



# Bunker News



*A MULTIPLE  
AWARD WINNING  
NEWSLETTER!*

**MAY 2024**

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DESOTO DETACHMENT 588, DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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May will begin and end on somber notes. We will say our final goodbyes to Everette "Whip" Whipple, a fine Marine, a friend and, someone who could certainly be described as a character. He brightened the mood wherever he went. We will miss seeing him at the bar with his signature PBR and shot of Jameson. Some of us have speculated that the reason for the shot was to purge the taste of the PBR. Farewell Whip. We wish you fair winds and following seas.



We end the month with the holiday that has become known as a day for sales and kicking off the summer season. While I certainly would not discourage someone from saving a few bucks on a coveted widget or bauble during a Memorial Day Sale, let's not forget the actual reason why we remember the day. Throughout most of the western world, there is a day in November to remember those who have fallen in war. It was a day born out of the bloodshed and destruction of The Great War- the most devastating war in human history, or so they thought at the time. The War-to-End-All-Wars may have been the bloodiest conflict that Europeans had witnessed, but here in America, we already had a day of remembrance commemorating a war that, to this day, cost the greatest number of American lives. After the Civil War, many communities, particularly in the South, would decorate the graves of the fallen with fresh spring flowers. Having witnessed the decorated graves of friend and foe alike,

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General John Logan issued General Order 11 on 5 May 1868 declaring that 30 May be “designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country...”.

The date of 30 May was chosen because it was not the date of any Civil War battle. That officially began Decoration Day which, after a few world wars became Memorial Day.

Enjoy the Memorial Day holiday. Go to the beach, break out the grill or shop the sales but please take a moment to remember those who made these activities possible.

Semper Fi,

Joe





# Marine Corps League

## Desoto Detachment 588

### Event Calendar for MAY 2024

Open to all Members, Veterans and Guests for all Special Events



5/1	12:00 PM	BURGER DAY @ THE BUNKER!
5/1	12:00 PM	PISTOL RAFFLE TICKETS GO ON SALE @ THE BUNKER!
5/3	6:00 PM	KARAOKE @ THE BUNKER!
5/4	1:00 PM	CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR LANCE CORPORAL EVEREET WHIPPLE @ THE DAV.
5/4	3:00 PM	BAR POKER @ THE BUNKER!
5/6	6:15 PM	FINAL SERVICES AT THE SARASOTA NATIONAL CEMETERY FOR THE "WHIP".
5/6	12:00 PM	RETIRE TO THE BUNKER FROM THE SARASOTA NATIONAL CEMETERY.
5/8	12:00 PM	BURGER DAY @ THE BUNKER!
5/10	6:00 PM	KARAOKE @ THE BUNKER!
5/11	3:00 PM	BAR POKER @ THE BUNKER!
5/13	6:00 PM	E-BOARD MEETING @ THE BUNKER!
5/15	12:00 PM	BURGER DAY @ THE BUNKER!
5/17	6:00 PM	KARAOKE @ THE BUNKER!
5/18	3:00 PM	BAR POKER @ THE BUNKER!
5/20	6:30 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ THE BUNKER!
5/22	12:00 PM	BURGER DAY @ THE BUNKER!
5/24	6:00 PM	KARAOKE @ THE BUNKER
5/25	3:00 PM	BAR POKER @ THE BUNKER!
5/27	8:00 AM	MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE @ VETERAN'S PLAZA, BRADENTON WATERFRONT
5/27	12:00 PM	MEMORIAL DAY @ THE BUNKER!
5/29	12:00 PM	BURGER DAY @ THE BUNKER!
5/31	6:00 PM	KARAOKE @ THE BUNKER!

**MARINE CORPS BALL TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE BUNKER!**  
**SEATING IS LIMITED, SO BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY.**  
**THE BALL IS GOING TO BE HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER AT THE**  
**TARA COUNTRY CLUB.**





## **249<sup>th</sup>. MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL**

**Saturday, November 9, 2024**

### **TARA COUNTRY CLUB**

6602 Drewry's Bluff

Bradenton, FL

Directions: East on S.R.70 (53<sup>rd</sup>. Ave.) Right on Tara Blvd. (last traffic light before I-75)

First right after traffic light on Drewry's Bluff. Country Club is on left ½ mile.



***All invited to attend an evening of Tradition, Ceremony, Dinner, Music and Dancing***

***Dress: Formal or Semi-Formal, all Military Uniforms Welcome***

***Cocktails 6PM - 7PM***

***Ceremony 7PM - 7:30PM***

***Dinner & Dancing 7:30PM – 11:00PM***

*Boneless Short Ribs with Demi Glaze & Fried Onion Haystack*

*Bourbon Glaze Salmon*

*Chicken Marsala*

*Vegetarian*

*Dinners include Garden Salad, Chive Whipped Potatoes, Vegetable Bouquet, Dinner Rolls  
& Birthday Cake*

**Detach bottom portion & return by November 1**

**\$60.00 per person**

Please send payment or in person.

Marine Corps League Desoto Detachment #588

5225 26<sup>th</sup>. St. West- Bradenton, FL 34207

Phone: (941) 301- 4598

Amount of payment \_\_\_\_\_ (Please write Birthday Ball in memo field on check)

**First & Last Name of each attendee and Dinner Choice – Phone Contact** \_\_\_\_\_

1 ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Check one choice - B \_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_ V \_\_\_\_

2 ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Check one choice - B \_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_ V \_\_\_\_

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4 ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Check one choice - B \_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_ V \_\_\_\_

Tables are set for 10 people – (table requests - please write one table name for all people to be seated at your table)

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 2024



**MARINE RICHARD OLSEN** is sworn in by **Commandant Joe Filice**.

**Richard served as an 0331 M-60 Machine Gunner. His service included Central America and Norway.**

### Left to Right:

- ♦ Christopher Roehl
- ♦ Karen Ward
- ♦ Cheryl Olsen
- ♦ Sheila Moncada
- ♦ Carol Otto
- ♦ Josh Goldberg



New Associate Members being sworn in.

# WELCOME ABOARD!

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# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 2024



**DISTRICT SEVEN VICE COMMANDANT, BILL MOORE PRESENTS TONI CHASE WITH THE DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN MEDAL, SILVER AWARD FOR HER SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE WITH THE 2023 TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN**



**JOE INTOPPA RECEIVES A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR BEING NOMINATED FOR THE SOUTHEAST REGION "ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR"**

**DENNY PALMER IS SWORN IN AS THE JUDGE ADVOCATE. OUR PREVIOUS JUDGE ADVOCATE, EVERETTE WHIPPLE, PASSED AWAY, AND DENNY PALMER STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE TO SERVE OUT THE TERM OF OFFICE.**



**LEFT: JOAN PALMER WON BAZILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN THE 50/50 RAFFLE. THE IRS WILL BE VISITING HER SOON.**





**Goodwill**  
MANASOTA



## VETERANS SERVICES

Goodwill was one of the first organizations to respond to the multitude of challenges faced by veterans, their families, and the families of those who serve on active duty.

Goodwill Manasota's Veterans Services Program focuses on providing comprehensive case management and vocational services that assist with employment and barriers to employment, while helping veterans navigate the wide array of available programs.

We are proud to have a wide variety of community partners and alliances with other local organizations committed to serving those who have served for us.



**Call TODAY for this  
FREE service!  
941.355.2721 x.451**

### DD 214s

Marines who have been discharged, separated, or retired on or before 31 December 1998:

National Personnel Records Center

1 Archives Dr., St. Louis, MO

63138

(314) 801-0800; Fax: (314) 801-9195

<https://nrd.gov/resource/detail/8432677/>

[The+U.S.+National+Archives+%26+Records+Administration;](https://www.archives.gov/st-louis)

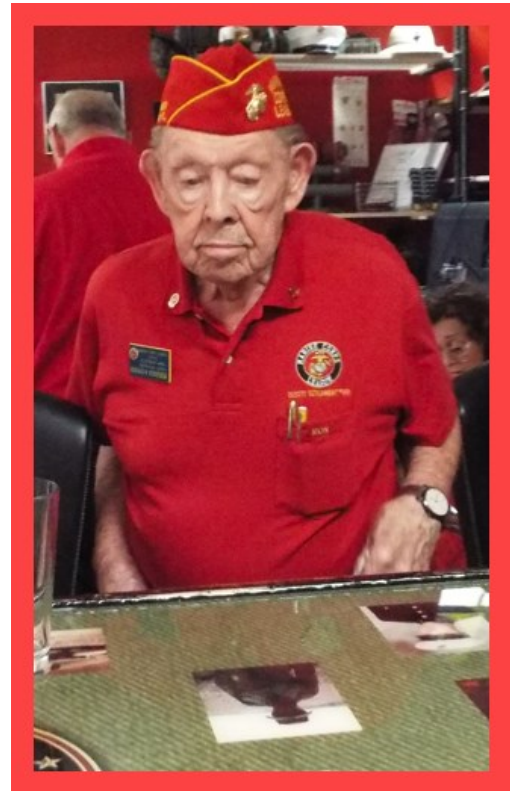
[www.archives.gov/st-louis](https://www.archives.gov/st-louis)

Marines discharged/retired/separated on or after 1 January 1999:

Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMRP)-10

2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030

(800) 268-3710; [smb.manpower.mmrp-10@usmc.mil](mailto:smb.manpower.mmrp-10@usmc.mil)



**Our detachment Chaplain, Ron Schneider checking out the photos on the bar at the Bunker.**

**Come to the bunker and support your Marine Corps League Detachment. If you haven't noticed, the Bunker has been busier lately. Many of our members who haven't been in for quite awhile are coming back.**

# MEMBERSHIP NOTICE:

**Section 7050. Life Members.** Effective 1 September 2021 the Life Membership fee shall be as established by the National Board of Trustees and shall be posted on the National Website."

The National Board of Trustees has the fiduciary responsibility for the operation and budget requirements of the Marine Corps League. The last time fees were adjusted was 19 years ago. The National Board of Trustees voted and approved the following:

Effective 1 July 2023, the Life Membership Fees will increase as per the following chart:

\$1000.00 – 35 years of age and lower

\$ 800.00 – 36-50 years of age

\$ 600.00 – 51-64 years of age

\$ 400.00 – 65-84 years of age

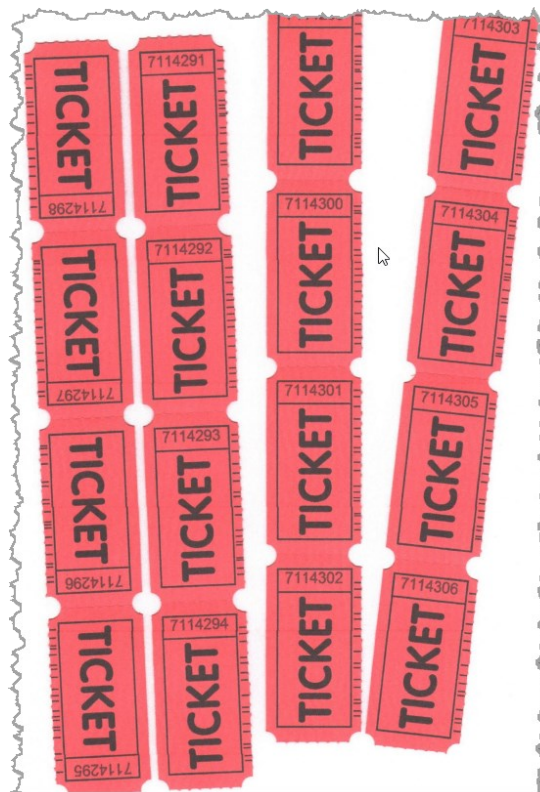
\$ 100.00 – 85 years of age and higher

The above Fees are only available if the member's annual dues have been paid and the member is in good standing.



Joe wins big bucks with five deuces.  
\$1,000.00 winning combination.

Of Course I sent the information to the IRS, who will be speaking with him shortly.



**Speaking of Big Bucks, I am selling these slightly used tickets from the last General Membership meeting's 50/50 drawing. They were not winners, so I am only asking \$10.00 each or all for \$100.00.**



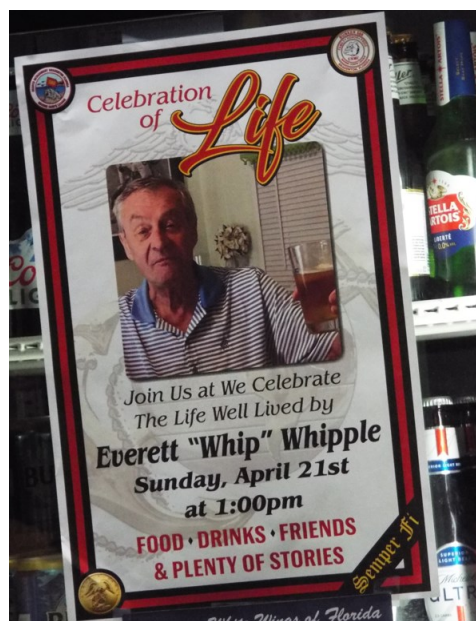


On Sunday, April 20th, the Bunker was packed. Every seat had a butt in it, plus we set up seats out back under three awnings. Every seat was taken. WHY? Because friends and family of Lance Corporal Everett "the Whip" Whipple came together to honor him. There was food, live music and a lot of fun. There was also plenty of that rot-gut Pabst Blue Ribbon that Whip so loved accompanied by shots of Jameson Whiskey. We saluted the Whip and we know he is giving St. Peter an ulcer right now.

Lance Corporal Everette Whipple,

United States Marine Corps

A Gentleman and a Warrior.





## PARTY FOR THE “WHIP”



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## PARTY FOR THE “WHIP”



**SOME OF THE  
“WHIP’S”  
FAMILY  
MEMBERS  
WERE  
PRESENT.**

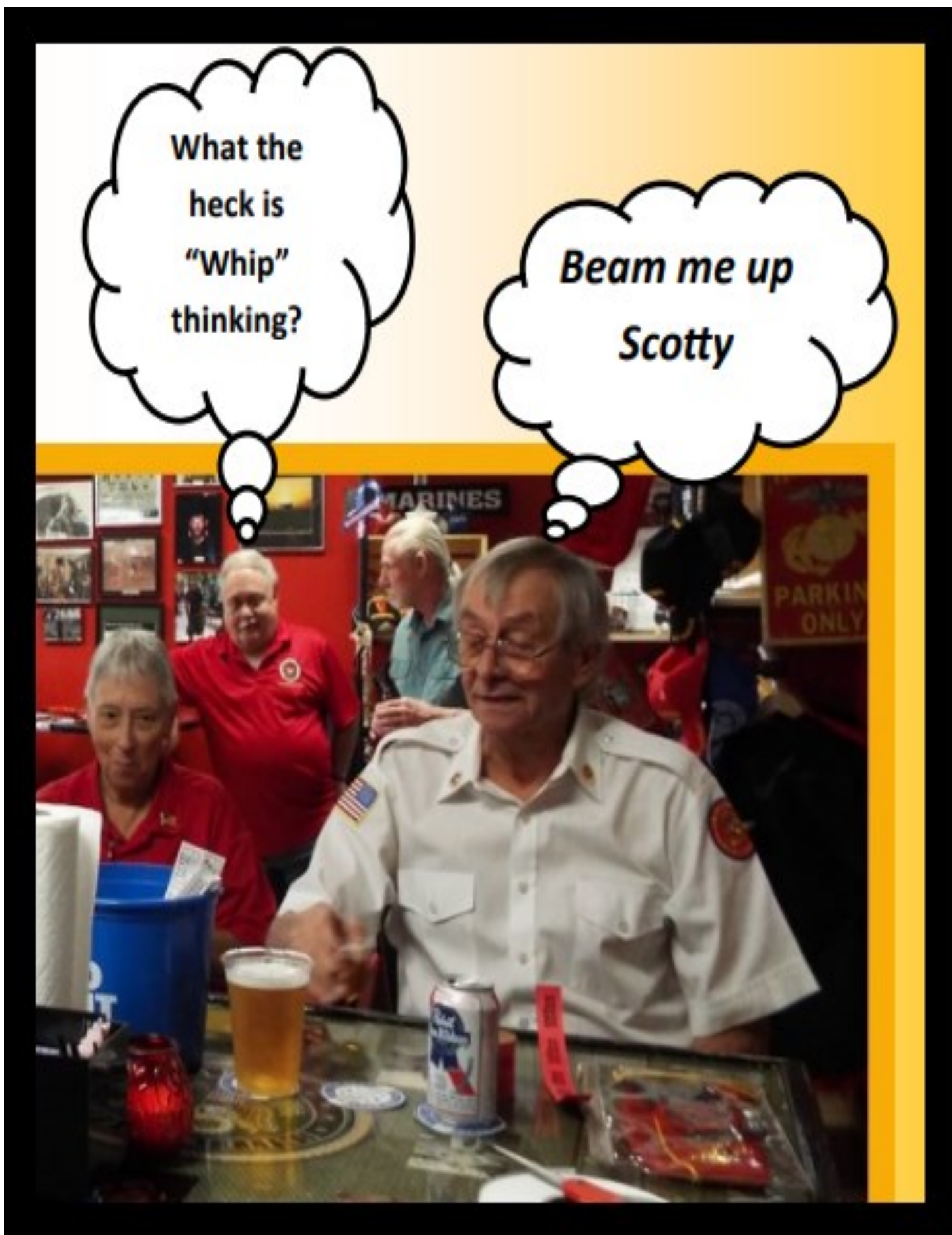


**THANK YOU, MISSION BBQ**



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To learn more,  
contribute or  
volunteer, visit  
[www.thetun.org](http://www.thetun.org)



**T**he Tun Tavern Legacy Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to rebuild and re-establish The Tun. The foundation needs to raise **\$19 million** to complete the project. When completed, it will serve as a functioning tavern reminiscent of the colonial Philadelphia mariners' tavern that it was, serving period-influenced refreshments, food, and entertainment and offering an educational experience through exhibits, historical documents, and special events. The new location will be approximately 250 yards from the original site, in the heart of Philadelphia's "Old City" district.

Many organizations whose history began at The Tun, such as the United States Marines (1775), Pennsylvania, Freemasons (1731), St. Andrew's Society (1747), Society of St. George (1729), The Friendly, Sons of St. Patrick (1771), United States Navy (1775) are involved in reestablishing The Tun in Philadelphia to support veteran causes, Shriner's Hospitals, educational scholarships, and qualified charities. **The Tun™ is scheduled to open in November 2025**, coinciding with the Navy and Marine Corps 250th Homecoming Celebration in Philadelphia. A groundbreaking ceremony is planned for November 2024.

## COLD WAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Attn: AHRC-PDP-A, Dept. 480

1600 Spearhead Division Ave.

Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408

Fax: (888) 276-9472 or (502) 613-9510

<https://www.hrc.army.mil>

Search "Cold War Certificate"

## Girsan MC 14T Tip-Up

★★★★★ (7 customer reviews)

- .380 ACP Caliber
- Tip-Up Barrel Design
- All-Steel Barrel & Slide
- Ambidextrous Safety
- 4.5" Barrel



**"DARK EARTH"  
FINISH**

CAL: 380ACP  
CAP: 13+1  
BBL: 4.5"  
OAL: 6.8"  
WT: 1.4 lbs

**GLENN WEIK IS CERTAINLY A  
GLUTTON FOR PUNISHMENT. HE  
IS RUNNING ANOTHER RAFFLE AT  
THE BUNKER!**

**THERE WILL BE ONLY 100  
TICKETS SOLD FOR THIS  
HANDGUN AT \$10.00 PER  
TICKET.**

**TICKETS GO ON SALE  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AT NOON.**

**ALL PROFITS FROM THESE  
RAFFLES GO TO THE MARINE  
CORPS LEAGUE, DETACHMENT  
588.**

***YOU SHOULD BUY A TICKET EVEN IF  
YOU ARE NOT A "GUN PERSON". IF  
YOU WIN, SOMEONE WILL CERTAINLY  
OFFER YOU A GOOD PRICE FOR IT.  
YOU CAN MAKE A SIZEABLE RETURN  
ON YOUR \$10.00 INVESTMENT IF YOU  
WIN AND SELL IT TO SOMEONE ELSE.***

**TICKETS WILL GO FAST**

**SO GET YOURS EARLY!**

**SUPPORT THE DETACHMENT**

**WITH YOUR TICKET PURCHASE.**

**Tom Chase won the Derringer , and sold it for  
a tidy return on his \$10.00 investment.**





**DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**June 6--9  
2024  
DOF MCL  
CONVENTION**



**Hilton Melbourne Rialto**

**Mark your calendars,  
make your plans to attend the  
Department of Florida MCL  
2024 Convention**

**Convention Packet scheduled to  
be distributed  
FEBRUARY 2024**



## Free Entrance to National Parks

Explore the outdoors. You can use your [Veteran ID Card \(VIC\)](#) to gain free access to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including [national parks](#), wildlife refuges, and forests. Gold Star Families and Veterans can [enjoy a variety of activities like camping, hiking, biking, and much more.](#)

### Bunker Announcements :

- **NO CHILDREN are allowed to sit at the bar.** *(For legal purposes, this means anyone under the age of 18, though the label may also apply to a few unnamed grunts).* Minors must sit at tables or high tops only.
- **Guests are permitted 3 visits to The Bunker.** *Upon the 3rd visit, they will be required to submit a membership application before returning.*
- Non-members will be assessed an additional **\$1.00 surcharge** on drinks.
- When playing the dice, **3 of a kind gets a free drink** of the kind already purchased, **4 of a kind gets 2 free drinks** of the kind already purchased. Five of a kind receives the monetary amount based on the roll sequence.
- When you are going to use free drink chips to pay for your drinks, **let the bartender know before they tally your “cash out” on the computer.** If you produce the chips after they produce the “cash out” total, it causes issues. Be considerate of your volunteer bartenders and **TIP THEM WELL.**
- **FINALLY, THE BUNKER IS OPEN TILL 2100 ON FRIDAY NIGHTS AGAIN!**

# Support your Detachment.



# MANATEE RIVER

## *Underwater Cleanup*



**MAY 11, 2024**  
**7:30AM TO 2PM**



**7:30AM**

### *Water Based Volunteer Sign In*

All volunteers (divers, topside helpers, kayakers, and jetski's) need to check in and sign all waivers.

**8:00AM**

### *Mandatory Safety Brief*

Mandatory attendance for water based volunteers in order to participate. There will be supply pickup immediately following this briefing.

**8:30AM**

### *Boat Departure*

All volunteers will use the Palmetto Riverside Boat Ramp as the base of operations.

\*This is an underwater cleanup for **EXPERIENCED** scuba divers only. Low visibility, strong currents, and underwater hazards make this a challenging underwater environment. There are plenty of places topside helpers are needed to assist the divers if you are not qualified to dive this event.

All divers out of water by 1:15PM.

**9:00AM**

### *Land Volunteer Sign In*

All land volunteers need to check in and sign all waivers.

**2:00PM**

### *Lunch Provided at Mila's*

## **RIVERSIDE BOAT RAMP PALMETTO**

### **SIGN UP NOW**

Divers and Boaters contact Cheryl Huntsinger  
 (941)962-1488; [Suncoastaquaventures@gmail.com](mailto:Suncoastaquaventures@gmail.com)



Land Volunteers can sign up online  
[www.ManateeBeautiful.com](http://www.ManateeBeautiful.com); (941) 795-8272



### LOCAL AGENCY THAT CAN HELP VETERANS IN NEED

**Supportive Service for Veteran Families (SSVF)**. Administered by ***Turning Points*** in Bradenton. Contact them at 941-747-1509. They are located at **701 17th Avenue West, Bradenton Florida 34205**. Services available include: Outreach Services, Case Management Services, Assistance Obtaining VA benefits, Assistance obtaining other Public Benefits, Rental Assistance, Utility-Fee Payment Assistance, Child Care and other Qualifying Services, and Transportation.

If you have service connected disabilities and hold a VA Card indicating that, you can go to the Myakka State Park Rangers Office, off of State Road 72, and be issued a pass.

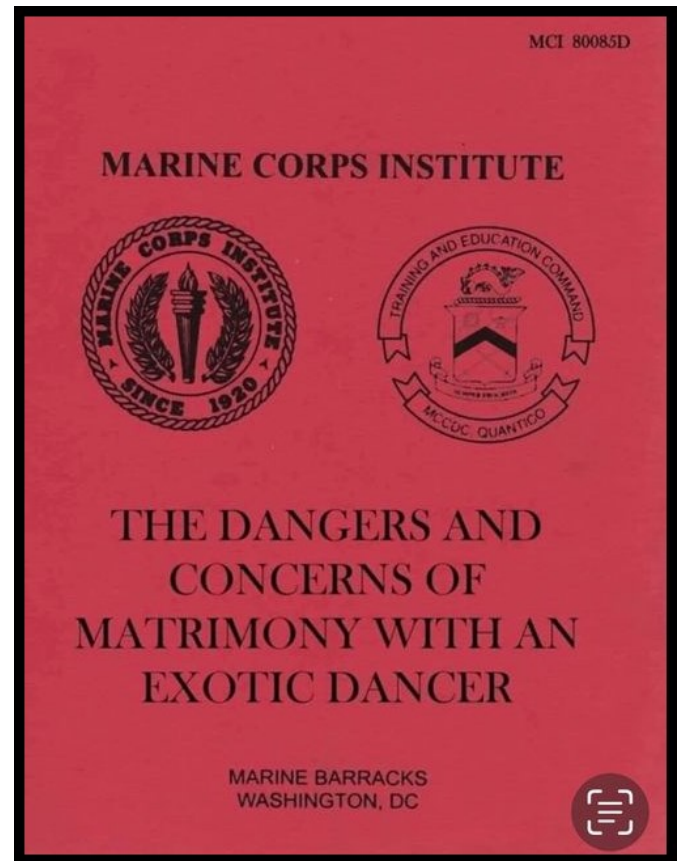


## MISSION AND PURPOSE

The mission of the Marine Corps League is to promote the interest and to preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines and FMF Navy Personnel who wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism.

Dedicated to supporting our local veterans and enriching our community, DeSoto Detachment #588 is the local arm of the Marine Corps League, serving the greater Bradenton/Sarasota area. Annual initiatives include Honor Guard and honors services for fallen service members, Toys for Tots drive, charity golf tournament, USMC Ball, scholarships and support for Young Marines, and other community initiatives that support or honor US Marines and their families.





## Marine Corps Rule # 214

**NEW MARINE CORPS ORDER  
JUST RELEASED: MCO 0310.3022**

**ALL MARINES, PAST AND PRESENT, UPON DEATH  
WILL NO LONGER BE AUTHORIZED FOR CREMATION.**

**THEIR REMAINS WILL HENCEFORTH BE FREEZE  
DRIED AND PLACED INTO A CASKET WITH A GLASS  
LID. THE PLAQUE SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:**

**“IN THE EVENT OF WAR, BREAK GLASS, AND ADD  
BEER”.**

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE  
CORPS**

**THERE IS NO BETTER WEAPON ON THE BATTLEFIELD  
THAN A MARINE AND HIS OR HER RIFLE.  
SEMPER FI!**

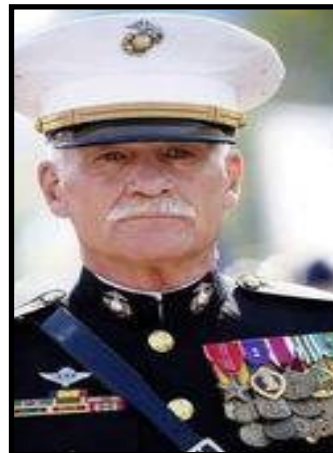
**The Desoto Detachment  
Honor Guard practice has  
been moved to the last  
MONDAY of each month at  
1730.**

**YOU can become a member  
of the Honor Guard, both  
Members and Associate  
Members are welcome.  
No experience necessary.**

**For more Information, contact JOE  
FILICE, JOHN D'ALUSIO or BOB  
FIELDS at the Bunker.**



When you are in the Grocery Store and you see that guy or gal wearing a USMC ball cap, make sure you say "Semper Fi" to them and invite them to the Marine Corps League. It's the right thing to do.



The best thing an Old Marine can teach to a Young Marine..

Is, how to become an Old Marine...

**Members and Associate Members, male or female, consider joining our Honor Guard.**

**We can teach you everything you need to know.**

On Ju. 4, 1986 21-year-old Lance Cpl. Howard Foote, a Marine mechanic at MCAS El Toro, stole an A-4M Skyhawk for a 45 minute joyride during which time he performed several aerobatic maneuvers.





**How may I get copies or information from my official military records or for those of a family member or military person I am researching?****Write:**

National Personnel Records Center  
Military Personnel Records  
9700 Page Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

The fax request number is (314) 801-9195. The Center will respond in writing by U.S. Mail. Or visit the National Personnel Records Center online at:<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>.

Or you may also call at: 314-801-0800.

**How do I find out what medals and awards for which I am eligible?****Write:**

Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps  
Military Awards Branch (Code MMMA)  
2008 Elliot Road  
Quantico, VA 22134-5030

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joining our Honor Guard.**

**We can teach you everything you need to know.**



**THIS MARINE DRANK TOO  
MUCH WATER AT CAMP  
LEJEUNE.**

**HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR MARINE CORPS BALL TICKETS YET?**

**IF NOT, WHY NOT?**

**THE MARINE CORPS BALL IS A TIME HONORED TRADITION COMPLETE WITH  
CEREMONY, GREAT FOOD AND BEVERRAGES, DANCING AND JUST ONE  
HECK OF A GOOD TIME.**

**SO, GET OFF YOUR COUCH, GET TO THE BUNKER AND GET YOUR TICKETS.  
A BLANK TICKET PURCHASE FLYER IS ON PAGE FOUR OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**

**NO EXCUSES!**



If you, or someone you know needs help, support is available 24/7. Service members and their families can call Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647, or chat at [militaryonesource.mil](https://militaryonesource.mil). Service members, veterans, and their loved ones can also call the Military and Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat at [veteranscrisisline.net](https://veteranscrisisline.net), or text to 838255.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available to anyone at 1-800-273-8255.

STOLEN VALOR.....Don't imposters know it is very easy to verify valorous claims in these days of Google and other search engines? There are a lot of fakers out there claiming to be something that they are not.

It is very easy to ascertain heroic status, both in the United States and the United Kingdom.

Don't be a faker. If you earned it, wear it with pride,  
if you didn't earn it go crawl back in your hole with the other worms.

For more information about these worms,

Go to:

<http://www.stolenvalor.com/index.cfm>

Or

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Victoria\\_Cross\\_recipients\\_by\\_campaign](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Victoria_Cross_recipients_by_campaign)

IT'S OUR DUTY TO EXPOSE IMPOSTERS.

BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC.



If you need help with benefits claims, contact the  
Manatee County Veteran's Service Office at

**(941) 745-3795**

## VETERANS SERVICES

Here in Manatee County, we appreciate our Veterans for their service and sacrifice and are happy to assist. You will always be treated with respect, courtesy, and compassion while at our office. Again, thank you for your service and we hope to hear from you in the near future.

Our office is committed to providing you professional assistance and guidance throughout your entire VA claim process. There is absolutely **no fee or cost** for our services or for the submission of a claim for VA benefits.

**These have been paid in full  
by your service.**

**Please keep Bonnie Grote,  
Rex Williams, and Frank  
Hartman in your thoughts  
and prayers. They are all  
experiencing significant  
health issues.**

**If you know of members  
who are sick or in distress,  
please call our Chaplain,  
Ron Schneider  
**941-749-5799****



## Military Stories

We are collecting stories by and about military personnel.

If you would like to have your story published email your story to Craig Hullinger at:

[craighullinger@gmail.com](mailto:craighullinger@gmail.com)

Your story can be long or short. The story can cover an interesting event or your entire life. You can write about yourself or a friend or relative that you would like to honor.

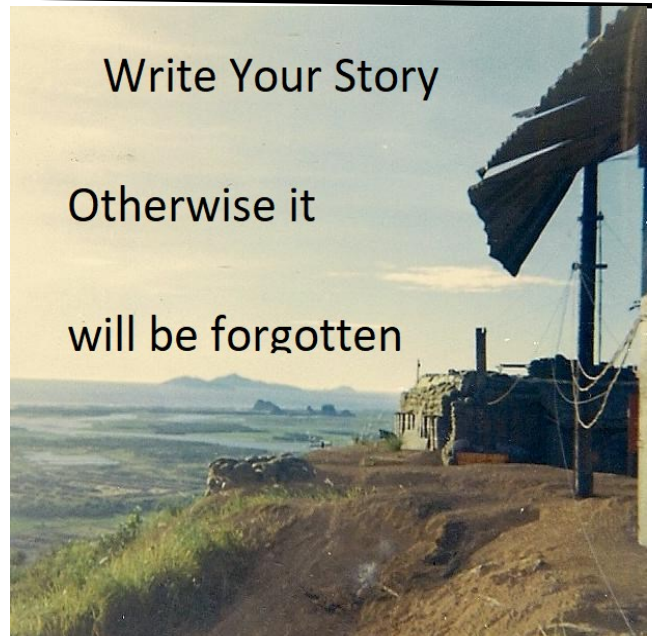
Pictures are worth a thousand words. You can write the story for a relative, friend, or ancestor. You can add to your story. We look forward to publishing your story on the blog.

Thank you for your stories.

Write Your Story

Otherwise it

will be forgotten





**Jack Lummus was a two sport star at Baylor, an all American in both football and baseball.**

**"The greatest athlete since Jim Thorpe" is how one newspaper described him.**

**As a rookie on the New York Giants, the two way player led them to the championship game against the Chicago Bears in 1941. Just weeks after the game, Jack was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the Marine Corps. "Some things are more important than sports," he said at the time.**

**Jack Lummus was part of the initial wave of Marines at Iwo Jima, first serving as an artillery spotter before taking command of the 3rd Rifle Platoon for Company E. It was at the battle for Nishi Ridge where Lummus led his men against an entrenched Japanese line despite suffering a shoulder wound from shrapnel.**

**He would step on a land mine, blasting off his legs, but continued to encourage his men as he was carried away on a stretcher.**

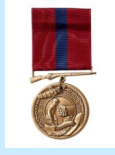
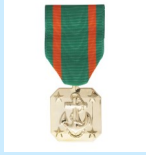
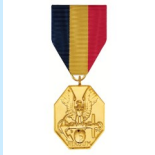
**"Well, doc, the New York Giants lost a mighty good end today," were his last words.**

**Jack Lummus was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor on May 30, 1946.**



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# SCUTTLEBUTT The Word



- ⇒ When is the last time you invited a potential member to the Bunker or to a MCL Meeting? Invite that guy or gal down the street that has the USMC decal on their car.
- ⇒ See JOE INTOPPA to become a celebrity poker dealer for Bar Poker. Little to no experience required.
- ⇒ Send your photos, articles or announcements to Editor Bob Fields for inclusion in the Bunker News. Send to RMFields0117@gmail.com by the 25th of the month.
- ⇒ The Bunker is now open on Sundays 1100-1800 & Friday's until 2100.
- ⇒ HONOR GUARD PRACTICE COME JOIN IN, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WELCOME. See any member for details.

***Remember to always tip your***

***VOLUNTEER BARTENDERS***

***at the Bunker very generously.***

***They are unpaid and giving up their***

***time to keep***

***the Bunker Running.***

**Bar Manners:** It certainly isn't mandatory, but when a member wins a large pot on dice, the stamps or pull tab cards, it is generally an accepted practice to **tip the bartender very generously, and to buy the bar a round of drinks.**

**People who win big money and just leave a drink chip or small tip are frowned upon by all and called names that I can't put in print.**



## MARINE CORPS HISTORY IN MAY

**2 May 1946:** Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, under the command of Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner, aided in suppressing the three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay. WO Buckner, a veteran of the Bougainville and Guam campaigns, ably led his force of Marines without suffering a single casualty.

**5 May 1983:** In Beirut, Lebanon, a UH-1N helicopter carrying the commander of the American peace-keeping force, Colonel James Mead, was hit by machine gun fire. The six Marines aboard escaped injury. Colonel Mead and his crew had taken off in the helicopter to investigate artillery and rocket duels between rival Syrian-backed Druze Moslem militiamen and Christian Phalangists that endangered French members of the multinational force.

**8 May 1995:** In the wake of the most devastating storm to hit the New Orleans area in more than 200 years, a group of Marines and sailors from Marine Forces Reserve demonstrated the quick response synonymous with the Navy/Marine Corps team. Within 24 hours of being called, Marines assisted in the evacuation of 2,500 civilians, and Navy corpsmen treated scores of flood victims. Marines of Marine Corps Detachment, Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi Mississippi cleared debris in Gulfport Mississippi east of New Orleans.

**10 May 1945:** The 22d Marines, 6th Marine Division, executed a pre-dawn attack south across the Asa River Estuary and seized a bridgehead from which to continue the attack toward Naha, the capital of Okinawa.

**15 May 1862:** Corporal John Mackie, the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service in the USS GALENA during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond.

**16 May 1945:** The 22d and 29th Marines continued the attack against Half Moon Hill, a day characterized by the 6th Marine Division as the "bitterest" of the Okinawa campaign. By the 18th, the famed "Shuri line" had been breached.

**22 May 1912:** First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham, the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation" by Major General Commandant William P. Biddle, reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, Maryland, and Marine aviation had its official beginning.

**23 May 1988:** The V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tilt-rotor aircraft, made its debut during rollout ceremonies at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, Texas, facility. More than 1,000 representatives from the military, industry, and media, gathered to hear various speakers, including Gen Alfred Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps, praise the versatile rotor craft designed to meet the needs of 21st Century battlefields.

**26 May 1969:** Operation Pipestone Canyon began when the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and 3d Battalion, 5th Marines began sweeps in the Dodge City/Go Noi areas southwest of Da Nang. It terminated at the end of June with 610 enemy killed in action at a cost of 34 Marines killed.

**29 May 1991:** Elements of a joint task force that included the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade departed the Bay of Bengal off the coast of Bangladesh after nearly two weeks of disaster relief operations following a devastating cyclone. The joint task force delivered tons of relief supplies using helicopters, C-130s, and landing craft in Operation Sea Angel.



## SERGEANT WALTER K. SINGLETON

**Born: DECEMBER 7, 1944**

**Died: MARCH 24, 1967**

**Hometown: MEMPHIS TENNESSEE**



The President of the United States takes PRIDE in presenting the **MEDAL OF HONOR** posthumously to

### **SERGEANT WALTER K. SINGLETON** UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following  
CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as Supply Sergeant, Company A, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division on 24 March 1967. Sergeant Singleton's company was conducting combat operations in Gio Linh District, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam, when the lead platoon received intense small arms, automatic weapons, rocket, and mortar fire from a well entrenched enemy force. As the company fought its way forward, the extremely heavy enemy fire caused numerous friendly casualties. Sensing the need for early treatment of the wounded, Sergeant Singleton quickly moved from his relatively safe position in the rear of the foremost point of the advance and made numerous trips through the enemy killing zone to move the injured men out of the danger area. Noting that a large part of the enemy fire was coming from a hedgerow, he seized a machine gun and assaulted the key enemy location, delivering devastating fire as he advanced. He forced his way through the hedgerow directly into the enemy strong point. Although he was mortally wounded, his fearless attack killed eight of the enemy and drove the remainder from the hedgerow. Sergeant Singleton's bold actions completely disorganized the enemy defense and saved the lives of many of his comrades. His daring initiative, selfless devotion to duty and indomitable fighting spirit reflected great credit upon himself and the Marine Corps, and his performance upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

/S/ LYNDON B. JOHNSON

