

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

DETACHMENT 1316 – L/CPL C. ADLESPERGER

Newsletter



Welcome

Dear Members, Associates and Guests,

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 education supporting community growth. Together, we are creating ripples of change that transform lives and build a brighter future.

First Half 2025 Highlights the first 6 months. This newsletter will continue a quarterly basis. This is a long one this time because it's the first edition and contains information for the first half of 2025

This Year's Achievements, So Far:

- **Detachment Elections:** New Officers have been installed at the Detachment Level completed in January 2025. Here are this year's officers/Board of Trustees
 - Commandant: Marine Frank Rue
 - Senior Vice Commandant: Marine Jeff Grenier
 - Junior Vice Commandant: Marine Phoebe Marzan
 - Judge Advocate: Marine Carla Gonzales-Schwarz
 - Paymaster: Marine Tracy Tillerson

Executive Committee:

 - Adjutant: Marine Roleen Younis
 - Sargeant at Arms: Associate Jonathan Schwarz
 - Chaplain: Associate Norma Hass
 - Web Master: Associate Diana Martinez
 - Quartermaster: Associate Kay Grenier
- **Marine and Associate of the Year Awards:** This year's Detachment MOY is Marine Tracy Tillerson (also received Division MOY). Associate Kay Grenier received the detachment AOY.
- **Conventions:** 3rd Quarter Department Convention: held in Las Cruces in January
The State Convention: was held in Albuquerque at the Veteran's Memorial.
Rocky Mountain Division Conference was held in Riverton, Colorado. It was attended by: Marines Stephanie Pugh, Tracy Tillerson and Jeff Grenier, Carla Gonzales-Schwarz and Jonathan Schwarz.
- **Eagle Scout Award:** Marine Pheobe Marzan presented the Good Citizenship Award at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor in February at the Community of Joy Church.
- **Viet Nam Veterans Day:** The detachment was represented at the ceremony at the Albuquerque Veterans Memorial.

- **JROTC Awards Ceremonies:** Marines Pheobe Marzon and Stephanie Pugh presented awards at Cibola High School. Marines Pheobe Marzon, Adrian Glass and Jeff Grenier presented awards at Rio Rancho High School.
- **Fund Raising Activities:** Bubbas Restaurant and bake sale, Ongoing Roll over Raffle, A donated Painting sold, Detachment Yard Sale on May 17th, 2025, was remarkably successful. The yard sale was held at the Gonzales-Schwarz home. Thank you to all who took part and donated to the cause. There was the Kelly Jo Designs Fund raiser in February.
- **Women in the Military Tribute:** The detachment was represented at this year's tribute with the Ship Store in attendance.
- **Memorial Day Ceremony:** Held at the Rio Rancho Veteran's Memorial Park was a success. Mayor Greg Hull was in attendance and gave his speech and proclamation. The MC for the Ceremony was Marine Adrian Glass. Special speeches were given by: Marine Vincent "Deacon" Carillo on the History of Memorial Day, Navy Veteran Jonathan Schwarz on the Battlefield Cross, Marine Pheobe Marzon read "The Flag Poem" and Past Jr. Commandant, Marine Mike Hass read an original poem "Memoriam of the Fallen". This was published in the Semper Fi Magazine and Marine Carla Gonzales-Schwarz read a poem "Don't Cry for Me". And, of course, the placing of the memorial wreath. This ceremony also had their debut of the joint Detachment 1316 and 381's Honor Guard rifle salute. The Joint Honor Guard is now letting others know of their ability to perform services from this point forward.
- The Commander/Chaplain of American Legion Post 118 read the ceremony invocation and benediction.

These milestones were made possible by your support and dedication to our shared vision.

Upcoming Events

Please Join Us for the following upcoming events!

We have exciting opportunities for you to get involved. Mark your calendars for the following events:

- **USMC 250TH Birthday Bash** – November 8, 2025. **Location:** Santa Ana Casino 54 Jemez Canyon Dam Rd, Bernalillo, NM 87004 from 1630 to 2330.

This is the big one that we as living Marines will never, ever, see again in our lifetime. Please mark your calendar. Invite others. This detachment opens our arms and hearts to all other services and family members and friends. So, please invite anyone that you think would like to party with crazy crayon eaters and have a great birthday party.



Tickets are now on sale!! Individual ticket sales will end at midnight, November 2, 2025.

Table ticket sales will end at midnight, October 15, 2025. **No refunds on ticket sales.**

- Independence Day Parade – July 4th, 5 p.m.
- Christmas Party - Date and Time: TBD Christmas Pot-luck

Be part of the action and bring your passion to these impactful events!

How You Can Help

The reason we can be effective in the community is volunteerism and donations. Please, we need your help and your Donations. Your generosity fuels our mission. Consider donating to support the Rio Rancho detachment

1316, of the Marine Corps League. Every contribution counts. Visit <https://mcl1316.com/fundraisers> to learn more.

Donate Donate Donate

Get involved and make a difference by joining our volunteer team.

Volunteer volunteer volunteer

Spread the Word

Help us expand our outreach by sharing our mission with your friends, family, and network. Follow us on social media @ [social media handle] and amplify our message.

Thank You

Your incredible support and dedication make everything we do possible. Thank you for believing in our cause and helping us turn dreams into realities. Together, we are unstoppable.

Contact Us

We love our community, so feel free to contact us at the email below.

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We'd love to hear from you.

Have a "Post for us to share?" * e-mail it for review.

The Giving Corner:

In recent years Marine Corps League, Detachment 1316 has supported and given back to the following organizations in the local community through financial contributions, donations, volunteerism, mentorship programs, scholarships and partnerships while continuing to be a resource for all Veterans and their family members in need.

- ➤ American Legion, Post 118 (monetary support due to financial challenges faced during pandemic)
- ➤ Boy Scouts of America
- ➤ Carry the Fallen Ruck March supporting PTSD and Veteran Suicide programs
- ➤ Cibola High School MCJROTC
- ➤ City of Rio Rancho Veterans Committee
- ➤ City of Rio Rancho in support of Veterans Day and Memorial Day Ceremonies
- ➤ Code Talker David Patterson Memorial Fund
- ➤ Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)
- ➤ Enchanted Hills Elementary
- ➤ Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center
- ➤ Fallen Veteran Program
- ➤ Fisher House
- ➤ Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos, Inc.
- ➤ Heroes Walk Among Us
- ➤ Honor Flight of Northern New Mexico
- ➤ Kirtland AFB Transition Assistance programs
- ➤ Local Bank of America and HP organizations; Employee Veteran recognition support
- ➤ Loving Thunder Veteran Riding Program
- ➤ Make a Wish Foundation, New Mexico

- ➤ Marine for Life Program
- ➤ Marines helping Marines program
- ➤ Military Surplus of Rio Rancho; Veteran donations
- ➤ New Mexico Veterans Integration Center (VIC)
- ➤ Operation Hiring Heroes Career Fair support
- ➤ Paws and Stripes
- ➤ Presbyterian Rust Medical Center (COVID-19 support of Medical 1st responders and patients)
- ➤ Rio Rancho Acts of Kindness
- ➤ Rio Rancho Firefighters (meals to 1st responders supporting local community)
- ➤ Rio Rancho High School; School Sport's Programs, MCJROTC, Thespian Society
- ➤ Rio Rancho Independence High School; food drives and student support
- ➤ Rio Rancho Mayor Sunday is Fun Day
- ➤ Road Runner Food Bank
- ➤ Sandoval County Veterans Outreach & Business Counseling
- ➤ St. Felix Pantry (COVID-19 monetary support to aid local families affected by pandemic)
- ➤ Storehouse West Food Pantry
- ➤ The Suites at Rio Vista Assisted Living Facility
- ➤ Travis Manion Foundation
- ➤ Tribute to Women in the Military
- ➤ United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Programs
- ➤ University of New Mexico Naval ROTC
- ➤ UNMH Sandoval Regional Medical Center (COVID-19 monetary support for PPE supplies)
- ➤ VA Homeless Veterans Transition Program
- ➤ Veteran Suicide awareness and support
- ➤ Wreaths Across America
- ➤ Young Marines Youth Programs

Founding Fathers Corner—Thoughts to Ponder

This period's Founding Father, **Thomas Jefferson**

"I predict future happiness for Americans, if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

The importance of an informed citizenry:

Jefferson believed that a well-informed populace was essential for a functioning democracy. He emphasized the need for public education and access to information, especially through the press.

The dangers of unchecked power:

Jefferson cautioned against the potential for government to become tyrannical, even in a democracy. He believed that the power of government should be limited and that citizens should be vigilant in protecting their rights.

The need for a strong republic:

Jefferson favored a republic, where citizens elect representatives, as a way to balance the power of the people with the need for stability and order.

The importance of limited government:

Jefferson believed that the government should be small and that citizens should be responsible for their own lives and actions.

The potential for democracy to degenerate into tyranny:

Jefferson feared that a democratic system could be corrupted by powerful individuals or groups who could manipulate the people.

The need for a citizen-led government:

Jefferson believed that the government should be accountable to the people and that citizens should have a voice in how they are governed.

Despotism Warning

Jefferson feared that it would only be a matter of time before the American system of government degenerated into a form of "elective despotism" (**1785**)