

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

DETACHMENT 1316 - L/CPL C. ADLESBERGER

Newsletter



Welcome

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Dear Members, Guests, Marines and Associates.

We are thrilled to bring you the latest updates from the Marine Corps League, Detachment 1316. Every day, we are inspired by your unwavering commitment to our mission of empowering, educating and supporting community growth. Together, we are creating ripples of change that transform lives and build a brighter future.

What's Going on

Report of Standing Committees:

The Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be held on November 14, 2026 at Santa Ana Star Casino.

May 09, 2026 at 0800 - Detachment Yard Sale - Funds raised for Marine Corps Ball; afterwards informal social at the Gonzales-Schwartz residence.

June 23, 2026 at 1830 - Fundraiser at Kelly Jo Designs by Wine's Paint and Wine.
September 2026 - Bubba's with Bake Sale at Cottonwood Mall

November 11, 2026 - We will have an event for **Veterans Day** including parade participation before the ceremony.

Honor Guard - Marine Grenier has nothing new regarding MOU approval
Report of Special Committees:

Eagle Scout & Jr ROTC Committee Marine Marzon: Call to action for the Eagle Scout Code to Honor on April 2026 at 1400 Estancia Valley Classical Academy for Shane Beard. Marine Busher has the certificate.

Additional ES/ROTC: Request discussion for awards given to high school students graduating. Estimates for previous plaques were up to \$400. To be mindful of costs, Marine Marzan proposes a card stock certificate with a folder along with a gift or gift card. Such as a coin, shirt or pocket knife.

1. Marine Glass requested to table the plaque ideas.

High School list includes the following: Currently.

1. Rio Grande 4/23 @ 1700

2. La Cueva 4/24 @ 1800

3. Eldorado 4/29 @ 1800

4. Atrisco Heritage Academy 4/30 @ 1800

5. Rio Rancho 5/15 @ 1000

6. Volunteers contact Marine Marzan

7. Dress accordingly to represent the MCL respectfully

Memorial Day Ceremony. Monday, May 25, 2026, Rio Rancho Veterans Memorial Independence Day, please join us as we participate in the parade. Contact the SR. Vice Commandant or Activities Volunteer for more information.

New Mexico State Fair is coming. MCL 1316 will have a booth set up to represent our detachment on September 15, 2026 **Veterans Free admission day.**

NCO Creed

I am the backbone of the United States Marine Corps, I am a Marine Non-Commissioned Officer.

I serve as part of the vital link between my commander (and all officers) and enlisted Marines.

I will never forget who I am or what I represent.

I will challenge myself to the limit and be ever attentive to duty.

I am now, more than ever, committed to excellence in all that I do, so that I can set the proper example for other Marines.

I will demand of myself all the energy, knowledge and skills I possess, so that I can instill confidence in those I teach.

I will constantly strive to perfect my own skills and to become a good leader.

Above all I will be truthful in all I say or do. My integrity shall be impeccable as my appearance.

I will be honest with myself, with those under my charge and with my superiors.

I pledge to do my best to incorporate all the leadership traits into my character.

For such is the heritage I have received from that long, illustrious line of professionals who have worn the blood stripe so proudly before me.

I must give the very best I have for my Marines, my Corps and my Country for though today I instruct and supervise in peace, tomorrow, I may lead in war.

Courtesy Of Mike Haas

2026 Commandant

Detachment 1316



Oath of Office

 I (_____) do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the

Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So, help me God.

Two And A Half Centuries

By Michael J. Haas

Born from a colony of British rule
They sought freedom and separatism.
For a hundred and fifty years of misrule
A breakaway began forming to anti-statism.

British debts created untenable taxes
Thoughts of revolution were being born.
A Declaration of Independence in praxis
Created the country we call home.

Two and a half centuries have passed
She's grown and matured on the world stage.
We've endured war and depression amassed
Carrying forward every day becomes our gauge.

Our time has come to celebrate her birth
A journey not without bumps and bruises.
The addition of fifty states adds to her girth
A populace of 349 million
giving way to her muses.

The United States of America is without doubt
The greatest country in the world today!
While democracy is our guide and clout
The Constitution holds her strength in sway.

She's had forty-seven Presidents to lead
During her storied existence in the world.
Each faced new trials and issues to impede
Each accepted the challenges
open and unfurled.

Now we celebrate her 250 years of achievement
Aged less than many countries
around the globe.
Our nation is a stalwart of
change and agreement
With centuries more on the horizon to probe.

The United States of America has it all
Blustering cities, quaint towns,
and fantastic landscapes.
We boast the most diverse population of all
One of strength and unity
subject to minor scrapes.

Our Constitution and Bill of Rights define us
The Declaration of Independence
holds our spirit.

No other country in the world can contain us
As our spirit and purpose rises to crescendo.

As all Americans look to our forefathers
Their drive and idealism are held in our soul.
Remember from where we came together
Celebrating our country's 250th birthday knoll.

NATIONAL COMMANDANT'S LETTER

TJ MORGAN

Mentorship: Carrying the Torch Forward in the Marine Corps League



MARINES: In my last column, I wrote about leadership. In this issue, I want to focus on mentorship.

Mentorship has always been woven into the fabric of the U.S. Marine Corps. From the moment a young Marine learns to lace up boots, that Marine is guided by those who came before—Marines who earned wisdom through experience, discipline, and sacrifice. The Marine Corps League exists to preserve that legacy, and mentorship is one of the strongest ways we do it.

Within the League, mentorship is more than giving advice. It is the active commitment of seasoned Marines to invest time, attention, and care in fellow Marines, veterans, and even the next generation who may never wear the uniform. It is about teaching honor, courage, and commitment by living those values every day. A mentor does not just talk about leadership; a mentor demonstrates it through service, accountability, and consistency.

For many Marines transitioning to civilian life, the loss of structure and brotherhood can be jarring. The Marine Corps League helps fill that gap. Mentors guide Marines through career changes, personal challenges, and moments of doubt. Sometimes mentorship is professional guidance. Other times, it is simply being present—listening, checking in, and reminding someone that he or she is never alone. That connection can be life-changing.

Mentorship also strengthens the League itself. When experienced members share their knowledge of Marine Corps history, traditions, and community service, they help ensure the League remains vibrant and relevant. Newer members bring energy and fresh perspectives, while mentors help anchor that enthusiasm in time-tested values. That exchange keeps the League strong across generations.

Most importantly, mentorship honors those who came before us. Every Marine stands on the shoulders of others—drill instructors, NCOs, officers, and peers who helped shape who we became. By mentoring today, we repay that debt. We pass the torch and ensure Marine standards and values continue to shine long after active service ends.

The Marine Corps League is not just an organization; it is a family. Mentorship is how that family endures. When one Marine takes the time to guide another, the legacy of the Corps lives on—one conversation, one example, and one act of service at a time. **Semper Fi!**