

Since December 1973, and the founding of the Marine Corps League Detachment in Indianapolis, it has long been a dream and goal for many long time members to create and maintain a museum and library in mid-America dedicated to Marines.

With your help we can achieve this goal

The Marine Corps League of Indianapolis, in conjunction with the Marine Foundation of Central Indiana have taken on the awesome responsibility of contracting a building; this will be used as a Marine Corps Historical and Family Center and home of the Hiram I Bearss Detachment, Marine Corps league and other Marine Corps oriented organizations in Central Indiana. A Marine facility and gathering place!!!

The League's new home is at 3561 English Avenue, Indianapolis, IN. The building is being leased for three years with an option to buy at the end of the lease. While the building structure is sound, it will require some "rehabilitation and fixing-up". Not to mention normal maintenance and operating expenses. We estimate that it will take a minimum of \$30,000.00 for the rehabilitation and an annual budget of \$20,000.00 to maintain the building.

In the United States Naval Services, including the Marine Corps, being a "Plank Owner" is an honor, "... a "plank owner" is an individual who was a member of the crew of a ship when that ship was first commissioned. Today, "plank owner" is applied to members of newly commissioned units, new military bases ..."

Having the title of "Plank Owner" includes certain rights and privileges—including bragging rights of being part of the beginning of a new adventure for Marines in Indiana. For your generosity, you will receive an everlasting memory, as well as, the honor and title of "Plank Owner" for our new home. Your donation will help perpetuate the heritage and traditions of our Corps.

When you return the attached form along with your tax-deductible donation, you will receive special benefits at different "Plank Owner" categories:

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| Golden Teak - (\$5,000)
Ad Space in <i>Scuttlebutt News Letter</i> for 5 years*
Four Free Hall Rentals
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Two Free Hall Rentals
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| Indo-China Teak - (\$1,000)
One Free Hall Rental
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MC Ball Cap w/embroidered "Plank Owner" | Burma Teak - (\$500)
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Memorial Plank—Individual Memorial Plaques are available in all the above Plank Owner Categories.

Other Donations—Donations of any size will be welcomed!!!

Donations/Pledges can be paid in full or over a three-year period and MUST be paid by 10 November 2011.
**Scuttlebutt* ad space will begin in the next edition after receipt of donation/pledge.
All donations/pledges are TAX DEDUCTABLE under IRS 501(3) guidelines.



"PLANK OWNERS"
Be Part of Making a Home for
Marines and Family Members to
Gather.
Be Part of Preserving
our Heritage
and Traditions



Home Base-Indianapolis, IN



Yes! I wish to support the Marine Corps League/Marine Foundation of Central Indiana "Plank Program". I am enclosing my pledge/donation of:

Check Category

(1) Golden Teak (\$5,000)

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(3) Indo-China Teak (\$1,000)

(4) Burma-Teak (\$500)

(5) Memorial Plank, Level: _____

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Memorial Plank: _____
(include Name, Rank, Military Branch, Date of Death of Honoree)

If your company has a matching gift program, please contact your HR Office for information.

Please detach above and send completed form with check payable to MCL/MFCI Plank Owner to: Marine Foundation of Central Indiana, P.O. Box 501615, Indianapolis, IN 46250-6615. If you wish to pay with a credit card via PayPal go to www.SemperFindy.org. For further information please call (317) 546-7228, or go to www.semperfindy.com.



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