeant-at-Arms. Lee Pascasio, the Detachment's founder, will continue to serve as veterans representative. Francis Eddings will continue to serve as Chaplain.

Home Fund

The Home Fund committee had an extremely busy December. Our Detachment provided financial assistance for three families to include lodging for two of those families. The Fund committee has established a relationship with Home-Towne Suites to provide lodging for \$59 per night (including tax) with the first night at no cost.

The Home Fund received more than \$3,000 for the month of December. Special thanks to Detachment Marine Dick Smith for his effort to let others know about our project – his work resulted in 3 donations. Also, special thanks to Gus Keyes who is working to obtain funding from other organizations.

The committee is in the process of completing a grant application for funding from the Pitt County Hospital Foundation.

In the news

Detachment Marine Lee Pascasio presents an award to Sgt. Fox of the Washington Police Department for Outstanding Community Service.

Adding to our ranks

Each Detachment Marine is encouraged to enlist 1 new Marine or Navy Corpsman into our ranks this year. Our membership over the last few years has held steady. As our involvement in the community continues to expand it is vital that we bring in new members and continue to encourage current members to participate.