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Welcome Home Marines!

From the war front to the home front. Above we see KetMorDet Members Sgt Chris Moericke and Cpl Andrew Moericke preparing for a patrol in Iraq in June 2008. To the left are 3 generations of Marines together again as they are reunited after having returned from Iraq in August. Pictured are Cpl Andrew Moericke, SSgt Rollie Moericke (WWII & Korea), and Sgt Chris Moericke.

Our next Meeting is at 0900 Saturday September 20th, 2008 at the Trenton Town Hall.
Located at 1071 State Hwy 33 East, West Bend WI 53095.

Kettle Moraine Detachment 1203, Marine Corps League
Minutes of Meeting Held on August 16, 2008
18 Members present

The Meeting was held at the Trenton Town Hall in West Bend, WI.

The Commandant called the meeting to order at 0900. The Sgt at Arms presented the Colors, and the acting Chaplain said the opening prayer.

Roll Call of Officers

Commandant: John Stern present
Sr. Vice Commandant: Glen Brewer unexcused
Jr. Vice Commandant: Danny O'Toole present
Adjutant: Jason Waier present
Judge Advocate: Sean Rodriguez excused

Paymaster: Roger Cross present
Acting Chaplain: George Wujcik present
Sgt at Arms: Don Erdman present
Historians: Jason Waier present
" Jim Krudwig present

Other Members in Attendance

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| Conde, Ted | Coulter, Dan | Fleischman, John | Heiman, Carl | Kaczmarek, George |
| Keller, Charlie | Link, Paul | Lucka, Gil | Mathews, Glen (ex) | Montag, Fred |
| Racine, Cal | Straub, Hugo | | | |

New Members/Guests

Although he was not present at the August Meeting an application for Membership has been received from Arthur Smith.

Reading of the Minutes

Dan Coulter made a motion accept the July Minutes as posted in the August Newsletter. Motion seconded by Charlie Keller. Motion passed.

Paymaster's Report

The Paymaster has been in contact with Marine Corps League National Headquarters concerning membership dues. Although the Det Paymaster has been submitting dues transmittals to the State Dept Paymaster (Jerry Thompson) as per protocol, nothing has been submitted from the Dept of WI to National MCL Hq. since May. It was only discovered after talking to the Dept Commandant (Vern Reidl) that during the June floods in central Wisconsin the home of the Dept Paymaster was damaged and all paperwork may need to be redone. The Det Paymaster will report further during the next Meeting. Members are assured that there is a paperwork trail and that the situation will be corrected. The Paymaster distributed the Financial Report and noted that a new 17 month Certificate of Deposit earning 3.5% has been purchased per the motion made during the July Meeting.

Michael Mason donated \$500 to KetMorDet. This is the second such donation by Mr. Mason. The Color Guard and Honor Guard Commanders are looking at purchasing rain gear with this money and will report more later on their findings. Jim Krudwig made a motion to accept the Paymaster's report. Motion seconded by Paul Link and passed.

Roger Cross demonstrated the "shirt stays" that are currently used by the Marine Corps. They attach to the bottom of the khaki shirt and the top of the sock, pulling the shirt down keeping it tight all the time. An exact price or availability was not known and the Paymaster will report more during the Sep Meeting to see if there is enough interest by the Membership to add this to the uniform list. It was pointed out that they do make the uniform more "squared away". The Paymaster has several different pieces of Det gear for sale. If interested in purchasing a KetMorDet baseball hat, a green Iwo Jima t-shirt, or any other Det gear, contact Roger Cross.

Chaplain's Report

The Acting Chaplain stated that he had been in contact with Glen Mathews and his wife. Carl Heiman said that he been in contact with Paul Bollmann who is well on the road to recovery following knee replacement surgery.

Correspondence Received/Delivered

A request for funds from the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation was received just prior to the Meeting and was not reviewed by the Officers. They will review the request and report on it during the Sep Meeting.

A Certificate of Appreciation will be sent out to Michael Mason for his recent donation.

Report of Standing Committees

Honor Guard: The Honor Guard participated in one funeral in July.

Junior Vice Commandant: Read a letter that he had prepared to send out to delinquent Members and took suggestions from the floor on changes that may be made to it.

As suggested at the close of the Jul Meeting, the Officers looked at different local organizations to which KetMorDet could make donations. The Jr Vice read an article from the Aug 11th Milwaukee Journal concerning Honor Flights. It is an organization which flies WWII Veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the WWII Memorial for a day at no cost to the Veteran. The entire article can be found at <http://www.jsonline.com/story/index.aspx?id=781759>. The City of Cedarburg and the American Legion in Cedarburg have already made a "substantial" donation. It costs approximately \$500 currently to transport each Veteran. Jim Krudwig made a motion to donate \$500 IF there is a request from a Washington or Ozaukee County WWII Veteran Marine or FMF Corpsman who would like to visit to the Memorial through this organization. Motion seconded by George Kaczmarek. Motion passed 17-1.

Flag History Presentation Team: The FHPT has stood down for the summer and will resume functions in the fall.

Care Packages: Several care packages are prepared and will be shipped out soon.

VAVS: Nothing new to report.

PAO: Nothing new to report.

Fundraising: Sign up sheets were again on hand for the remaining fundraisers. John Fleischman was coordinating the Brat Fry Fundraiser at Geidl's Piggly Wiggly in Kewaskum and asked the Members to stop up after the Meeting for a brat. Hugo Straub, Dan Coulter and Kathleen Fleischman all helped out during the brat fry. There is only one major fundraiser remaining for the year, at Miller Park on September 26th. If you have been unable to help out during a fundraiser this year this will be your last chance to earn a red KetMorDet polo shirt. This is one venue where there can never be too many Members participating. The Det has just about depleted its supply of Marine Roses and more roses are needed before the next fundraiser. The Commandant has instructed the Quartermaster to arrange the purchase.

Newsletter: Major Donors to KetMorDet have been sent Newsletters in the past in appreciation for their help. Some have received the Newsletter since 2005. Letters were sent to these donors with the July Newsletter inquiring if they would contribute again. If they choose not to donate, they will be dropped from the Newsletter mailing list.

If any Member would like something included in the Newsletter, email it to barona@att.net stating in the subject line that it is for the Newsletter. The Editor will no longer send out reminder notices to the Officers to get their reports in for the Newsletter. Input to the Editor is due by the first Monday of each month.

Color Guard: The Color Guard will be participating in the Allenton Parade on August 17th. Also participating in the parade will be a Navy Band. The Color Guard will be participating in the Grafton Christmas Parade on Nov 29th and the West Bend Christmas Parade on Nov 30th. It has been requested that the Color Guard be placed in a "dignified spot" in the parade lineup. In some past parades, it has been placed behind horses, school bands, and other school floats. It should be leading the parade from the front or at least right behind the National Colors. A minimum of a month notice is needed to participate in a parade to make sure enough people can be mustered to make a good showing.

Quartermaster: The Quartermaster will be updating the Det. gear including uniform equipment held by individual Members. All Members should start inventorying any Det. gear they have so a comprehensive list can be maintained.

Adjutant: Annual dues are coming up for Paul Schleif (Sep). Members who have not taken a life membership should watch for their renewal notice and get their dues to the Paymaster.

Old Business

During the Jul Meeting it was discussed that the Officers look at different local charities so that the Det could select one each month and make a donation. Jim Krudwig made a motion to set up a committee that would make a list of possible monthly charities for the next year, and plan to donate \$100 per month to a different charity following a vote by the Membership at that month's meeting. There was no second. The Commandant again asked for Members to submit names of local charities that they would recommend being presented with a KetMorDet donation. Contact the Commandant with these charities and they will be brought before the Detachment for a vote.

New Business

The 233rd Marine Corps Birthday is around the corner and having a Birthday Ball was discussed. One suggestion was to have a cocktail party at the VFW Hall instead of a Ball at the Old Washington County Courthouse Museum as in the past. A couple Members felt Nov 10th which falls on a Monday this year is the only appropriate day to have a Ball. Neither of these ideas were considered favorably. Some felt that it would be hard to get many people to go to a formal event on a Monday evening. The Adjutant said that Fox Co is having their Ball on Saturday, Nov 8th and stated that the day of the event is not as important as the tradition it has represented since 1921 when the first Ball was established. Some units don't celebrate the Birthday until Dec or even later. George Wujcik made a motion to have the KetMorDet Birthday Ball on Sat Nov 8th at the Old Courthouse Museum. Motion seconded by Ted Conde who will arrange the location. Motion passed. Roger Cross volunteered to again head the Ball Committee for this year's event.

Good of the League

The Marines of Fox Co are back on American soil as of 0400 Aug16th. Dan Coulter asked if would possible to see if any of these Marines would like to join the Detachment. Jason Waier will contact Member Chris Moericke to see if he knows of any more local Marines that may wish to join. He will also be attending "family day" with the Marines of Fox Co in Sept and will try to secure any Marines that live in the area.

Meeting Closed

With no further business to be conducted, the Commandant gave the order to close the Meeting at 1016. The Sgt at Arms retired the Colors, and the acting Chaplain gave the closing prayer. The Commandant thanked all for attending and asked that they secure new members. The Members present then sang the Marine Hymn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Waier, Adjutant

(The following was provided by Member Dan Coulter)

WE ARE THE MARINES AND THIS IS OUR MUSIC

*From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the Air, on land and sea;*

*First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marine.*

Tradition points to the origin of our hymn in 1847, when it is believed that an unknown poet of the Corps set the original lyrics to the music of an old French opera. That was during the Mexican War and it was beginning for our music, although our heritage spans more than two centuries.

The inspiring lyrics have been sung by hundreds of thousands of Marines as they performed missions for our country around the world. There is a tone of self-esteem to our hymn, and yet what these lyrics say represents the aura of pride each marine experiences while belong to the elite Corps of extraordinary people.

FROM THE HALLS OF MONTEZUMA TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI; We are prepared, mentally and physically to defend our country wherever we are needed.

WE FIGHT OUR COUNTRY'S BATTLES IN THE AIR, ON LAND AND SEA; While no one likes to fight, we are firmly dedicated to the belief that someone has to know how.

FIRST TO FIGHT FOR RIGHT & FREEDOM AND TO KEEP OUR HONOR CLEAN; We are proud of the role of readiness entrusted to us, and we pledge ourselves to adhere to the standards of excellence expected of us.

WE ARE PROUD TO CLAIM THE TITLE OF UNITED STATES MARINE. We are few in number, but many in ability, skill & professionalism. We welcome challenge & challenge those who would join our ranks.

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KETMORDET QUARTERMASTER PAUL SCHLEIF REQUESTS:

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Paul Schleif
PO Box 121
West Bend, WI 53095

MEMBERS NAME:

ITEM HELD:

NUMBER OF EACH:



KETMORDET OFFICER REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

In order to expedite the regular monthly meeting, the Commandant has requested that all Officers and standing Committee Chairs provide their input to the Newsletter by the **first** Monday of each . Members are also welcome to submit something. This will enable all Members to review items of interest and reduce discussion at the meetings. Additionally, it provides any Member who is unable to make it to a regular meeting, the opportunity to remain abreast of current Detachment activities. Any submission may be edited and use depends on available space.

COMMANDANT JOHN STERN: Nothing reported.

SR VICE COMMANDANT GLEN BREWER: Nothing reported.

JR VICE COMMANDANT DANNY O'TOOLE REPORTS: Greetings Marines and Corpsmen.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record I must remind all members that recruitment and retention are the life blood of the Marine Corps League. Each of us should be a walking, talking advertisement for the Kettle Moraine Detachment by wearing the Detachment ball cap or jackets that are available at the meetings.

The second shipment of Detachment ball point pens has arrived and they are "FREE" to every Member to hand out to prospective members. Try to make it a habit to have several in your pocket when leaving the house. We have all met former Marines and Corpsmen when we least expected to. It could be at the grocery store, ball game, weddings, family gatherings, neighborhood get together, whatever. When you see someone wearing clothing with the Eagle Globe and Anchor emblem, make it a point to approach and start a conversation. Each of us knows how those conversations start, something like "When were you in the Corps?" They respond with dates and locations they served in and you are off and running as a Det. recruiter. You can end the conversation with an invitation to attend a meeting and hand them a KetMorDet ballpoint pen and suggest that they check out the web site.

New Member, Arthur Smith, Gunnery Sergeant USMC Retired, of West Bend, was contacted via telephone and stated that although he joined three months ago, he was unable to attend a Saturday meeting . He works at the West Bend, Sears Grand store's appliance section on Saturdays. (Who do you know wants to by and appliance?) Gunny Smith let the folks at Sears know that he will not be working our Sep meeting date. Make it a point to meet the Gunny and swap some sea stories with him.

ADJUTANT JASON WAIER: Marines, I would like to Welcome Home KetMorDet Warriors Chris and Andrew Moericke, along with the rest of 2nd Bn, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division from Iraq. It was a long and hard fought deployment in which Fox Co. did lose two Marines to an insurgents IED. I have sent out Certificates of Appreciation to Michael Mason, Terry & Mary Ann Hospodar, and Marilyn Meylor for their recent generous donations to the Detachment. Please be sure to wish James Korth, John Krause, Andrew Moericke, Russell Petranech, Doug Smith, & Tom Timblin Happy Birthday next time you see them. Paul Schlieff and Andrew Moericke have dues coming up. Please be sure to watch for your renewal notice from National MCL Hqtrs.

PAYMASTER ROGER CROSS: Nothing reported.

SERGEANT AT ARMS DON ERDMAN: Nothing reported.

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CHAPLAIN PAUL BOLLMAN REPORTS: All of us have answered God call to keep our country strong and Free for all. Now! Why are we allowing our country to be destroyed from within? Unfortunately, we the silent majority, who have shed blood to keep this country free, must no longer be the silent majority. We must continue the struggles that were asked of us by our Lord and Savior. Our voices can be and should be heard. We need to Ask Gods direction, united under him and fight for truth, honesty and justice for all. By banding together we can put ethics back into politics by holding the politicians to the same standards we believe in. It's up to us to keep our country free! With Gods help, lets get it done.

FLAG HISTORY PRESENTATION TEAM COMMANDER JIM KRUDWIG REPORTS: A FHP is scheduled for Sep 24th at Grafton Elementary School where participating Team Members are needed. Unfortunately, a Member was contacted about that FHP in May and referred it to another Member who does not participate on the FHP Team. The latter Member was then sent a letter from the school dated May 20th. That Member did not e-mail or forward the letter requesting the FHP for Sep 10th until Aug 28th. It was too late to get it set up for then so it was rescheduled to Sep 24th. In the past, we have had Members asking for a FHP at the end of the week. We need a good month to get a FHP scheduled and info into the Newsletter so Members can be ready to participate. Sometimes other events are scheduled and conflict with a specific date, etc. The Honor Guard operates on a short fuse, not other Det. activities. Another FHP is tentatively set for Oct and will be reported in that Newsletter.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR JIM KRUDWIG REPORTS: I began writing and publishing info for KetMorDet in Feb 2005 prior to the Charter being issued that May. As the Det. grew, The *Kettle Moraine Marine* Newsletter has gradually improved and we received honorable mention in the 2007 judging. The reason that we do not reach the top in the judging is that our Det does not conduct and report all business required by National MCL. The Newsletter was used to suggest that the Detachment should conduct fundraisers, purchase roses, labels, yellow ribbon and form a Color Guard, purchase parade flags, form an Honor Guard and Flag History Presentation Team and an electronic bugle, obtain rifles, slings etc and arrange for Honor Guard training. All things that we have accomplished. Approaching four years as Editor seems a bit long for one person to continue. Things tend to get stale. I spend about a week each month collecting material, putting it into a format that can be copied and printed, assembling and folding the Newsletters, preparing labels and envelopes, stuffing them and mailing out the Newsletters. Thankfully, we have a good graphics editor who can handle the photos. For it to be a good document, it takes the Members and Officers to provide input and support. We need to keep the Ad Donor list up to date and keep the Newsletter self supporting. It is time for some new blood with new ideas to take over the commitment as Editor. Anyone interested, let me know as I plan to retire shortly. I'll help the new Editor get started if desired.

As mentioned at the August Meeting, there are extra copies of the Newsletter available to be used for prospective applicants and distributed at fundraisers. Let them see what KetMorDet is doing. Pick one up at the meeting. Jim K

UNIFORMS: Five long sleeve uniform shirts for Members Bollmann, Erdman, Keller, Kraus and Stern have had military creases sewn into them and will be available at the Sep meeting. See the Paymaster to pick them up. Now that most of the Members who need uniforms are taken care of, I am going out of the uniform business. Future requests for uniform items should be addressed to the Paymaster who can order, pay for them and see to alternations needed. Jim K

KETMORDET MARINES ARE ASKED TO HELP OUT

The Washington County Citizens Advocacy office provides opportunities for supportive relationships between community members and citizens with **disabilities**. The following letter was received from that office.

I am hoping that you can help me find an advocate for an (impaired) man in Jackson. He use to have an advocate that passed away. This man is in his 50's who is looking for someone to do things with. He enjoys bowling, swimming, movies, going out to eat and is very easy going. He lives with his mother and works at the Threshold, but he does not have anyone else in his life to do things with. He is a very quiet man who is looking for someone that will take the time to get to know him, involve him in community activities and help him find his voice. I would appreciate any help or ideas you might have for finding an advocate for this man. Maybe I could speak to your group?

Jessica Frederick (262) 334-3384 E-mail: jfrederick@cawash.org

NOTE from Jim Krudwig: I have been a citizen's advocate for Adam, an impaired 23 year old man for several years. He cannot speak or walk, is confined to an electronic wheelchair, having only the use of his left hand. We go to a game about once a month, catching the Brewers, Packers or Bucks and occasionally bowling. We also enjoy having a pizza together. Yes, he can bowl with that one hand. He participates in regional and state Special Olympic races and has a job at the bowling alley a couple days a week and at Threshold. He really enjoyed helping KetMorDet at a Walmart fundraiser a few years back. Realizing that any of us could have had an impaired child or family member makes us better understand how difficult it can be for this person when not everyone cares. I feel that I get far more out of the time spent with Adam than he gets from me. I have a retired state trooper friend, John, who works with a young man who seems to be oblivious of much of his surroundings. Adam and I can enjoy things together whereas John takes his partner for wheelchair rides and is not certain if the young man really knows him all the time. So, the man in his 50's that Jessica is asking for help with above is not nearly as disabled as some others in the Wash. County Citizen Advocacy program.

UNCLE NED

Uncle Ned, an old retired seagoing Marine Gunny, was getting along in years. He told the family that when he died, he wanted to be buried at sea. So when the fateful day finally came down there in Carolina, Bubba and Joe put Uncle Ned's body in the back of their pickup truck, hooked up the fishing boat and went to the seashore. They put the boat into the water, loaded the body and began to row out into the ocean. After they rowed out a little ways, Bubba jumped into the water to see if it was deep enough. It was only waist deep so they had to go out a little further. They did this several times testing the depth till finally Bubba dove in and was under water for quite a while.

He finally came back up gasping for breath. Then he said. "This is deep enough, hand me the shovel."

Taken from an e-mail provided by MSgt Tom MacKinney, USMC Retired

*(Excerpted from **BOSTON GLOBE** newspaper - Sep 10 2008 by Peter Schworm, Globe Staff - changes made to clarify)*

MARINE RESERVIST'S SCIENCE TALENT LIGHTS SAFER WAY IN IRAQ

For seven months, Marine Sergeant Jason Cox patrolled near Fallujah, Iraq, from the turret of a Humvee, a gunner for a squad whose greatest fear was the unseen. Roadside bombs were the greatest threat, and often went undetected until it was too late.

So Cox, a graduate student in chemistry at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, put his scientific background to the test, designing a groundbreaking device that used infrared imaging to detect improvised explosives from a safer distance. With the help of other members of his unit, Cox worked during his few off-hours to modify existing thermal-imaging equipment to identify specific light characteristics, then tested the technique on patrols. Able to identify remotely detonated devices from more than 200 yards, Cox's system proved an immediate success and marked a critical advance against the bombs. Cox's research, conducted during his tour in 2006, has now spurred the Marines to purchase new detection technology that incorporates Cox's findings. Cox a five-year reservist in the Marine Corps and a Worcester resident, was recently honored for his work with the US Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. The award recognize Cox's initiative, perseverance, and total dedication to duty," which honored "the highest tradition of the Marine Corps and Untied States Naval Service."

Cox, a 27 year old who returned in 2006 after his tour and is researching pharmaceuticals at WPI, said his brainstorm was born of intuition and necessity. "This particular threat was very dangerous, and infrared and night goggles couldn't see it," he said describing a specific type of explosive widely used against American troops at the time in and around Fallujah. "I became curious if there was another way to image things, and we found a way to make them really stand out."

The device allows military personnel to locate roadside bombs' triggering systems, which are almost impossible to see with the naked eye or other imaging techniques, by recognizing differences in thermal expansion, or how materials swell when heated. The technique is mainly used at night.

Cox's breakthrough earned him instant popularity among his fellow Marines, as well as some good-natured mockery of his bookish leanings. But Cox said he has been touched by the military's gratitude and takes great pride in helping protect other service members. His Platoon Commander, Staff Sergeant Chris Singley, said Cox's system is used throughout Iraq and has doubtlessly saved lives.

"The biggest thing he did is create standoff distance," Singley said. "Instead of seeing it at the last minute, we were able to have some warning."

For his thesis adviser, Venkat Thalladi, Cox's discovery showed the value of scientific expertise on the front lines. Cox's work paid immediate dividends, he said.

"With pharmaceuticals, it could be one year, two years, or 10. There's no way to tell," said Thalladi, an assistant chemistry professor. "Here is a person who with simple deductive logic saved lives in real time."

Cox, who grew up in Southborough, received his bachelor's degree in 2005 and had entered graduate school when his unit was deployed to Iraq. Upon his return, he resumed his studies and is working toward his degree while serving in the Marine Reserves.

Like many who serve in combat, Cox struggled with the transition back to civilian life. For a time he drank heavily, he said, and last December was charged with assault and battery for his involvement in a bar fight. (You really gotta love this guy. Ooorah!) The charges were continued without finding and will be dismissed if he stays out of trouble, Cox said.

He said he has worked to help other returning veterans adjust to the home front. While he deeply regrets what happened, Cox said the incident also provided a wake up call. "That was a silver lining." He said. "I realized I had a problem."

Married with a 4 month old daughter, he is savoring life at home, but would proudly serve a second tour. "I enjoy working in the lab," he said. "But I enjoy being a Marine equally."

(Taken from an E-mail note forwarded by Major Sam Moyer USMC Retired, better known as OldJarHd@)

PRESIDENT AND LAURA BUSH ATTEND FINAL 2008 FRIDAY NIGHT SUNSET PARADE

(Info from an Associated Press article.) - President Bush and his wife, Laura, witnessed cannons firing, rifles thrown in the air and heavy marching at the Sunset Parade on Friday night Aug 29th while visiting the Marine Barracks, 8th & I Streets, Washington, D.C. They arrived at dusk at the barracks, the oldest post of the Marine Corps, and sat front row in the football field-shaped pavilion. They and the 3,100 member audience watched Marines in blue Uniform blouses and white trousers, marching and (the Silent Drill Team) pounding their steel-plated rifle butts on the concrete as they showed off their polished, synchronized movements. The President sat next to Gen. James Conway, Commandant of the Marine Corps. The band's horns and percussion instruments performed marches and other numbers. A roar of cannons filled the air after the band played "Ode to Joy." Following the national anthem, the President greeted Marines on the field. A tradition is for the President to come to the last "Sunset Parade" performance each season.

TWO U. S. MARINE BANDS TO PLAY - IN NORTH PRAIRIE, FOND DU LAC, & GREEN BAY

The **Waukesha MCL Det** will host a Marine Band (?) that will play on Sep 18th at Cutler Park at 1900. Also on Sep 20th at 2000 at the **North Prairie Harvest Days** and on Sep 21st at Noon for the parade and a concert at 1330. This band also performs at the Sep 21st Packer game in **Green Bay** doing the National Anthem and a special salute.

The **Fond du Lac MCL Det** advises that the "President's Own" U. S. Marine Band out of Washington, DC is scheduled to have a concert at the **Fond du Lac Senior High School** auditorium on Friday, Oct 17, 2008. Reportedly, this Marine Band plays at the White House for state dinners and ceremonies and is more formal using instruments like violins, cellos, harps, French horns, etc, and has a mixture of classical, semi-classical and march music. The doors open at 1830 and the concert begins at 1930. **There is no admission charge but TICKETS ARE REQUIRED.** It was suggested that I request a block of tickets by **Sep 26th** if any other KetMorDet Members and family want to attend. Either call or send me an e-mail prior to that date with the number of tickets needed. Jim K

Not to be confusing, a group known as the "US Marine Band" plays parade type/march music usually for the Fri Night Sunset Parade ceremonies at the Marine Barracks 8th & I, Washington, D.C. during summer months (See note at top of page) and appears in parades etc. It is similar to the Marine Bands stationed at Camp Pendleton, Camp Lejeune, Cherry Point Air Station, etc and the Marine Reserve Band that marched in the 2007 Allenton Parade and had a concert there. KetMorDet missed the opportunity to sponsor the latter group for a concert in West Bend at that time. Still another group is the "US Marine Drum and Bugle Corps", also out of Marine Barracks, 8th & I, which usually plays at the Tuesday evening parade ceremonies held at the Marine Iwo Jima Memorial in Arlington Cemetery during the summer. Editor

KETMORDET'S REPORTED SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS (Always subject to change)

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| Sep 18 | Thu | 1900 | US Marine Band Concert, Cutler Park (may be in Waukesha) |
| Sep 20 | Sat | 0855 | Regular Monthly Meeting, Trenton Town Hall, Hwy 33 East of West Bend |
| Sep 20 | Sat | 2000 | US Marine Band Concert, Harvest Days, North Prairie |
| Sep 21 | Sun | 1200 | US Marine Band marching in Harvest Days Parade, North Prairie - Followed by 1330 concert |
| Sep 21 | Sun | Evening | US Marine Band playing National Anthem & special salute at Packers/Dallas game- Green Bay |
| Sep 24 | Wed | 1300 | Flag History Presentation, Grafton Elem School, Team Members needed |
| Sep 26 | Fri | 1500 | Fundraiser - Milwaukee Brewers/Chicago Cubs Game - Volunteers needed |
| Oct 17 | Fri | 1830 | "President's Own" US Marine Band playing at Fond du Lac High School, Free-Tickets required |
| Oct 18 | Sat | 0855 | Regular Monthly Meeting, Trenton Town Hall, Hwy 33 East of West Bend |
| Nov 8 | Sat | 1800 | Celebration of Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Old County Courthouse Museum, West Bend |
| Nov 10 | | | 233rd Birthday of the Marine Corps. Fly your flag proudly |
| Nov 11th | | | Veterans Day, Fly your flag proudly |
| Nov 29th | | | Color Guard participating in Grafton Christmas Parade |
| Nov 30th | | | Color Guard participating in West Bend Christmas Parade |

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