



Fall 2022 Commandant Report

October 22, 2022

Commandant's Report

Marine Larry Griffin

It was an honor to host the 50th Department of Arizona Convention in Tucson. The venue of the Desert Diamond Casino was very nice and we received lots of compliments. I want to thank all of the Detachment members that helped organize and work the event. It takes a lot of team work to put on such a large event and I am proud of our team. We received many compliments and heard from many first time convention attendees that they look forward to attending more Department functions.

Quilts of Valor made a presentation to two Marines from Tucson Detachment. Chance Parks and Stephen Polich were presented with their quilts at the Detachment's general meeting in July. More information about Quilts of Valor is available at www.qovf.org (see photo)

July 16th we held a Picnic at the Park in memory of Phil Carper. Marine Miramontes from the Brian Terry Detachment made arrangements to have an honor guard presentation and Department Chaplain Sylvia Quigley said a few words. It was a special tribute to everyone's favorite Marine, Phil Carper.

The Tucson Detachment 007 recently updated the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. The changes were minor but make a large impact on moral and the community. First, we add the Devil Pups logo back to our Corporate Seal. The Devil Pups program started at the Tucson Detachment in 1972 and we are proud of that heritage. It also completes the Past, Present, Future motto. The Tucson Devil Pups program is celebrating 50 years! What an accomplishment. Secondly, we changed when we hold nominations and elections. The incoming officers and board members will serve a true calendar year with the change. Nominations will be held in December with elections with installation in January. The Detachment is very excited about the changes.

We were recently provided a grant from the City of Tucson to help offset some of the income losses to the Clubhouse during COVID. The funds will be used to make necessary repairs to the Clubhouse.

The weekly Sunday Tardeadas have become a staple in the community for a place to come together and see old friends or make a few new ones. Clubhouse Bar Manager, Andrea Prouse has been keeping the Clubhouse full of activities. Gloria Granillo is keeping track of the finances and I am proud to say the Clubhouse is firmly in the black. We have had several members step up and become bartenders. It is great to have the help.

We have hosted several events for the Tucson Devil Pups. Honor night for the 2022 Class of Tucson Devil Pups was held in July and the 50th Anniversary Celebration was held this October. It is an honor to support them and continue the heritage that was started so long ago.

Nam to Sand Jam provided us the opportunity to get out into the community and do some fundraising and recruit new members.

The Tucson Veteran's Day Parade is back and we look forward to participating in it.

The holidays are fast approaching we plan to hold our annual Christmas Party for the local neighborhood needy children with toys donated by members and the Clubhouse. We will be working with the local Fire Department to collect more toys and help hand out the gifts.

We plan to adopt needy families for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner. It is a heartwarming tradition to give back to the community.

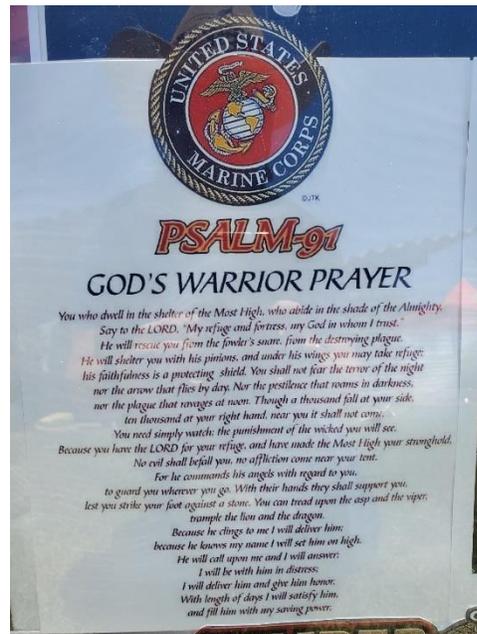
We also look forward to working with Bulk Fuel Toys for Tots program and celebrating the 247th Marine Corps Birthday with them on November 5.

The Clubhouse will be hosting our 247th Marine Corps Birthday Ball on November 10. Looking forward to celebrating with everyone.

As this year comes to a close along with my term in office as Commandant, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Tucson Detachment and the Department of Arizona. I look forward to continuing my participation in the Detachment and Department in the future. Thank you for your support and I will continue to encourage our members to attend and participate in Detachment and Department functions.

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Phil Carper Memorial Ceremony



New Member Initiation



50th Department of Arizona Convention in Tucson



Quilts of Valor Presentation



Happy 247th Birthday Marines!



Celebrate with Us

November 10, 2022

Dinner 1730 – 1845 hrs • Ceremony 1900-2000 hrs • Dancing 2000 hrs to close

Marines eat free!

(\$5 donation for all others)

Formal event – please dress appropriately. No shorts, baseball caps, flip flops, etc.

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