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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.

Well, the new year is upon us. Happy 2026 to all. As we welcome the new year we also would like to take a moment to remember all who moved on from this 3rd rock from the sun. They will be missed. We'd also like to say a fond farewell to all of those who have left the Marine Corps League. In addition, we'd like to welcome all of our newest members who have joined Lance Corporal Christopher Adlesperger detachment 1316.

With the new year comes new officer elections. A new round of leadership along with some remaining officers is upon us:

New Commandant for 2026, Michael Haas. Thank you Frank Rue for your service as prior Commandant.

Senior Vice Commandant remains Jeffrey Grenier

New Junior Vice Commandant for 2026, Rick Young. Thank you Phoebe Marzon for your service as prior Junior Vice Commandant.

Judge Advocate remains Adrian Glass

Paymaster remains Tracy Tillerson

Junior Past Commandant Frank Rue

Adjutant remains Roleen Younis

Chaplain (Temporary) remains Norma Haas

Quartermaster remains Kay Grenier

Webmaster remains Diana Martinez-Glass

Sargent at Arms remains Johnathan Schwarz

New Position- Events and Volunteer Coordinator Lanny Busher



MICHAEL HAAS



RICK YOUNG



FRANK J RUE

Thank you to all for your dedication and volunteer services to the detachment

History Corner:

[2 March, 1867](#)

Jacob Zeilin, Colonel Commandant of the Marine Corps from 30 June 1864, was this date promoted to the rank of Brigadier General Commandant, the first time Congress authorized this rank for the Marine Corps. The statute,

however, was repealed in June 1874 so that the rank of Commandant would again revert to colonel upon Zeilin's retirement.

3 March, 1968

The Battle of Hue City ends. The heavy enemy commitment of forces at Hue reflected the high value placed upon the city's capture by the NVA. The subsequent battle for the city was a bitter affair and **constituted a major portion of the overall fight for control that occurred after the Tet Offensive began on the night of 30 January 1968.**

8 March, 1965

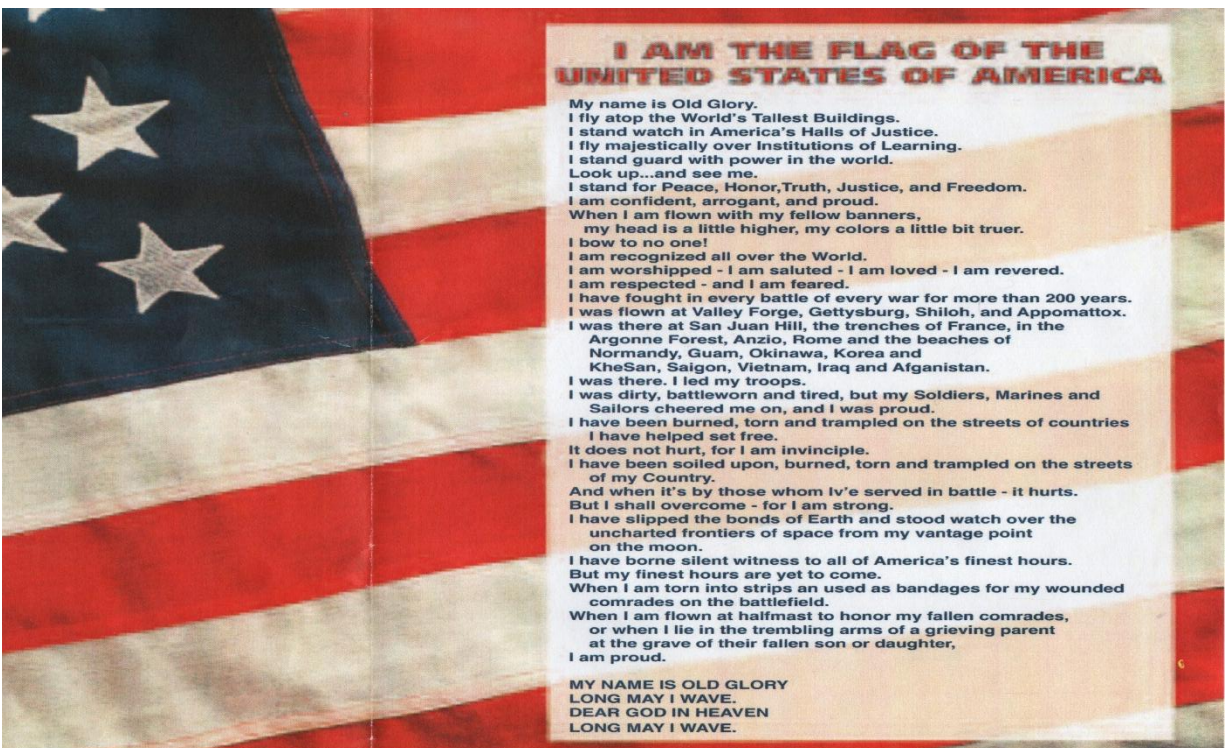
The 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade landed at DaNang, Republic of Vietnam as the first U.S. ground combat troops to be committed to that conflict. The 3,500 men arrived both across the beach with Battalion Landing Team 3/9, and at DaNang Airfield with Battalion Landing Team 1/3.

11 March, 1778

Marines participated the action when the Continental Navy frigate *Boston*, enroute to France, sighted, engaged, and captured the British merchant ship *Martha*. As the drum of the *Boston* beat to arms, John Adams seized a musket and joined the Marines on deck until the frigate's captain, Samuel Tucker, sent him below for safety.

13 March, 1943

The first group of 71 Women Marine officer candidates arrived at the U.S. Midshipmen School (Women's Reserve) at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. The Navy's willingness to share training facilities enabled the Marine Corps to begin training Marine Corps Women's Reserve officers just one month after the creation of the MCWR was announced.



How to Appeal VA Decision on Disability Compensation Claim

The federal government passed the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017 to revamp notoriously egregious delays inherent in the VA's disability claim appeals process. Commonly referred to as AMA (short for the Appeals Modernization Act), the overhauled process is designed to drastically reduce the length of time veterans wait for an appeal decision.

Prior to AMA, a veteran's only initial appeal option was to submit a notice of disagreement (NOD) to the agency of original jurisdiction (the regional office that denied the claim). It could take up to three years after filing an NOD for another decision.

If dissatisfied with the NOD, the veteran could appeal to the Board of Veterans' Appeals. The board's decisions were adding two to four years to the process, and that was before a veteran could appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. The court's decision could take another two to four years.

But under AMA, veterans now have three options to appeal their initial VA disability claim decision. Veterans have one year from the date of an initial VA decision to appeal.

The first two options return the appeal to a regional office, with a decision goal of 125 days.

A "higher-level review" submitted with VA Form 20-0996, is a de novo, or new look, review by a senior claims adjuster using only the originally submitted evidence. You or your veterans service officer can request an informal phone call as part of the appeal. The reviewer can only overturn the original decision based on a difference of opinion or a clear and unmistakable error.

A "supplemental claim," using VA Form 20-0995, may include new and relevant evidence to support this appeal.

The third option, an "appeal to the board" using VA Form 10182, goes directly to the Board of Veterans' Appeals with three approaches to reach a decision within the one-year goal:

- Direct review without new evidence and without a hearing.
- Submit new evidence without a hearing.
- Submit new evidence and request the opportunity to testify before a veterans law judge. IIII

— *Capt. Paul J. Frost, USN (Ret), AFC®, MOAA's program director for financial and benefits education/counseling/veterans services*



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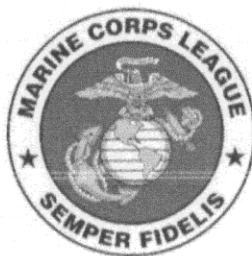
MOAA recommends using an accredited veterans service organization when dealing with the VA. Find one at www.va.gov/get-help-from-accredited-representative/find-rep.



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A Note from the National Commandant and the Chief Devil Dog

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March 13, 2026

Marines and Associates,

Due to the evolving security situation in the Middle East and the resulting heightened awareness across the United States military, I am issuing this advisory to all Marine Corps League members.

The Department of Defense has increased its operational posture in response to current events overseas. As a result, military installations across the United States have implemented enhanced security measures and elevated force protection awareness. While these measures are precautionary, they reflect the seriousness with which our nation approaches the protection of service members, veterans, and military-related organizations.

As members of the Marine Corps League, we proudly represent the legacy, values, and traditions of the United States Marine Corps in our communities. However, during periods of increased global tension, it is prudent that we exercise additional caution and situational awareness.

Effective immediately and until further notice, members are strongly encouraged to take the following precautionary measures:

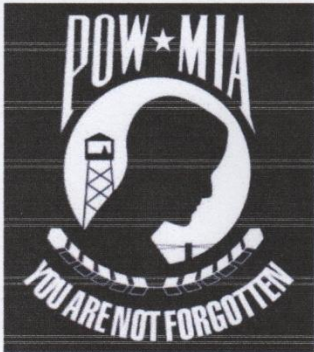
- Suspend the public wear of the Marine Corps League Undress Uniform.
- Limit the wear of Marine Corps League outer uniform items or covers that prominently identify affiliation with the Marine Corps League.
- Maintain heightened personal awareness when attending public events or gatherings.
- Follow local, state, and federal guidance regarding security and public safety.

These recommendations are made strictly out of an abundance of caution and concern for the safety and well-being of our membership. They are not intended to diminish the pride we carry as Marines and members of the Marine Corps League, but rather to ensure we remain vigilant and responsible during a time of increased international tension.

Semper Fidelis,

TJ Morgan
66th National Commandant
Marine Corps League

POW/MIA Recognition Day



April 4th is a day of remembrance for American service members who were prisoners of war and those who remain missing in action. Within the Veteran community, the day honors those who endured captivity and remembers those who never returned home.

From World War I to more recent operations, thousands of U.S. service members were taken prisoner or remain unaccounted for. The mission to account for the missing continues today through the work of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), which conducts recovery missions, researches historical records, and uses modern forensic science to identify remains and return them to their families.

For New Mexico, the observance carries particular significance. Many New Mexicans were among those captured or listed as missing, including members of the 200th Coast Artillery Regiment and 515th Coast Artillery Regiment of the New Mexico National Guard who fought in the Philippines during World War II and endured years of captivity after the fall of Bataan.

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services honors those Veterans who endured captivity as prisoners of war and remembers the service members who remain missing in action.

Annual Bataan Remembrance Ceremony April 9th

Each year on April 9th, New Mexicans gather to honor one of the most significant chapters in the state's military history during the Bataan Remembrance Ceremony, presented by the New Mexico National Guard in partnership with the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services.

The ceremony commemorates the 1,800 soldiers of the New Mexico National Guard's 200th and 515th Coast Artillery Regiments stationed in the Philippines on Dec. 8, 1941, when Japan launched a surprise attack just hours after Pearl Harbor. Originally deployed for training, these New Mexicans soon became part of a combined American and Filipino force defending the Bataan Peninsula against Japanese invasion.

After four months of intense fighting, Allied forces, outnumbered and running out of food and supplies, surrendered on April 9, 1942. Thousands of American and Filipino troops were taken prisoner and subjected to the brutal Bataan Death March.

The ceremony will take place before the eternal flame at the **Bataan Memorial Building Thursday, April 9th at 11:00 am, 407 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501.**



Medal of Honor Day



Each year on March 25th, the nation observes National Medal of Honor Day, recognizing the extraordinary bravery and sacrifice of the men and women who have received the United States' highest military decoration. The date commemorates March 25, 1863, when the first Medals of Honor were presented, marking the beginning of a tradition that continues to honor acts of heroism more than 160 years later.

The Medal of Honor, also known as the Congressional Medal of Honor, is awarded only to service members who distinguish themselves through conspicuous gallantry and remarkable valor at the risk of their lives above and beyond the call of duty. Because of the extraordinary standards required for the award, fewer than 3,600 service members in U.S. history have received the medal.

In 1990, Congress designated March 25 as National Medal of Honor Day, creating a nationwide opportunity to reflect on the courage of those who have performed acts of valor in defense of the United States. Communities across the state and the country mark the day by honoring recipients and remembering the sacrifices of generations of American service members.

Medal of Honor Recipients Who Were Born In New Mexico

<i>Fernandez, Daniel,</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Albuquerque, NM</i>	<i>Vietnam War</i>
<i>Jennings, Delbert Owen</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Silver City, NM</i>	<i>Vietnam War</i>
<i>Martinez, Joseph P.</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Talpa, NM</i>	<i>World War II</i>
<i>Miyamura, Hiroshi "Hershey"</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Gallup, NM</i>	<i>Korean War</i>
<i>Moon, Jr., Harold Herman</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Albuquerque, NM</i>	<i>World War II</i>
<i>Petry, Leroy Arthur</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Santa Fe, NM</i>	<i>War on Terror-Afghanistan</i>
<i>Rocco, Louis Richard</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Albuquerque, NM</i>	<i>Vietnam War</i>
<i>Ruiz, Alejandro Renteria</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Loving, NM</i>	<i>World War II</i>
<i>Valdez, Jose Frank</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Gobernado, NM</i>	<i>World War II</i>
<i>Walker, Kenneth Newton</i>	<i>Army AC</i>	<i>Cerrillos, NM</i>	<i>World War II</i>
<i>Worley, Kenneth Lee</i>	<i>USMC</i>	<i>Farmington, NM</i>	<i>Vietnam War</i>

Visitors who want to learn more about New Mexico's Medal of Honor legacy can explore exhibits across the state. The New Mexico State Capitol in Santa Fe features a display honoring several recipients through photographs and brief biographies, and the Capitol Visitors Information Center offers a pamphlet highlighting New Mexico's Medal of Honor recipients. Additional exhibits are on display at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial in Albuquerque, where visitors can learn more about the stories and service of the Veterans. For more information, visit:

<https://www.nmvetsmemorial.org/visit.html#/>

National Medal of Honor Day serves as a reminder of the courage, sacrifice, and devotion to duty displayed by America's service members. For New Mexicans, it is also an opportunity to remember the heroes from our own communities whose actions continue to inspire future generations. The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) proudly honors the legacy of these Medal of Honor recipients and the enduring example of service they represent.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day



Annually, March 29th is National Vietnam War Veterans Day, a time to honor the men and women who served during the Vietnam War and remember those who never returned home. First established as a national observance in 2017, the date commemorates the departure of the final U.S. military units from South Vietnam following the Paris Peace Accords; 2026 marks the 53rd anniversary.



Millions of Americans served during the Vietnam era. Many were deployed to Vietnam, while others supported operations throughout Southeast Asia or served at bases around the world. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, between six and seven million Vietnam Veterans are living today in the United States and abroad. The day also honors those who were prisoners of war, those still listed as missing in action, and the thousands who gave their lives during the conflict.



U.S. involvement in Vietnam expanded gradually, beginning with military advisors in the early 1950s and growing through the early 1960s before escalating with the deployment of large combat units in July of 1965.



The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Angel Fire, NM stands as one of the nation's most recognized sites honoring those who served. The memorial welcomes visitors from across the country each year to reflect on the sacrifices made during the war. The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) dedicated a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall at the site. Like the national wall in Washington, D.C., the black granite panels are engraved with the names of more than 58,000 service members who died during the war, including nearly 400 New Mexicans.



The Angel Fire memorial complex includes a visitor center, museum exhibits, a memorial walkway, gardens, an amphitheater, and a Huey helicopter display overlooking the Angel Fire State Veterans Cemetery. Approximately 45,000 visitors come to the memorial each year.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day is a reminder to recognize the service and sacrifice of Vietnam Veterans. On March 29th, NMDVS encourages all New Mexicans to thank the Vietnam Veterans in their communities and honor their lasting legacy of service.