



Bunker News



*A MULTIPLE
AWARD WINNING
NEWSLETTER!*

AUGUST 2024

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Happy International Beer Day!

There are no actual holidays in August but there is no shortage of events to celebrate. The first Friday of August is designated as International Beer Day. The following day, appropriately, is International Hangover day. August 4th is National Psychic Day but you probably knew that! Unfortunately, National Burger Day falls on Thursday the 22nd, missing our local burger celebration by one day. Amid all of the silliness, there are some notable observances. August 4th is the Coast Guard birthday, the 7th is National Purple Heart day and the 14th is Navajo Code Talkers Day.



In Bradenton, August is historically both the hottest and the wettest month of the year. If you can make it through a couple more weeks, you can tentatively say that you have survived another Florida Summer. Why tentatively? In mid-August we start climbing toward the peak of the hurricane season. This would be a good time to check your emergency supplies and replenish anything that is expired. Speaking of replenishment, your executive board is rapidly approaching its "sell by" date! The Bunker depends on volunteers but it is often the same people who volunteer. Please consider helping out whether it is at events, field days, Toys for Tots or volunteering for an office. Four positions must be held by Marines, according to the Bylaws. Those positions are the Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant and the Judge Advocate. All of the other board positions can be held by Marines or Associates. The bunker has made some great strides since last year, we need people who can help keep up the momentum.

For those who are not life members, dues are due in August. So, please pay your due dues to stay off the adjutant's doo doo list!

Until next month.

Semper Fi

Joe



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Events for AUGUST 2024

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



**BURGER
DAY**

@ THE BUNKER

WEDNESDAYS AT 12 noon
AUGUST 7, 14, 21, 28



BAR POKER



with hot dogs

SATURDAYS AT 3 PM
AUGUST 3, 10, 17, 24, 31



**HONOR
GUARD
PRACTICE** @ THE BUNKER

August 26, 2024 at 5:30 pm



DART LEAGUE



AT THE

BUNKER

SUNDAYS • AUG 4, 11, 18, 25

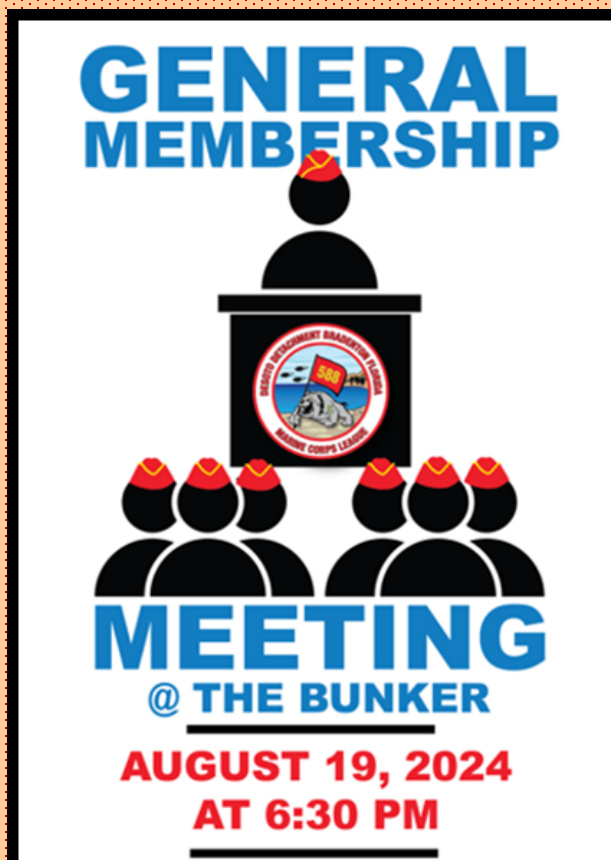


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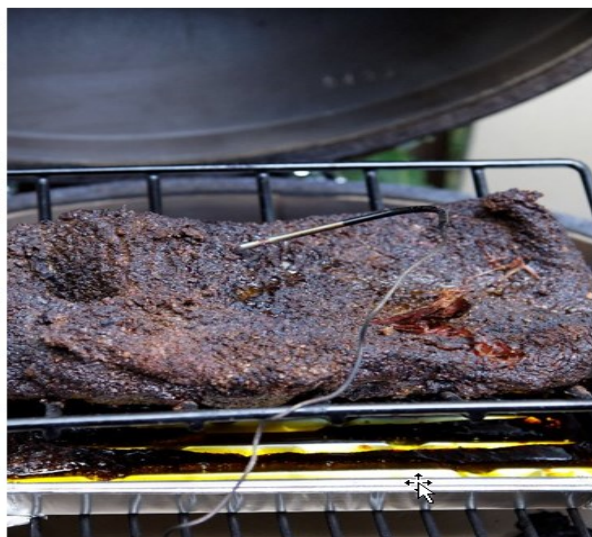
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Competitive Brisket Cook Off on August 17th at the Bunker beginning at 1300 (1 PM).

Side dishes welcome.

More details will be sent out as they become available.



REMEMBER, the hatches (doors) are secured (locked) at exactly 1830 by the Sergeant at Arms and no one gains entry after the click of the lock. Please arrive early and enjoy a beverage, swap tall tales and enjoy the company of our membership



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JULY 2024



MARINE FAMILY SWORN IN.

John and Jennifer Milligan are sworn in. Jennifer is a Marine Corps Veteran of the war in Afghanistan. John is sworn in as an Associate Member.

Congratulations to these fine young people for becoming part of our Marine Corps League family.



Welcome Aboard to four new Associate Members who are being sworn in. Left to Right: Stephen Cartano, Guy Davis, Deborah Rich, and Amy Marie Anderson.

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Walt is enjoying his favorite brew!



Smile, you are on Bunker Candid Camera!



Queen of smiles.

Check out those spectacles.



The shirt speaks volumes.



**PLAY DARTS WITH US FOR THE NEXT 10 WEEKS TO QUALIFY
FOR THE OCTOBER 6th TOURNAMENT
(WITH PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE)**

*Earn a point for each Sunday you play with the league
from 07.28 - 09.29. Additional points earned for 1st, 2nd, 3rd each week.
10 points needed to qualify for the tournament. All welcome each week.
Tournament with prizes will take place on October 6th at 2:00 pm
More details to come.*



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!
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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

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

**How long does it take the average
person to become a Marine?**



**The average person doesn't
become a Marine.**

**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.**

**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.**

The Oldest Marine Boot Camp Graduate

By John D'Alusio – Historian, DeSoto Detachment 588

Marine boot camp is widely known as a tortuous time, both physically and mentally. It is a handful for most recruits who are in their late teens or early twenties. But there was one recruit who entered Parris Island Marine Recruiting Depot at the age of 50, and graduated. The name of this Marine should be familiar to any jarhead who has been to the Parris Island Visitor Center over the last four decades.

Paul H. Douglas was born on March 26, 1892 in Salem, MA. His mother passed away when he was four. His father remarried, but was an abusive man. Paul's stepmother moved out of the house with Paul and his older brother and relocated to Onawa, Maine.

Paul went to Bowdoin College in Maine and graduated in 1913. After graduation, he decided to pursue a graduate degree and enrolled in Columbia University where he earned a master's degree, followed by a doctorate in economics. While at Columbia graduate school, he married Dorothy Wolff and they eventually had four children.

After receiving his Ph.D., Douglas moved around quite a bit. However, in 1919, he took a teaching position at the University of Chicago in the Economics Department. Regrettably, his wife was not allowed to hold a position at the University because of nepotism rules. As a result, the Douglas family moved to MA, where both obtained teaching positions at different colleges (Paul at Amherst College and Dorothy at Smith College).

The marriage foundered in 1930, and Douglas returned to Chicago the following year where he met Emily Taft. They soon married.

Douglas eventually became involved in politics, being elected to the Chicago City Council. His attempts to reform the public education system and lower public transportation fares were met with derision and he typically ended up on the losing end of 49–1 votes. "I have three degrees," Douglas once said after a particularly hard-fought rout. "I have been associated with intelligent and intellectual people for many years. Some of these aldermen haven't gone through the fifth grade. But they're the smartest bunch of bastards I ever saw grouped together."

Douglas eventually joined the Democrat Party. As America entered WW II after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December, 1941, Douglas was in the midst of a primary campaign for the US Senate. He lost to Ray McKeough, who then went on to lose to Republican Wayland Brooks.

As Chicago alderman, Douglas had worked with *Chicago Daily News* publisher Frank Knox in fighting corruption in Chicago. Knox, who had been Republican vice-presidential nominee in 1936, had been selected by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to be Secretary of the Navy, thus responsible for both the Navy and the Marine Corps.

Shortly after losing the primary, Douglas resigned from the Chicago City Council. He solicited Knox and indicated he wanted to join the military to support the war effort. Knox thought he was crazy. Here was a 50-year-old academic and economist who was militating to go into combat. Knox did everything in his power to dissuade Paul Douglas from joining the military at age 50. It didn't work.

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Eventually, Knox relented and allowed Douglas to join the USMC, with the understanding he'd go in as a private and have to go through boot camp like every other Marine recruit.

As a member of the 57th Street Meeting of the Quakers, Douglas recognized that joining the Marines was contrary to the traditional testimony of that group against war and offered to resign his membership; the Quakers refused to release him.

Douglas enlisted in the Marines on 15 May, 1942, at the age of 50, thus becoming the oldest recruit in the history of Parris Island. Entering service as a private, Douglas was placed in an ordinary platoon and received no waivers aside from his teeth (which were quite bad) and his eyesight (which was typical of a 50-year-old, so he wore glasses).

The Drill Instructors to which Douglas was assigned were told to treat Douglas like any other recruit. So they did. Douglas was given no quarter and had to do everything to the young recruits were required to do.



Pvt. Paul Douglas performs a rifle inspection with his drill instructor aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot S.C., 1942

Initially, Douglas was kept stateside, writing training manuals for The Corps and giving inspirational speeches to Marines. He quickly rose to the rank of Staff Sgt. With the aid of Frank Knox and his assistant, future presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson, Douglas was commissioned as a captain on 24 November, 1942. Afterward, he requested combat duty. Douglas was subsequently sent to the Pacific theater of operations with the 1st Marine Division (1st, 5th, 7th, and 11th Marines).

During the bloody invasion of Peleliu in November 1943, Douglas initially served as an adjutant in the 1st Marine Division headquarters before being assigned R-1 of the 5th Marines. On the second day of the battle, Captain Douglas received permission to head to the front where he found work as a mobile regimental troubleshooter.

Eugene Sledge, a mortarman in K/3/5 recalls in his famous book, *With the Old Breed*,

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"We were sweating and panting to get ammo unloaded from a amtrac, when we heard "You fellows need any help?"

We hadn't noticed him before he spoke. He wore green dungarees, leggings, and a cloth covered helmet like ourselves, and carried a .45 caliber automatic pistol like any mortar gunner, machine gunner, or one of our officers. Of course, he wore no rank or insignia, being in combat. What astonished us is that he looked to be more than 50 years old, and wore glasses. When he took off his helmet to mop his brow, we saw his gray hair.

When asked who he was and what unit he was in, he replied, "Captain Paul Douglas. I was Division adjutant until that barrage hit the 5th Marines' CP yesterday, then I was assigned as R-1 in the 5th regiment. I am very proud to be with the 5th Marines," he said.

"Gosh, Cap'n! You don't have to be up here at all, do you?" asked one of our detail in disbelief as he passed ammo boxes to the fatherly officer.

"No," Douglas said, "but I always want to know how you boys are making out and want to help if I can. What company are you fellows from?"

"From K Company, sir," I answered.

His face lit up and he said, "Ah, you're in Andy Haldane's company."

We asked Douglas if he knew Ack Ack Haldane. He said yes, they were old friends. As we finished unloading the ammo, we all agreed there wasn't a finer company commander in The Corps than Captain Haldane.

A couple of mortar shells crashed nearby...so we yelled "Shove off" to the driver. He waved and clanked away in the amtrac. Captain Douglas helped us stack some ammo and then told us we had better disperse.

I heard a buddy ask, "What's that crazy old gray-haired guy doing up here if he could be back at regiment?"

Our NCO growled, "Shut up. Knock it off, you eightball! He's trying to help knuckleheads like you, and he's a damned good man."

Douglas was the recipient of a Bronze Star for carrying ammunition to the front lines under enemy fire and earned his first Purple Heart when he was grazed by shrapnel while carrying ammunition to the front lines. In that furious and deadly six-week battle, while investigating some random fire shootings, Douglas was shot at close range as he uncovered a two-foot-wide cave. He then killed the Japanese soldier inside at which point he oddly wondered whether his enemy might be an economics professor from the University of Tokyo.

After the bloody battle for Peleliu was over, the 1st Marine Division returned to their rest and recovery base station at Pavavu Island in the Russel chain, just northwest of Guadalcanal.

The invasion of Okinawa began on 1 April, 1945, and was the last great land battle of the Pacific War. Douglas earned his second Purple Heart. A volunteer rifleman in an infantry platoon, he was helping to carry wounded from 3/5

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along the Shuri line when a burst of Nambu machine gun fire tore into his left arm, severing the main nerve and leaving it permanently disabled.

After a thirteen-month stay in the Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, MD, Douglas was given an honorable discharge as a lieutenant colonel with full disability pay.

After WW II, as a member of the Democrat Party, Paul Douglas served as a U.S. Senator from Illinois for eighteen years, from 1949 to 1967. During his Senate career, he was a prominent member of the liberal coalition. He lost his last election campaign to Republican Charles Percy, who was a former student of Douglas.

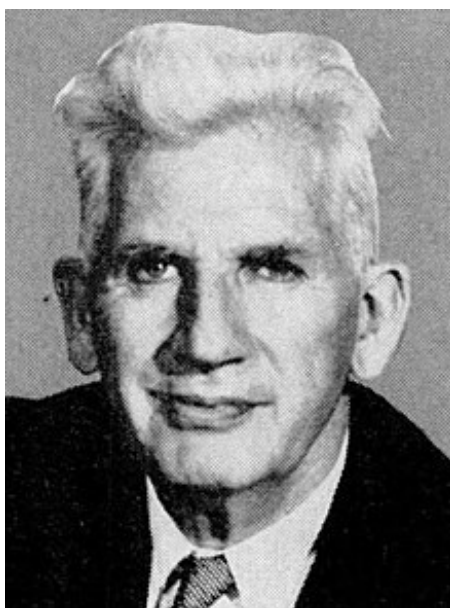
Following retirement from politics, Douglas taught at the New School, chaired a commission on housing, and wrote articles and books (including an autobiography, *In the Fullness of Time*). Douglas suffered a stroke in the early 70's and retired from public life. He died at home on 24 September, 1976.

Paul Douglas had an extraordinary life, including being a WW II combat Marine. A memorial marker at Parris Island reads:

DOUGLAS VISITORS CENTER

in Memory of SENATOR PAUL H. DOUGLAS 1892 ~ 1976

Graduating from Parris Island in 1942 as a 50-year-old Private, Mr. Douglas was an inspiration to all. He rose to the rank of Major while serving in the Pacific Theater where he was wounded at Peleliu and Okinawa. Retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. The former economics professor later served as a U.S. Senator from Illinois. By his personal courage, fortitude and leadership, the Honorable Paul H. Douglas demonstrated the personal traits characteristic of Marine leaders.



Senator Paul Douglas in 1959



Friday nights are howling at the Bunker with Karaoke.

Keri handles the bar.

Matt and Maggie bring on the tunes.

6:00 PM

Come on in and climb the "Stairway to Heaven"







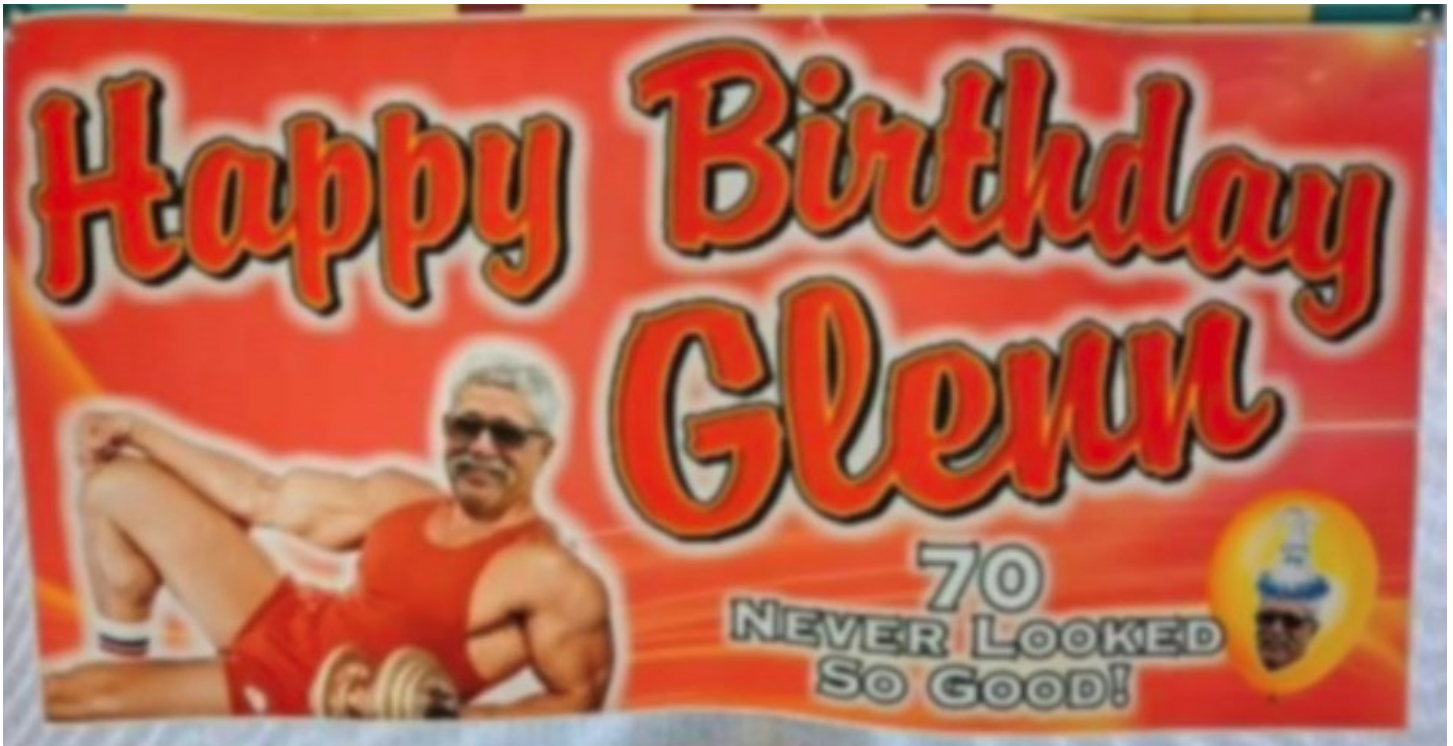
*Guess who is behind the bar at the Bunker.
Sorry, but a correct answer still won't get you a free drink.*

SEMPER FI STORE

The uniform for Marine Corps League Members and Associate Members consists of the Red Cover with emblem. For Members it is the Red Cover with EGA. For Associate Members it is the Red Cover with the Sunburst Associate Member emblem. These can be purchased at the "Semper Fi" Store.

[Uniform – The Semper Fi Store \(the-semp-fi-store.myshopify.com\)](https://the-semp-fi-store.myshopify.com)

			
Detachment Cover	Women's Cover	Regular Cap Ornament	Associate Cap Ornament
\$ 35⁰⁰	\$ 35⁰⁰	\$ 7⁰⁰	\$ 7⁰⁰



To learn more,
contribute or
volunteer, visit
www.thetun.org

The 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.

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AUGUST 7, 14, 21, 28

**Volunteer chefs
create the best
burgers in town
every Wednesday
from noon to 3 PM.**

**Glenn and
Georgetta handle
the bar!**



GUADALCANAL.

September 1,
1942 to February
1, 1943 - Here, in
the upper
reaches, the
Matanikau river
flows smoothly
and tranquilly
belying its title
"The Bloody
River."

*Whenever I have to fill out a form that asks
"who to call in case of an emergency".....*

*I always put "Ambulance" because no one in my family is going to answer a call
from an unknown number.*

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.



INDEPENDENCE DAY AT THE BUNKER!



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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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.**
- **THE BUNKER IS OPEN TILL 2100 ON FRIDAY NIGHTS AGAIN!**

Support your Detachment.

Suffering from the “Burger Blues?”

Come to The Bunker on Thursdays for the best sandwiches this side of the Carnegie Deli. Hot Ham Melts, giant BLTs, Turkey Clubs, Ham Clubs, etc. are available for \$8 (with a bag of chips). These massive sandwiches are guaranteed to tame anyone's appetite. In fact, “normal” people get two meals out of each order. But you can eat the entire sandwich if you dare.

Escape from DGBS (deceased ground bovine syndrome) and grab a deli sandwich to remember at The Bunker. But only on Thursdays!



Yummers!

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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.



I went fishing this morning, but after a short time, I ran out of worms.

Then, out of the corner of my eye, I saw a cottonmouth with a frog in his mouth.

"Frogs are good bass bait," I thought to myself.

Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in his mouth, I grabbed him right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket.

Just then, I realized I had a problem, how was I going to release the snake without getting bit?

So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniel's and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. The snake's eyes rolled back and he went limp. I released him into the lake without incident and carried on fishing using the frog.

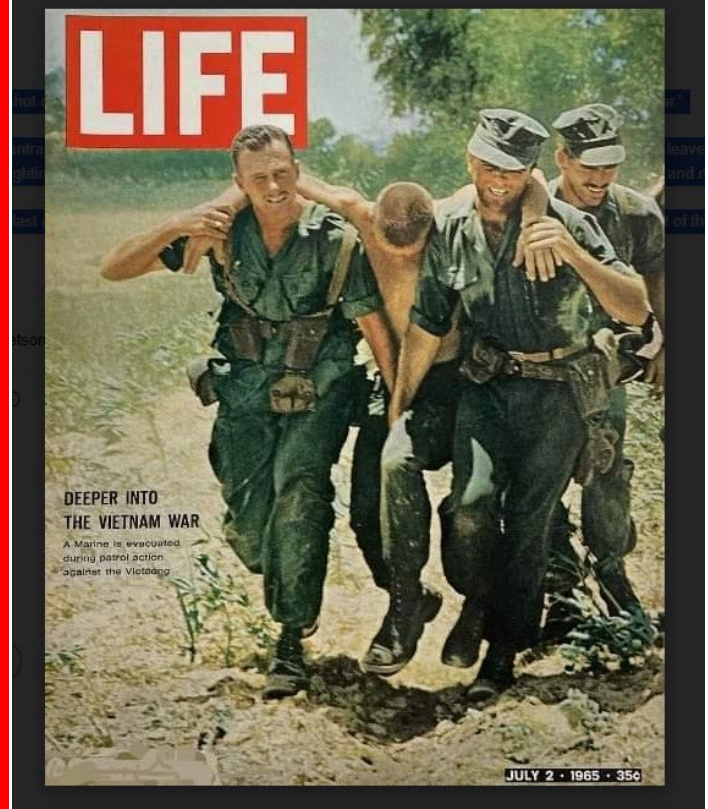
A little later, I felt a nudge at my foot.

There was that same snake with two more frogs in his mouth.

Life is good in the South.

Marine Corps Rule # 123

Marines will not tolerate Non-Marines wearing the Eagle, Globe and Anchor. Exceptions are FMF Corpsmen and Chaplains.



JULY 2nd, 1965

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

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

We can teach you everything you need to know.

Me: I bought a "mortar cycle"

Wife: Don't you mean motorcycle?

Me: Did I stutter?



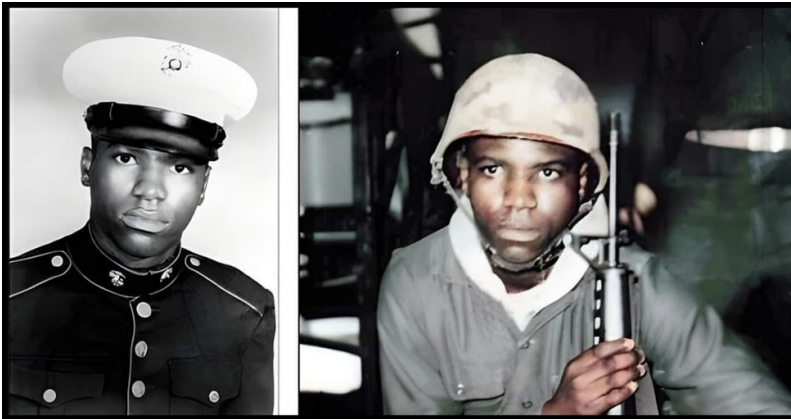
Fun fact:



a pack of feral hogs
can consume an entire
pedophile in less than 10
minutes

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Youngest Vietnam War US Marine Was 14 Years Old, He Was Killed In Action Age 15



Dan Bullock (December 21, 1953 – June 7, 1969) was a United States Marine and the youngest U.S. serviceman killed in action during the Vietnam War, dying at the age of 15.

Dan Bullock was born in Goldsboro, North Carolina. He lived in North Carolina until he was about 12, when his mother died and he and his younger sister, Gloria, moved to Brooklyn, New York to live with their father and his wife.¹ He said he wanted to become a pilot, a police officer, or a United States Marine.

When Bullock was 14 years old, he altered the date on his birth certificate to show that he was born December 21, 1949. He processed through the recruiting station, and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on September 18, 1968. He was a member of Platoon 3039 at Parris Island. At first, he struggled to make it through, but was able to do so with the help of one of his fellow recruits. Bullock graduated from boot camp on December 10, 1968.

Private First Class Bullock arrived in South Vietnam on May 18, 1969, and was assigned as a rifleman in 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company F, 2nd Battalion 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. He was stationed at An Hoa Combat Base, west of Hội An in Quảng Nam Province. Less than a month later on June 7, 1969, Bullock and three other Marines were occupying a bunker near the base airstrip when a People's Army of Vietnam sapper unit attacked the base at night, throwing a satchel charge into the bunker killing three Marines; Bullock was just 15 years old. He had been assigned to cleaning duty that night, but was transferred to the night watch after one Marine was wounded on night duty.

After Bullock was interred, his grave site did not have a marker. A veteran's marker was finally provided in 2000.

On June 7, 2003, a section of Lee Avenue in Brooklyn, where Bullock had lived since age 11, was renamed in his honor. In 2019, a North Carolina state historical marker honoring his life was erected near his childhood home in Goldsboro.



If your electric car runs out of power on the interstate, do you walk to a charging station to get a bucket of electricity...?

#satire

Our Detachment has a new website that is now up and running. Please visit it at: MCL588.org. The website will host announcements, photos, archived newsletters, etc. So go right now and put MCL588.Org into your browser.

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, whether you rate one ribbon or a hundred ribbons. 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

IT'S OUR DUTY TO EXPOSE IMPOSTERS,
BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC.



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. 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, or text to 838255.

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



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

(941) 745-3795

VETERAN'S 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.**

**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

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.

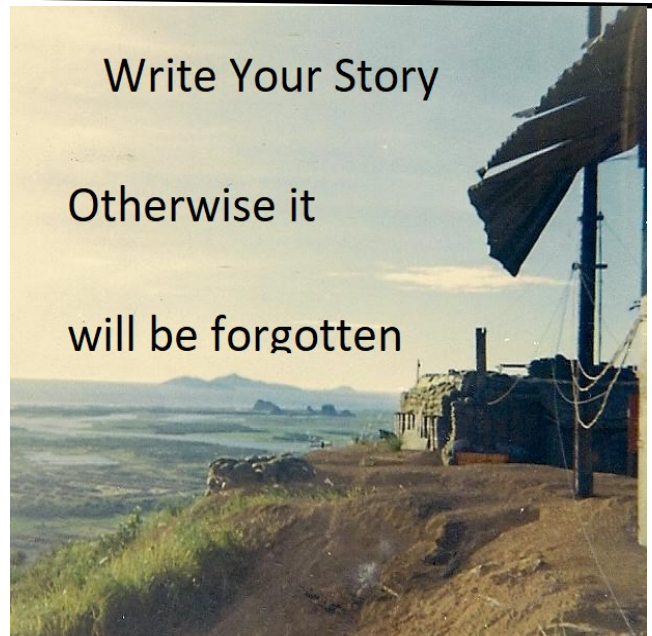
Pictures are worth a thousand words. You can write the story for a relative, friend, or ancestor. You can add to your story. We look forward to publishing your story on the blog.

Thank you for your stories.

Write Your Story

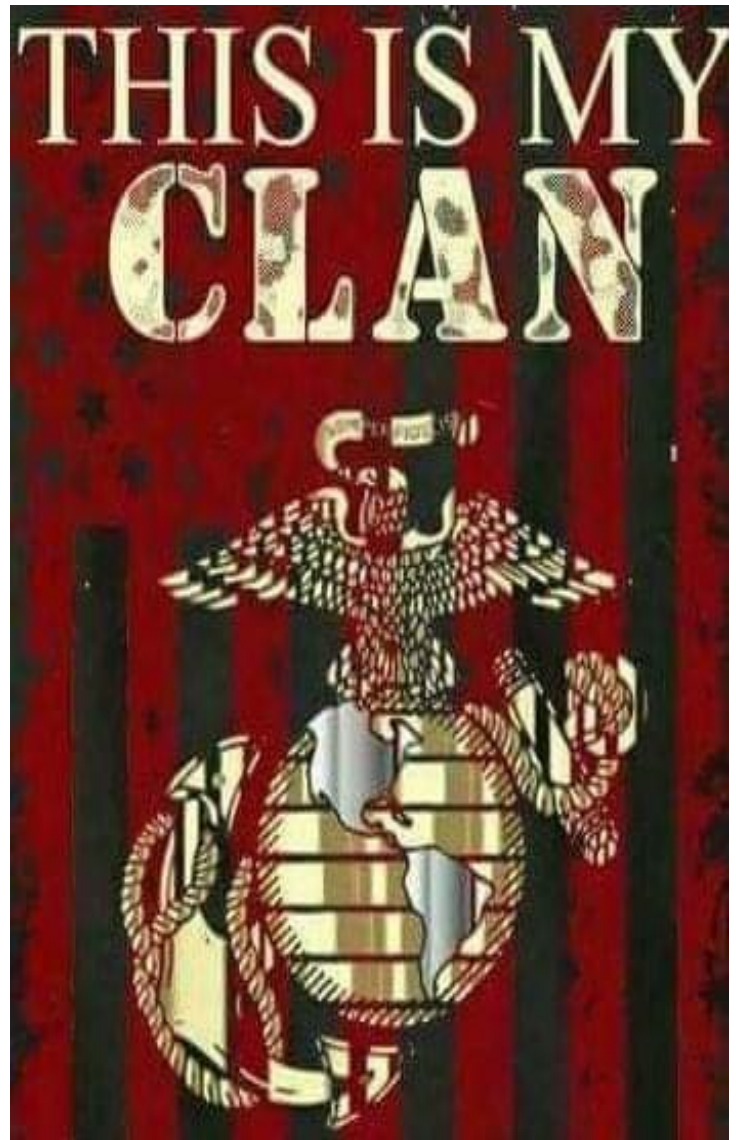
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Where to write for your medals (no cost to you):

**Navy Personnel Command
Liaison Office Room 5409
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100**



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- **Leatherneck Magazine**
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MEETINGS ARE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 1830 Website: MCL588.Org



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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 or pull tab cards, it is 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 AUGUST

1 August 1944: After nine days of fighting in a battle termed "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II," MajGen Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secured. The combination of surprise, heavy pre-assault bombardment, and effective logistical support was responsible for Tinian's recapture with a much lower casualty rate (344 killed and 1550 wounded) than had been experienced in previous landings.

3 August 1950: Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, the famed "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II, launched from the USS SICILY and executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon. After the F4Us delivered their incendiary bombs and rockets on their targets, the Marines concluded their greeting to the Communist troops with a series of strafing runs.



7 August 1990: President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area as part of Operation Desert Shield which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.

9 August 1942: With the Guadalcanal airstrip secure after heavy fighting with the Japanese, the 1st Engineer Battalion commenced work on the runway using captured equipment. Three days later, on 12 August, the first plane landed on Henderson Field, a Navy PBY which evacuated two wounded Marines. Nearly 3,000 wounded Marines would be evacuated from Henderson Field during the battle.

17 August 1942: Just prior to dawn, the 2d Marine Raider Battalion under LtCol Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island from the submarines NAUTILUS and ARGONAUT. The next day the Marines left the island after destroying a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killing about 100 Japanese soldiers.

21 August 1968: PFC James Anderson, Jr., was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by Secretary of the Navy, Paul R. Ignatius, for heroism in Vietnam while serving as a rifleman with Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines in February 1967. This was the first Medal of Honor presented to an African-American Marine. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Sr., received the award during ceremonies at Marine Barracks, 8th and I.

23 August 1984: The last Marines to serve peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived home. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) arrived off the coast of Lebanon on 9 April to relieve Marines of the 22d MAU who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on 31 July, marking the last presence of U.S. combat troops in Beirut since Marines entered almost two years earlier.

24 August 1814: Captain Samuel Miller's 100-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the battle of Bladensburg for the defense of the national capital. After helping to fight back three British charges, Captain Miller was wounded and the enemy began to work around both flanks of the American force. Almost encircled, the force of sailors and Marines was forced to retire to avoid capture. The Marines lost 8 killed and 14 wounded.



STAFF SERGEANT PETER S. CONNER

Born: SEPTEMBER 4, 1932

Died: MARCH 8TH, 1966

Hometown: SOUTH ORANGE, NEW JERSEY



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

STAFF SERGEANT PETER S. CONNOR UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against enemy Viet Cong forces at the risk of his life above and beyond the call duty while serving as Platoon Sergeant of the Third Platoon, Company F, Second Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Force, in Quang Ngai Province, Republic of Vietnam on 25 February 1966. Leading his platoon on a search and destroy operation in an area made particularly hazardous by extensive cave and tunnel complexes, Sergeant Connor maneuvered his unit aggressively forward under intermittent enemy small-arms fire. Exhibiting particular alertness and keen observation, he spotted an enemy spider hole emplacement approximately fifteen meters to his front. He pulled the pin from a fragmentation grenade intending to charge the hole boldly and drop the missile into its depths. Upon pulling the pin he realized that the firing mechanism was faulty, and that even as he held the safety device firmly in place, the fuze charge was already activated. With only precious seconds to decide, he further realized that he could not cover the distance to the small opening of the spider hole in sufficient time, and that to hurl the deadly bomb in any direction would result in death or injury to some of his comrades tactically deployed near him. Manifesting extraordinary gallantry and with utter disregard for his personal safety, he chose to hold the grenade against his own body in order to absorb the terrific explosion and spare his comrades. His act of extreme valor and selflessness in the face of virtually certain death, although leaving him mortally wounded, spared many of his fellow Marines from death or injury. His gallant action in giving his life in the cause of freedom reflects the highest credit upon the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

/S/ LYNDON B. JOHNSON



DATE: _____

Marine Corps League Application for Membership



Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Enlistment/Commissioning: _____ Date of Discharge/Retirement/Separation: _____

Type of Application--- New ☐ Renewal ☐ Membership Type--- Regular ☐ Associate ☐ Dual ☐

Have you ever been convicted of a Felony? YES ☐ NO ☐ If yes is checked, I agree to waive my rights under the Privacy Act and disclose the nature of the felony conviction for consideration of membership in the Marine Corps League.

I hereby apply for membership in the DESOTO (588) Detachment, Marine Corps League and enclose \$35.00 for one year's membership.

I hereby certify that I am currently serving or have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, "ON ACTIVE DUTY," for not less than ninety(90) days and earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor;*or have served or am currently serving in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and have earned no less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points; or that I have served or am currently serving as a U.S. Navy FMF Sailor who has earned the FMF Device or FMF Ribbon. If discharged, I am in receipt of a DD Form 214 or a Certificate of Discharge indicating "Honorable Service". ("Honorable Service" will be defined by the last DD Form 214 or Certificate of Discharge that the applicant received). General Discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable. By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of honorable service/discharge upon request. I understand the DD Form 214 may contain information such as military awards, training, and character of service.

OATH OF MEMBERSHIP-REGULAR/ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

"I, _____, In the Presence of Almighty God, do solemnly swear, that I will uphold and defend the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America and the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League. That I take this obligation willingly and in good faith and that I will follow the directions and guidance of elected and appointed officers of the League. That I will participate and support the missions and activities of the Marine Corps League, and that I promise to govern my conduct in such a manner that I will never bring discredit upon myself, Members of the League, or the Marine Corps League, so help me God.

Sponsor (Where Applicable)

Applicant's Signature

Please locate a Detachment using the locator on The Marine Corps League National website. Upon completion submit this form and attach a copy of your last DD-214 (Service 2 or Marine 4)*, as well as any applicable fees as defined by the Detachment. If you desire to join as a Member At Large, please go to The Marine Corps League National website and apply using the online form.

*Regular Member applicants only

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