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Commandant's Corner

Heavens to Murgatroyd! Can you believe it's already March? The first quarter of 2025 is nearly in the books! I'd be tempted to say we didn't have much of a winter—though, somehow, there was snow in Florida. With any luck, we'll get to enjoy at least a few days of spring before Florida's infamous sauna turns on full blast.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 15th**—it's time for our **St. Paddy's Day Celebration!** While cities like Chicago, Boston, New York, San Francisco, Washington D.C., and Seattle may claim some of the biggest St. Patrick's Day festivities in the country, none of them can say their event is run by an **Italian Leprechaun!** From what I hear, this will be year two of our *new tradition*—where Maggie ensures there's plenty of corned beef but somehow still doesn't get a sandwich. At least this year, it won't be because we ran out!

Come out and enjoy the fun at the Bunker—it's one of the few places left (outside of nursing homes) where people still recognize a quote from Snagglepuss.

A big **thank you** to those who have stepped up to help with **burger day** and the **honor guard**. We still need more hands for both—as well as for bartending. No prior experience? No problem. If you're willing to lend a hand, we'd love to have you.

Until next month,

Semper Fi!

Adjutant's Alerts

A new batch of membership cards has arrived! Stop by the bar and check with the bartender to see if yours is available.

This month, we've added several new features to The Bunker Newsletter, including The Monthly Member Spotlight, "Getting to Know Your Board," "Getting to Know Your Bartenders," a Uniform Guide, and Monthly Humor and Trivia. These additions are designed to help members stay informed, engaged, and connected.

Do you have a memorable experience from your time in the Corps? A funny anecdote or a lesson learned, a joke, or even a comic? We want to hear about it! Sharing your story is a great way to connect, reminisce, and strengthen camaraderie within our Detachment. Whether it's a boot camp tale, a deployment memory, or a reflection on your service, your story is part of our shared Marine Corps legacy.

Submit your story to mcl588bunkeradjutant@gmail.com, and we'll feature it in an upcoming edition of The Bunker News. Let's keep the spirit of Semper Fi alive by sharing our experiences and celebrating the bonds that unite us.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

E-Board Meeting – Monday, March 10th @ 1800

- Board members are required to attend
- Bar will close at 1800

St. Patrick's Day Celebration – Saturday, March 15th @ 1300

- Traditional Irish meal and camaraderie
- 60 pounds of corned beef will be served – thanks to all the volunteer cooks
- There will be no St. Paddy's Day Basket Raffle this year
- Lottery Board Raffle Drawing will take place during the event (\$5 per ticket)

General Membership Meeting – Monday, March 17th @ 1830

- Open to all members
- Bar Closes at 1830; no drinks allowed during the meeting
- Updates, discussions, and key decisions affecting The Bunker
- Glenn's Raffle Drawing will take place during this meeting (\$10 per ticket)

Annual Bunker Garage Sale – Sunday, March 22nd @ 0900

- Spots are \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members
- Set up at 0800; bring your own tables and chairs
- Volunteers needed

Honor Guard Practice – Monday, March 31st @ 1730

- All Honor Guard members should report for practice

Department of Florida MCL Annual Convention – June 5th–8th 2025

- Location: Hilton Melbourne, 200 Rialto Place, Melbourne, FL
- Action Required: Members interested in attending should contact [Your Name] for more information and registration details

The Bunker Briefing

Volunteer Opportunities

Burger Wednesdays – Volunteers Needed

- Seeking two teams of four to rotate weekly for summer grilling
- If no volunteers step up, Burger Wednesdays will be canceled
- If interested, contact Joe Intoppa

Honor Guard – Volunteers Needed

- Members are needed to assist with Honor Guard ceremonies
- If interested, contact Matt Richards or Joe Filice

Historian Position Open

- Looking for a member to help document and preserve The Bunker's history
- No prior experience needed
- If interested, contact any of the board members

Monday Bartender – Volunteer Needed

- Training will be provided if necessary
- If interested, contact Joe Intoppa

Bar Poker – Dealers Needed

- Volunteers are needed to deal for Bar Poker
- No prior experience is required; training will be provided
- If interested, sign up at the bar or contact Joe Intoppa

Announcements

Discontinuation of Hot Dog Tuesdays

- Due to low demand, hot dogs will no longer be offered on Tuesdays

Discontinuation of Scrabble Tuesdays

- Scrabble Tuesdays have been discontinued due to lack of participation

Reminder: Wednesday Opening Time is 1200

- The Bunker has always opened at 1200 on Wednesdays; however, members have been arriving earlier and earlier
- Please refrain from arriving before opening, as staff and volunteers require time to prepare

Final Call for Interest – Quantico Trip

- Seeking interest in a trip to visit the Marine Corps Museum and Quantico
- Members interested in attending must confirm no later than March 15th
- For further details or to express interest, please contact Kolleen Young or Dave Hildebrand

Special Meals-Thanks Jim Kaskey

- March 8th (approx. 1230): Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, and Garlic Bread – \$6
- March 22nd (approx. 1230): Beef Hard or Soft Tacos with Sour Cream, Guacamole – 2 for \$5

The Bunker Scuttlebutt

What's the latest buzz around The Bunker?

Supporting Our Troops-One Cookie at a Time!

- The Bunker proudly raised \$225 to send Girl Scout cookies to deployed troops, bringing a taste of home to those serving overseas
- A special thank you to Jim Grote for his generosity and support in making this possible. Your contributions help boost morale and show our troops that they are never forgotten!

Membership

- All **new and renewing** members are required to complete an application

February Raffle Winners

- Glen's Raffle-Anne T
- 50/50 Raffle-Maggie Richards

Bunker Rules & Reminders

- No Children at the Bar – For legal compliance, individuals under 18 are not permitted to sit at the bar. Minors must remain at tables or high tops
- Guest Visits – Guests are always welcome at The Bunker but are limited to three visits before they must submit a membership application to continue attending
- Non-Member Surcharge: Non-members will be charged an additional \$1.00 per drink. Yet another great reason to become a member
- Proper Use of Drink Chips – If you're redeeming free drink chips, please present them before the bartender rings up your order. This ensures a smooth transaction and avoids confusion
- Reminder: Our bartenders volunteer their time—please show your appreciation by **tipping generously**

Dice Game Rules

- Three of a kind = 1 free drink (same as the purchased drink)
- Four of a kind = 2 free drinks (same as the purchased drink)
- Five of a kind = cash prize based on roll sequence

Bar Etiquette: Celebrate with Class

- At The Bunker, we value camaraderie, and a time-honored tradition is for big winners—whether from dice, pull tabs, or other games—to tip the bartender well and buy a round for the bar when luck is on their side
- While not required, it's a sign of good sportsmanship and appreciation for the community. Walking away with a big payout but leaving only a drink chip or a minimal tip tends to be remembered... and not in the best way
- So if you score big, spread the goodwill—because generosity has a way of coming back around!

Growing Our Membership

- Members can now use Bunker-branded business cards to recruit potential new members. Each card is redeemable for one draft beer or well drink
- If you know someone who would be a great addition to our community, pick up some cards at the bar and help grow our membership!



March Events at a Glance

MARCH 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 1500-1700: Poker
2 1400: Darts	3	4	5 1200-1500: Burgers/Hot Dogs	6 1200-1800: Sandwiches	7 1800-2100: Karaoke	8 1230: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread 1500-1700: Poker
9 1400: Darts	10 1800: E-Board Meeting	11	12 1200-1500: Burgers/Hot Dogs	13 1200-1800: Sandwiches	14 1800-2100: Karaoke	15 1300-1800: St. Paddy's Day Celebration 1500-1700: Poker
16 1400: Darts	17 1830: General Membership Meeting	18	19 1200-1500: Burgers/Hot Dogs	20 1200-1800: Sandwiches	21 1800-2100: Karaoke	22 0900-1400: Annual Garage Sale 1230: Tacos 1500-1700: Poker
23 1400: Darts	24	25	26 1200-1500: Burgers/Hot Dogs	27 1200-1800: Sandwiches	28 1800-2100: Karaoke	29 1500-1700: Poker
30 1400: Darts	31 1730: Honor Guard Practice					

Operational Schedule

3/1	SAT	1500-1700	BAR POKER & HOTDOGS & PIZZA - ALL IN, NO REGRETS!
3/2	SUN	1400	DART LEAGUE - AIM HIGH, MISS LESS!
3/5	WED	1200-1500	BURGERS & HOTDOGS - GRILL'S HOT, BUNS ARE READY!
3/6	THURS	1200	SANDWICH DAY - MORE LAYERS, MORE FLAVOR!
3/7	FRI	1800-2100	KARAOKE - SING LOUD, SING PROUD!
3/8	SAT	1230	JIM'S MEAL: SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS - TWIRL IT RIGHT!
3/8	SAT	1500-1700	BAR POKER - BIG BETS, BIG FUN!
3/9	SUN	1400	DART LEAGUE - HIT THE BOARD, NOT THE WALL!
3/10	MON	1800	E-BOARD MEETING - DECISIONS, DECISIONS... !
3/12	WED	1200-1500	BURGER & HOTDOGS - FLIP IT, DON'T FLOP IT!
3/13	THURS	1200	SANDWICH DAY - STACKED TO PERFECTION!
3/14	FRI	1800-2100	KARAOKE - EVERY SONG IS YOUR SONG!
3/15	SAT	1300-1800	ST. PADDY'S DAY CELEBRATION - KISS ME, I'M SORTA IRISH!
3/15	SAT	1500-1700	BAR POKER - FOLD? NEVER HEARD OF IT!
3/16	SUN	1400	DART LEAGUE - CLOSE ENOUGH COUNTS!
3/17	MON	1830	GEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING - MORE MEMBERS, MORE FUN!
3/19	WED	1200-1500	BURGER & HOTDOGS - EXTRA CHEESE = EXTRA HAPPINESS!
3/20	THURS	1200	SANDWICH DAY - ONE BITE, TOTAL DELIGHT!
3/21	FRI	1800-2100	KARAOKE - MIC DROP... OR NOT!
3/22	SAT	0900-1400	BUNKER ANNUAL GARAGE SALE - DEALS YOU CAN'T RESIST!
3/22	SAT	1230	BEEF TACOS (SOFT/HARD) - HARD OR SOFT? CHOOSE WISELY!
3/22	SAT	1500-1700	BAR POKER - LUCK FAVORS THE BOLD!
3/23	SUN	1400	DART LEAGUE - BULLSEYE OR BUST!
3/26	WED	1200-1500	BURGER & HOTDOGS - LOAD IT UP, NO REGRETS!
3/27	THURS	1200	SANDWICH DAY - BUILT FOR BIG BITES!
3/28	FRI	1800-2100	KARAOKE - MORE ENERGY, LESS TALENT!
3/29	SAT	1500-1700	BAR POKER & HOTDOGS & PIZZA - BIG BETS, BIG!
3/30	SUN	1400	DART LEAGUE - JUST THROW AND HOPE!
3/31	MON	1730	HONOR GUARD PRACTICE - STAND TALL, LOOK SHARP!

February General Membership Meeting Highlights

Members Transferred from another MCL:

- Marine Sergio Herrero

Associate Members Sworn In:

- Elizabeth Emery
- Clinton Emery
- Lauralynn “Charlie” Hyatt
- Ronald Koper
- Terri Andrews
- Carmen Celline
- Dave Eley
- Niki Moore
- Judi Moore
- Richard “Dick” Moore
- Russell Thompson
- Cherie Thompson
- John Wolfe
- Charles Catob
- John Gilcrest
- Dawn Gilcrest

Challenge Coin Tradition: Commandant Joe Filice explained the significance of possessing a *Challenge Coin*. All members and associate members should carry one. The tradition states that if someone places their challenge coin on the tabletop or bar, all others present must also produce theirs.

- If someone fails to produce a coin, they must buy a round for their group (table or bar).
- If everyone meets the challenge, the initiator must buy the round.
- Any challenge coin is acceptable; however, monetary coins, slugs, poker chips, or drink chips do not qualify.

Bylaws Update: Annual revisions are in progress, focusing on grammatical edits with no major content changes. Once finalized, they will be presented for approval and submitted to the Department of Florida.

Canteen Rules of Conduct: New rules will be introduced soon, including a three-strike policy for inappropriate behavior. Previous warnings will be reset when the new rules take effect. Serious violations may be subject to further disciplinary action.

Bunker Business Cards: Members can now use Bunker-branded business cards to recruit potential new members. Each card is redeemable for one draft beer or well drink.

Garage Door Repair: Scheduled for February 24, 2025.

MCL Uniform Regulations: Due to complaints about improper wear, uniform regulations will be distributed, and reference copies will be available in the Bunker.

Marine Corps Ball: The usual venue will be under renovation, so the event’s status will depend on member interest.

February New Members and Associates

February was a month of growth and camaraderie at the Bunker! We welcomed **one new member transferring from another detachment** and proudly swore in **16 new Associate Members**—each bringing their own spirit and enthusiasm to our ranks. Whether they're here to support, serve, or simply share in the camaraderie, we're thrilled to have them on board. Please join us in giving a warm Marine Corps League welcome to our newest members!



As we continue to grow, it's a reminder that the strength of our League comes from the dedication and camaraderie of our members. Whether you're a longtime Marine Corps League member or newly sworn in, your presence makes a difference. Let's keep the momentum going, support one another, and make the Bunker a place where traditions thrive and friendships grow. **Semper Fi!**

Elijah's Boot Camp Send Off

On Saturday, February 22nd, the Bunker was filled with pride, camaraderie, and well wishes as we gathered to celebrate and send off Elijah Richards before he embarked on his journey to become a United States Marine. The turnout was nothing short of incredible, with friends, family, and fellow members coming together to show their support. The room buzzed with energy as stories were shared, laughter echoed, and a true sense of Marine Corps brotherhood filled the air.

Matt and Maggie Richards beamed with pride as they watched their son take this monumental step toward earning the title of Marine. Their unwavering support and dedication to both Elijah and the Bunker Family were evident throughout the day. Surrounded by loved ones, they shared in the joy, laughter, and camaraderie, knowing Elijah was setting off on a path of **honor, courage, and commitment**.

From the moment the doors opened, it was clear this wasn't just any farewell—it was a celebration of dedication, strength, and the beginning of something extraordinary. Guests enjoyed great food, swapped stories, and raised a glass in Elijah's honor, filling the Bunker with warmth and encouragement. Seeing our community rally behind one of our own was a powerful reminder of the unwavering support that exists here. We are immensely proud of Elijah for taking this step, and we know he'll make both his family and the Corps proud.

Elijah's journey to becoming a Marine is not just a personal milestone—it is a continuation of a proud family legacy. Among those standing by his side was his grandfather, **Marine Chris Morand**, whose service and dedication to the Corps set an inspiring example. Seeing Elijah follow in his grandfather's footsteps made the send-off even more meaningful, as generations of Marines came together to honor the commitment, courage, and tradition that bind them.

Fair winds and following seas, future Elijah!



Toys For Tots Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

The **Toys for Tots Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** was a night dedicated to celebrating the hard work and generosity of those who made this year's campaign a success. Volunteers came together to enjoy a well-earned evening of gratitude and camaraderie. Their dedication ensured that countless children experienced the magic of the holiday season, and this event was a way to recognize and thank each person who played a role in bringing joy to families in need. It was a heartfelt reminder that **small acts of kindness can make a big impact**.



March Member Spotlight: Courtney Nunemaker



This month, we are proud to spotlight **Courtney Nunemaker**, a dedicated **Neonatal Pediatric Transport Respiratory Therapist** and valued member of the Bunker. Her work takes her into high-stakes environments, providing critical care to infants and children in need. Here's a closer look at Courtney's journey, experiences, and what the Bunker community means to her.

A Career Built on Passion and Purpose

Courtney describes her profession as her "unicorn job"—something she once thought was unattainable. She interviewed in front of a panel of 18 professionals, including two medical directors. She was supposed to have a second interview, but she impressed them so much that she was offered the job after just one. Now, she plays a critical role in transporting and caring for some of the most vulnerable patients.

Memorable Moments in the Field

One unforgettable experience occurred at the Gasparilla Children's Parade. As she walked with her crew and ambulance, tossing beads, she was flagged down. A child in the crowd pointed at her and excitedly exclaimed:

"You took care of me! You took care of me! I was sick, and you took care of me."

Courtney immediately went over, asked how he was, and told him how happy she was to see him healthy. His mother had tears in her eyes. Seeing a former patient thriving was an emotional and career-defining moment.

Facing Challenges with Skill and Adaptability

Transporting critically ill children is unpredictable, requiring creative problem-solving in real-time.

"Sometimes you have to 'Girl Scout' a situation."

Courtney explains, as she often has to adapt hospital-based treatments for field conditions. Whether improvising equipment use or adjusting ventilator settings mid-transport, she thrives on thinking outside the box to ensure her patients receive the best care possible.

The Emotional Toll of the Job

While Courtney strives to separate work from her personal life, some cases linger. One of the most difficult was transporting an 11-year-old boy who had the flu for three days. Despite his parents taking all the right steps—seeing a pediatrician, then an ER—he deteriorated quickly and passed away 24 hours after she transported him.

"This one hurt my soul."

In tough moments like these, she relies on her team to debrief and process what happened, knowing she made the best medical decisions possible.

A Unique Workplace

Courtney's work environment is anything but ordinary. Her "office" consists of an ambulance, a helicopter, and an airplane. She treats patients ranging from micro preemies at 22 weeks gestation to 18-year-olds. Her smallest patient ever weighed 460 grams (about 1 pound)—small enough to fit in the palm of her hand, barely extending to her wrist.

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March Member Spotlight: Courtney Nunemaker (cont)

Unexpected Moments in the Field

Courtney has encountered some wild moments in her career. Once, they unknowingly flew into MacDill Air Force Base airspace without clearance, forcing the helicopter into a ninety-degree bank turn, leaving her cheek nearly parallel to Tampa Bay. Another time, she was involved in an ambulance accident on I-75, a stark reminder of the dangers of transport. There was also the time a grateful parent insisted on giving her two hundred dollars for lunch after she flew their child to Miami. Courtney politely declined, joking, “Not sure where she thought we’d eat... Burns Steakhouse?” But perhaps the most unexpected part of her work is the immense gratitude from parents, even during their worst days. “This is my job. Gratitude is not expected, but it means everything.”

How She Stays Prepared

Before every transport, Courtney listens to the doctor-to-doctor conversation between the sending and receiving hospitals. In that moment, she mentally prepares for every possible scenario.

“What if I have to intubate? What if I need mechanical ventilation? What tube size will fit? What ventilator settings will this patient need?”

By the time she leaves the hospital, she has already calculated every setting and possible move. Does it always go to plan? No, but 24 years of experience has trained her to be ready for anything.

Balancing Work and Personal Life

Most of the time, Courtney doesn’t let work affect her personal life. But sometimes, emotions catch up. When a call is particularly difficult, she processes it, debriefs with her team, and reminds herself that she made the best possible medical decisions for her patient.

“Most of the time, I conduct myself like a machine. But sometimes, those emotions don’t leave.”

When she needs to unwind, she heads to the Bunker—sometimes with a cold one in hand!

Advice for Aspiring Neonatal Transport Respiratory Therapists

“Do it! It’s the best job.”

Courtney emphasizes that neonatal transport is a different beast from in-hospital respiratory therapy. In a hospital, there are ample resources. In the back of an ambulance, helicopter, or plane, it’s just her and a nurse—with a paramedic driving or a pilot flying. They have to be on point with every decision.

“In the hospital, we’re an integral part of every emergency. We educate families, advise doctors, and advocate for our patients. But in the field, our doctors respect our assessment and treatment plans in a way that’s unlike any other. They trust us.”

Connection to the Bunker

Courtney’s father, a Vietnam War veteran, served as a small arms repairman in the U.S. Army. Growing up, she was always proud of his service and the sacrifices he made. Now, she feels honored to be part of a community that shares that same deep respect for service and country.

“I am proud to rub elbows with those badasses who selflessly gave their time to ensure I live free. To me, that is everything.”

The Bunker is more than just a gathering place—it’s her second family. One of her favorite activities at the Bunker is Friday Night Karaoke with Keri and singing with Matt.

Final Thoughts

To her fellow Bunker members, Courtney shares this message:

“For those who have served, I appreciate my freedom. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your service.”

Getting to Know Your Board: Joe Filice

Ever wondered about the people working behind the scenes to keep things running at the Bunker? We're kicking off a new series to introduce you to the dedicated board members who help make it all happen. This month, we're featuring six of our board members, with more to come in future issues. Stay tuned as we highlight the rest of the team in the months ahead!



Joe Filice – Commandant

Branch & MOS:

- United States Marine Corps
- MOS: 0848 (Field Artillery Operations Man)

Rank & Service:

- Rank: Sergeant
- Years of Service: 5 years

Notable Assignments & Deployments:

- Joe jokes that he is notable for being so unremarkable

Military Decorations:

- Fire Watch (Honorably performed)
- Good Conduct Medal (a.k.a. *"Good Cookie" – and well-earned!*)

Marine Corps League / Bunker Membership:

- 16 years with the Marine Corps League
- 5 years at the Bunker

Career:

- A long and varied career, most recently retired as a Computer Systems Analyst

Family:

- Married to Cindy
- Together, they have a "geriatric Brady Bunch" of five—Joe's two sons and Cindy's two daughters and one son

Hobbies & Interests:

- Captain, Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary
- Vice Commander, American Legion Post 2 (Wauchula)

Getting to Know Your Board: Michael Young



Michael Young – Sr. Vice Commandant

Branch & MOS:

- United States Marine Corps (1991-2021)
- MOS: 0431 (Embarkation) & 0430 (Strategic Mobility Officer)

Rank & Years in Service:

- Rank: Staff Sergeant, Chief Warrant Officer-3, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired)
- Years of Service: 30 years

Duty Stations/Notable assignments and Deployments:

During Michael Young's 30-year career in the U.S. Marine Corps, he served at **Camp Pendleton, CA, 32nd St Naval Base, CA, and Okinawa, Japan**. Throughout his service, he participated in numerous global operations, including **Operation Desert Thunder and Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, Operation Native Furry in the UAE, Operation Safe Departure in Eritrea, and Operation Southern Watch in Iraq**. His deployments also included **Operation Stabilize in East Timor, Operation Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq**.

Beyond combat operations, he played a vital role in **multinational training exercises** such as **Cobra Gold in Thailand and PHIBLEX in the Philippines**. As a **Combat Cargo Officer aboard the USS Bonhomme Richard**, he was instrumental in managing logistics and transport operations and Maritime security operations in the Middle East. Additionally, he contributed to **Operation Unified Assistance**, providing **humanitarian aid** following the devastating **2004 Indian Ocean tsunami** in Southeast Asia and supported search and rescue missions **Earthquake Relief in Nepal**.

Military Decorations:

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|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| • Meritorious Service Medal (2) | • Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal | • National Defense Service Medal (2) |
| • Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal (6) | • Global War on Terrorism Service Medal | • Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (11) |
| • Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5) | • Southeast Asia Service Medal | • Humanitarian Service Medal (2) |
| • Iraq Campaign Medal (1 star) | • Presidential Unit Citation-Navy | • NATO Medal - ISAF Afghanistan |
| • Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1 star) | • Navy Unit Commendation | • Kuwait Liberation Medal |
| • Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2) | • Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (3) | |

Marine Corps League / Bunker Membership:

- 3 years

Hometown and Siblings:

- Arboles, CO; two sisters and three brothers

Profession:

- Vessel Assessment Team/Combat Cargo expert SLV (STS) Matilda 1

Family:

- Married to Kolleen for 20 years with four children; Jesse (33), Alexis (26), Tristin (25), Slade (18)

Hobbies:

- Fishing

Getting to Know Your Board: Dave Hildebrand



Dave Hildebrand – Jr. Vice Commandant

Branch & MOS:

- United States Marine Corps (1971-1974)
- MOS: 1371 (Combat Engineer) & 0131 (Unit Diary Clerk)

Rank & Service:

- Rank: Meritorious promotions to Lance Corporal and Corporal
- Years of Service: 3 years

Duty Stations:

- Parris Island, Camp Lejeune, Camp Pendleton

Marine Corps League / Bunker Membership:

- 5 years with the Marine Corps League
- 1 year Life Member

Hometown:

- Pottstown, PA

Profession:

- Mental Health & Addiction Therapist, Employee Assistance Professional

Hobbies & Interests:

- Enjoys spending time with family, fishing, and good friends
- Vice Commander, American Legion Post 2 (Wauchula)

Getting to Know Your Board: Denny Palmer



Denny Palmer – Judge Advocate General

Branch & MOS:

- United States Marine Corps (1965)
- MOS: Helicopter Mechanic

Duty Stations:/Notable Deployments

- Quantico, VA
- Served as a CH-46 Crew Chief, supporting the President's helicopter squadron along with other duties
- Logged an average of four flight hours per day during his three years at Quantico

Hometown:

- Wilmington, DE

Profession:

- Auto mechanic before and after his Marine Corps service
- Over 40 years in the automotive industry
- Technician, business owner, and manager of multiple shops
- Owned two gas stations and a garage
- Served 20 years as a college professor, teaching automotive technology
- Retired in 2011 and moved to Florida full-time in 2020

Family:

- Met his wife in Washington, D.C. during his time at Quantico
- Moved to Illinois after leaving the Marine Corps

Getting to Know Your Board: Kolleen Young



Kolleen Young – Adjutant

Branch & MOS:

- United States Marine Corps (1997-2020)
- MOS: 0431 (Embarkation) & 0430 (Strategic Mobility Officer)

Rank & Years in Service:

- Rank: Staff Sergeant, Chief Warrant Officer-3, Major (Retired)
- Years of Service: 23+ years

Duty Stations/Notable assignments and Deployments:

During her career in the U.S. Marine Corps, Kolleen Young was stationed at **Camp Lejeune, NC, Camp Pendleton, CA, and Okinawa, Japan**. She participated in numerous global operations, including **Operation Enduring Freedom in Kuwait** and **Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq**. Her humanitarian efforts included **Typhoon Haiyan Response, Operation Damayan, and Typhoon Bopha Response in the Philippines, and hurricane relief operations for Hurricane Maria (Dominica and Puerto Rico) and Hurricane Irma (Caribbean and Virgin Islands)**.

Additionally, she played a key role in **multinational training exercises** such as **Operation Trident Juncture in the Atlantic Ocean and Norway, Ssang Yong in the Republic of Korea, Cobra Gold in Thailand, Talisman Sabre and Operation Koolendong in Australia, PHIBLEX and Balikatan in the Philippines**. She also supported **maritime security operations in the Middle East**, reinforcing global stability and security.

Military Decorations:

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| • Meritorious Service Medal (2) | • Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal | • National Defense Service Medal (1) |
| • Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3) | • Global War on Terrorism Service Medal | • Humanitarian Service Medal (2) |
| • Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal (1) | • Presidential Unit Citation-Navy (2) | • Armed Forces Service Medal |
| • Iraq Campaign Medal (1 star) | • Navy Unit Commendation (3) | • Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (7) |
| • Kosovo Campaign Medal | • Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation (4) | • Navy & Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon |
| • Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal | • Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (2) | • NATO Medal - Kosovo |

Marine Corps League / Bunker Membership:

- 3 years

Hometown and Siblings:

- Bradenton, FL; two brothers and two sisters (Coco, Saturday's Bartender)

Profession:

- Principal Program Manager, CANA LLC (HQMC)

Family:

- Married to Michael Young with four children; Jesse (33), Alexis (26), Tristin (25), Slade (18)

Hobbies:

- Poker and Cruising

Getting to Know Your Board: Matt Richards



Matt Richards – Sergeant-at-Arms

Branch & MOS:

- No prior military service, but actively involved in supporting Marines and veterans through The Bunker

Marine Corps League / Bunker Membership:

- 8 years

Hometown:

- Born and raised in California
- In 2004 moved to Bradenton to attend Marine Mechanic School in Orlando

Profession:

- Marine mechanic for 21 years

Family:

- Married to Maggie for 24 years with two children; Elijah, (21) and Abigail (18)

Hobbies & Interests:

- His 1989 Fox Body Mustang
- Cars and Guns

Getting to Your Bartenders: Joe Intoppa



Joe Intoppa – Bar Manager

Volunteering at the Bunker:

- Has been a volunteer since 2014 with a brief break but couldn't stay away for long

Branch & MOS:

- United States Navy (1971-1974)
- Rate: Fireman

Rank & Years in Service:

- Rank: E-3
- Years of Service: 3 years

Duty Stations/Notable assignments and Deployments:

- Norfolk, VA
- Mediterranean Deployment aboard the JFK

Hometown:

- Born in Jacksonville, Florida, but grew up in Massachusetts Medford

Favorite Drink to Make or Recommend:

- Beer, because it is easy!

Profession:

- Retired from the food industry on the warehouse side; worked for Shaws in New England for 30 years

What She enjoys Most About the Bunker:

- He loves the camaraderie, he says it feels like we're all in it together
- He enjoys associating with all different kinds of veterans

Hobbies & Interests:

- Candlepin Bowling; Joe was a semi professional candlepin bowler in New England

Fun Fact:

- He has been known to have an instant or two of road rage
- He dislikes the sweltering Florida summers, still considers himself a New Englander at heart, and he hasn't ruled out the possibility of returning one day
- Jokingly refers to himself as a "self-proclaimed hockey casualty" after taking one too many pucks to the head during his hockey days
- Not fun, but, allergic to dogs

Getting to Your Bartenders: Glenn and Georgetta Weik



Glen and Georgetta Weik (Wednesdays)

Volunteering at the Bunker:

- Glenn has been involved with The Bunker for several years, always looking for ways to give back to our veterans
- Together, Glenn and Georgetta have been bartending for two years
- Glenn is also a member of the Honor Guard

Affiliated Service:

- No military service, but dedicated to supporting our veterans at The Bunker

Family and Background:

- High school sweethearts, Glenn and Georgetta have been married for 52 years (celebrating 53 in April)

Hometown:

- Originally from Pennsylvania, they started as snowbirds for five years before deciding to permanently move to Florida 20 years ago

What They enjoy Most About the Bunker:

- The opportunity to give back to veterans while meeting great people and building lasting friendships

Getting to Your Bartenders: John D'Alusio



John D'Alusio (Thursdays)

Volunteering at the Bunker:

- Has been bartending every Thursday since 2017 and occasionally fills in on other days
- Served 13 consecutive years as Historian on the Board of Trustees
- Honor Guard member since 2014
- Ran the Gun Raffles for five years

Affiliated Service:

- No military service, but dedicated to supporting our veterans at The Bunker

Profession:

- Property and Casualty Insurance Executive (Retired)

Family:

- Married to Mariann for 39 years

Favorite Drink to Make or Recommend:

- Espresso Chocolate Martini; a smooth and rich favorite

What he enjoys Most About the Bunker:

- The camaraderie; The Bunker is our version of Cheers, where everybody knows your name

Hobbies & Interests:

- History, Political Science, Fine Cigars, Cold Adult Beverages, Boating, Dining Out, and Travel

Fun Fact:

- If really inebriated, he claims he can lick his eyebrows; though this remains unverified

Getting to Your Bartenders: Kerri Campagna



Keri Campagna (Fridays)

Volunteering at the Bunker:

- Has been a volunteer since 2011 with a brief break but couldn't stay away for long
- Previously served as Bar Manager but stepped down due to work commitments

Affiliated Service:

- No military service, but dedicated to supporting our veterans at The Bunker

Profession:

- Works in Customer Service for a Manufacturing Company, celebrating 15 years this year
- Has worked in the manufacturing industry since 1999

What She enjoys Most About the Bunker:

- The people, camaraderie, and friendships that make The Bunker feel like home
- The way members come together to support one another in times of need

Hobbies & Interests:

- Loves spending time with her "babies"—her two birds, one dog, and fish

Fun Fact:

- Known as "Keri Sprinkles", she's always ready to brighten a bad day
- A lifelong animal lover, she has cared for a wide variety of pets, including:
 - * 11 parakeets, 8 cockatiels, 1 blue crown conure, 1 Senegal parrot, 2 ferrets, 1 Nile monitor, pet mice (rescued from the Nile monitor), a red rat snake, 4 dogs, 1 cat, and numerous fish

Getting to Your Bartenders: Collette Quinehan



Collette (Coco) Quinehan (Saturdays)

Volunteering at the Bunker:

- Began volunteering in 2023 after joining The Bunker

Affiliated Service:

- No military service, but dedicated to supporting our veterans at The Bunker

Profession:

- Realtor with extensive experience in the industry
- Over 35 years in the hospitality industry working as a server and bartender

Family:

- Two brothers: Steven and Brian
- Two sisters: Koltier and Kolleen (Bunker Adjutant)
- Two nephews: Tristin and Slade

Hometown:

- Bradenton, FL
- Graduated Bayshore High School

Favorite Drink to Make or Recommend:

- Strawberry Banana Daiquiri -because it always makes people extremely happy!

What She enjoys Most About the Bunker:

- Supporting the veterans and the camaraderie among members

Hobbies & Interests:

- Bingo
- Hanging out with friends and playing Yahtzee

Fun Fact:

- Former owner of Coco's Place and Night Club in Bradenton FL
- Known as the "Honorary Mayor of Bradenton" because she knows everyone in town!

Getting to Your Bartenders: Jackie Edmund



Jackie Edmund (Fills in as Needed)

Volunteering at the Bunker:

- Began volunteering in 2020 after joining The Bunker

Affiliated Service:

- No military service, but dedicated to supporting our veterans at The Bunker

Profession:

- Over 40 years in the hospitality industry working as a concierge, server, bartender, and supervisor in hotels, restaurants, and bars

Family:

- Married to Jon for 41 years
- Proud mother of two sons
- * **Kenn** – A Marine veteran of Desert Storm (thankfully returned home safely), married to Kristie, with two sons: Seth – A mechanic, Sean – Currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corps
- * **Chris** – A trucker with over 5 million accident-free miles. Married to Susan, with three children: Jason – An IT professional, Joshua – A Marine veteran, now a diesel mechanic working toward his A&P license, Hannah – A registered nurse
- Jon and Jackie are immensely proud of their family and their accomplishments

Favorite Drink to Make or Recommend:

- Dirty Martini and wine

What She enjoys Most About the Bunker:

- Meeting new people and supporting others who love The Bunker

Hobbies & Interests:

- Sewing and creating jewelry using crystals, wire, and beads
- Loves cooking and trying new foods

Fun Fact:

- Enjoys traveling with no set destination—jumping in the car and taking an unplanned road trip, stopping wherever the journey leads

Uniform Guide: Cover

Marine Corps League Cover

- A. The basic uniform of the Marine Corps League is the unique cover that identifies the members of the Marine Corps League. Because all other parts of the uniform that are designated in this enclosure are optional, the cover remains as the only consistent identifier for Marine Corps League members, which is why the cover is worn indoors at appropriate Marine Corps League functions. When Marine Corps League Members are wearing the appropriate cover, as listed below, they are considered in uniform

NOTE: NO OTHER TYPE OF COVER MAY BE WORN AT A MARINE CORPS LEAGUE FUNCTION OR MEETING. All members of the Marine Corps League are authorized to wear the RED COVER

- A. All members of the Marine Corps League are authorized to wear the RED COVER
- Members Elected or Appointed at the Department Level are authorized to wear the RED COVER with a GOLD CROWN
 - Members Elected to a National Office or Appointed to a National Staff/Committee are authorized to wear GOLD COVERS
 - National Commandant will wear a WHITE COVER
- D. The Past National Commandants and Honorary Past National Commandants are authorized to wear a GOLD COVER with WHITE CROWN
- The Past Chief Devil Dogs and Honorary Chief Devil Dogs are authorized to wear a GOLD COVER with a BLACK CROWN
 - Past National Vice Commandants of Divisions, Past National Directors, and Past National Directors of Young Marines are authorized to wear a GOLD COVER with a GOLD CROWN
 - Past Department Commandants and Past Pack Leaders are authorized to wear a RED COVER with a GOLD CROWN
 - Past Detachment Commandants and Past Pound Keepers are authorized to wear a RED COVER with a RED CROWN
 - All Past Officers listed above will identify their Past Office with a title strip or embroidery and will display the years that they held that office
 - With the exception of Past National Commandants, Honorary Past National Commandants, Past Chief Devil Dogs, and Honorary Chief Devil Dogs, they all will also display the organization where they held that office (i.e., Southeast Division, Department of Ohio, Chattanooga Detachment, etc.)
 - Only the officers listed in this paragraph are authorized to retain the Cover for their previous office after they leave that office. All other members will revert back to the appropriate cover for the elected or appointed office currently held, and if any, removing the officer identification STRIP(S) for prior offices no longer held
 - You MUST have a separate cover for POUND, PACK or KENNEL Officer. POUND, PACK OR KENNEL text CANNOT be on the same cover as DETACHMENT, DEPARTMENT OR NATIONAL
- D. The only insignia authorized for wear on the Marine Corps League Covers is the 1-1/2" X 1-1/2" Anodized Solid Gold Color or Polished Brass Marine Corps Emblem (Enlisted Style Only) on the Left Side. The Devil Dog patch, if authorized, will be worn up front on the right side of the cover. The identification strips, i.e., Department or Detachment strip, or embroidering, will be centered on the right side. If the "LIFE" strip is worn, it will be to the rear of the right side. The "LIFE MEMBER" strip will be worn the same as the identification strips are worn and should be worn above other strips

NOTE: NO DIVISION PINS OR OTHER PINS/ORNAMENTS ARE AUTHORIZED ON MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COVERS

Uniform Guide: Cover (cont)

Marine Corps League Cover



Men's Cover



Women's Cover



Regular Member Cap Device



Associate Member Cap Device

COMMANDANT

JUDGE ADVOCATE

PUBLIC RELATIONS

SERVICE OFFICER

SR. VICE COMMANDANT

ADJUTANT

PAYMASTER

SGT AT ARMS

PAST COMMANDANT

JR. VICE COMMANDANT

CHAPLAIN

QUARTERMASTER

LIFE MEMBER

MOOD Cover Patch



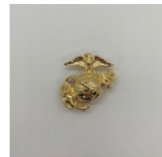
Detachment Cover

\$ 35⁰⁰



Women's Cover

\$ 35⁰⁰



Regular Cap Ornament

\$ 7⁰⁰



Associate Cap Ornament

\$ 7⁰⁰

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Uniform Guide: Cover (cont)

Marine Corps League Cover

LETTERING:

Lettering should be 3/8" in height with 1/4" spacing between lines. Maximum of 3 lines can be used.
ALL lettering should be in CAPITALS.
Bottom line has 3 options: DETACHMENT or DEPARTMENT or LOCATION (e.g. CITY, STATE or COUNTY, STATE.)

FONT:

FRANKLIN GOTHIC MEDIUM CONDENSED

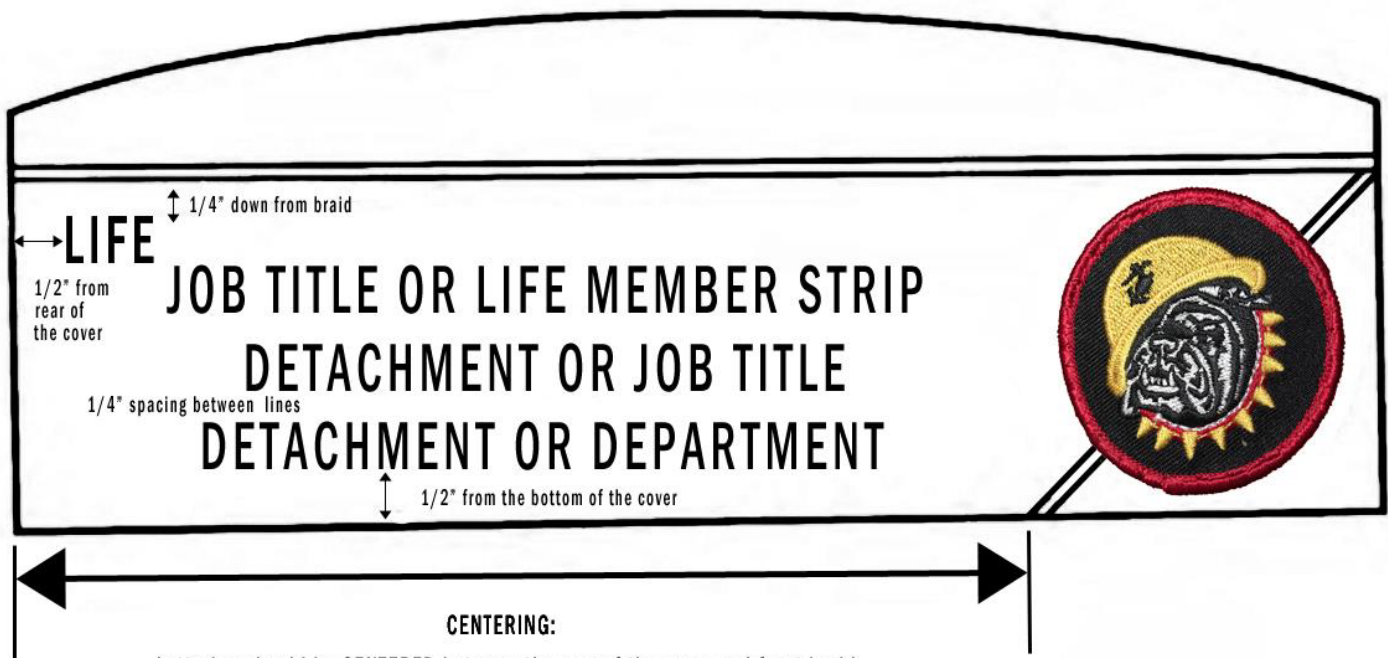
This is a font that is to be 3/8" in height and all CAPITALS.
This font allows the longer use of words and names.

LIFE:

Can be either in the name of a NAME STRIP OR DIRECT EMBROIDERY
If the word LIFE is used, it is placed as shown.
For neatness, 1/2" from the rear of the cover,
1/4" down from the braid is recommended.

LIFE MEMBER STRIP:

Will be worn as the same as the identification strips are worn, and should be worn above other strips (e.g. COMMANDANT, SR VICE COMMANDANT, etc.) with 1/4" spacing between strip and or line.



CENTERING:

Lettering should be CENTERED between the rear of the cover and front braid
(this would allow for future place of the MODD Patch if needed)

Red Polo Shirt

MCL Detachment 588's members may wear the **official red polo shirt** as a **comfortable yet professional** alternative for casual events and meetings. It's a great way to show your pride and represent the League. Covers and polos can be purchased at the "**Semper Fi**" Store. Wear yours with pride and honor!



CLOTHING POLO RED MCL

\$ 39⁵⁰



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Uniform Guide: Male Undress Uniform

MALE UNDRESS UNIFORM LONG SLEEVE

- Standard Cover
- Devil Dog collar, if authorized (optional)
- Nametag (optional)
- White Shirt, with military creases (to be Airline Pilot style with two (2) pockets with button down flaps and shoulder epaulets)
- Regular Members Marine Corps League Sunburst insignias on collar, centered 1/2" inside the collar tip, with the wings of the emblem parallel to the deck
- The Associate member is to wear the Marine Corps League sunburst insignia in lieu of the Marine Corps Emblem on their cover. The 1/2" x 1/2" gold "MCL" insignia will be worn on the shirt collars
- Regular Members the Marine the Corps League shoulder patch
- Associate Members the Marine Corps League Associate shoulder patch
- Flag patch, on right shoulder, may be worn
- Marine Corps League ribbons or Department of Defense authorized ribbons, wings, badges, (MCL AND DOD RIBBONS CANNOT BE WORN TOGETHER)
- MCL ribbons should be centered over the left breast pocket 1/8" above the pocket flap, DOD-awards and decorations should be worn as authorized to the individual
- The Marine of the Year (National, Division, Department or Detachment) Medallion and Ribbon; the Chapel of Four Chaplains (Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award, and Bronze Medallion Award); or the Military Order of Devil Dogs collar, if authorized, may be worn with the Undress Long Sleeve Uniform. Only one of these devices, medallions, or collars, may be worn at a time at the option of the wearer
- The Associate Member of the Year (National, Division, Department or Detachment) Medallion and Ribbon; Only one of these devices, medallions, or collars, may be worn at a time at the option of the wearer
- TIE. PLAIN BLACK with Marine Corps or Marine Corps League gold tie bar ENLISTED STYLE ONLY (no open collar)
- Trousers, Dress Blue (Regular Members with NCO "RED" stripe and Associates without NCO Stripe) with Belt, Marine Corps khaki web, with web belt brass buckle
- Shoes, Black, plain toe (military style, highly glossed)
- Socks, Black
- **Optional:** Trousers, black, dress, with the black leather belt with square gold buckle with Marine Corps emblem (EGA); a ratcheting black leather belt with a gold Marine Corps emblem buckle (EGA); or a ratcheting black leather belt with a gold buckle with Marine Corps League logo may be worn instead of the Dress Blue trousers and khaki web belt

MALE UNDRESS UNIFORM LONG SLEEVE

- The Short sleeve UNDRESS uniform is the same in every way to the Long Sleeve UNDRESS uniform with the **following exceptions:**
- The shirt shall be the same Airline Pilot style, but short sleeves instead of long. The shirt shall be worn with an open collar and NO TIE OR TIE BAR IS WORN WITH THE UNDRESS SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT
- The Marine of the Year (National, Division, Department or Detachment) Medallion and Ribbon; the Chapel of Four Chaplains (Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award, and Bronze Medallion Award); or the Military Order of Devil Dogs collar, if authorized, may be worn with the Undress Short Sleeve Uniform. Only one of these devices, medallions, or collars, may be worn at a time at the option of the wearer

NOTE: MEDALLIONS MAY NOT BE WORN WITH ANY OTHER STYLE SHIRT (I.E., POLO, T-SHIRT, OR CIVILIAN DRESS SHIRTS)

Uniform Guide: Female Undress Uniform

FEMALE UNDRRESS UNIFORM LONG SLEEVE

- Standard cover, Male or Female style with 1-1/2" x 1-1/2" (ENLISTED STYLE) anodized solid gold color or polished brass EGA
- Devil Dog collar, if authorized (optional)
- Nametag (optional)
- White Shirt, (to be Airline pilot style with two (2) pockets with button down flaps and shoulder epaulets or Women's White USMC Shirt or Army White ASU.) (Rev 2021)
- Regular Member the Marine Corps League Sunburst insignias on collar, centered 1/2" inside the collar tip, with wings on the emblem parallel to the deck
- The Associate member is to wear the Marine Corps League sunburst insignia in lieu of the Marine Corps Emblem on their cover. The 1/2" x 1/2" gold "MCL" insignia will be worn on the shirt collars
- Regular Members the standard Marine Corps League shoulder patch
- Associate Members the Marine Corps League Associate shoulder patch
- Flag patch, on right shoulder, may be worn
- Marine Corps League ribbons or Department of Defense authorized ribbons, wings, badges, (MCL AND DOD RIBBONS CANNOT BE WORN TOGETHER)
- MCL ribbons should be centered over the left breast pocket 1/8" above the pocket flap, DOD-awards and decorations should be worn as authorized to the individual on the AIRLINE PILOT STYLE WHITE SHIRT
- TIE. PLAIN BLACK with Marine Corps gold (enlisted) or Marine Corps League gold tie bar or women's USMC black neck tab (no open collar)
- Skirt, black, straight (length should be 1" to 2" below the knees) or trousers, black, dress, with the black leather belt and square gold buckle with EGA, or female dress blue trousers to match male uniform regulations, dress blue trousers with NCO red stripe (Associate Members no NCO Stripe) with Marine Corps khaki web belt with web belt dress buckle
- Women's Dress Blue Trousers do not have belt loops and cannot be altered to have belt loops. When wearing the Female Dress Blue Trousers, you must wear the women's white USMC shirt (shirt is worn outside of the trousers)
- When wearing the Male Dress Blue Trouser you must wear the men's white shirt as authorized under the male undress long sleeve regulations
- Shoes, black oxford patent leather with trousers. patent leather flats or pumps with skirt. Heels for pumps will measure up to 2" in height
- Hose, nylon, black or flesh tone (with pumps) or socks, black, (with trousers.) (Rev 2021)
- Earrings, (optional) small white pearl (or pearl like) or gold ball, not to exceed 9mm. When worn, earrings will fit tight against the ear and will not extend below the ear lobe
- The Marine of the Year (National, Division, Department or Detachment) Medallion and Ribbon; the Chapel of Four Chaplains (Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award, and Bronze Medallion Award); or the Military Order of Devil Dogs collar, if authorized, may be worn with the Undress Long Sleeve Uniform. Only one of these devices, medallions, or collars, may be worn at a time at the option of the wearer
- The Associate Member of the Year (National, Division, Department or Detachment) Medallion and Ribbon; Only one of these devices, medallions, or collars, may be worn at a time at the option of the wearer

FEMALE UNDRRESS UNIFORM SHORT SLEEVE

- The Short Sleeve UNDRRESS UNIFORM is the same in every way to the Long Sleeve UNDRRESS UNIFORM with the **following exceptions:**
- The shirt will be the same Airline pilot style. but Short Sleeve instead of Long Sleeve, or Women's USMC white blouse, style worn with Dress Blue Trousers or Army White ASU style. (Rev 2021)
- The Female USMC style white shirt can be worn with either Female Dress Blue Trousers or with black trousers, open collar

NOTE: MEDALLIONS MAY NOT BE WORN WITH ANY OTHER STYLE SHIRT (I.E., POLO, T-SHIRT, OR CIVILIAN DRESS SHIRTS)

NOTE: THE MEN'S WHITE SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT CANNOT BE ALTERED TO WEAR ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE FEMALE DRESS BLUE TROUSERS

Uniform Guide: Miscellaneous

MEDALLIONS

- The Marine of the Year (National, Division, Department or Detachment) Medallion and Ribbon; the Chapel of Four Chaplains (Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award, and Bronze Medallion Award); or the Military Order of Devil Dogs collar, if authorized, may be worn with the Undress Uniforms (Male and Female)
- Only ONE of these of these devices, medallions, or collars, may be worn at a time at the option of the wearer
- **NOTE:** Medallions may not be worn with any other style shirt (i.e., Polo, T-Shirt, or Civilian Dress Shirt). NOTE: MODD Members are required to wear their Dog Collar to be considered "in uniform"

SHOLDER PATCHES

- Shoulder patches are worn on the undress uniform white aviator shirt, short sleeve or long sleeve, and the female white USMC style shirt ONLY
- The Marine Corps League shoulder patch will be worn on the LEFT sleeve, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam
- The United States Flag patch (2" x 3") will be worn on the RIGHT Sleeve, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam. The United States Flag patch will have a WHITE border, and will have a field of BLUE to the right (to the wearer's front)
- At the Wearer's Choice: if a member is a Member of the Military Order of Devil Dogs, the MOOD patch may be worn in place of the United States Flag patch, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam
- NO Service or Unit patches are to be worn on the Marine Corps League Uniform

SPECIAL UNIFORM AUTHORIZATION

The standard Marine Corps League cover is the minimum uniform item worn by members to be considered "IN UNIFORM". Members who are participating in Memorial Services and who are in MCL Uniform may wear "WHITE GLOVES" of the same type as worn by the Uniformed Services. Wearing of White Gloves will be at the discretion of the Senior Officer in charge of the detail. Although clothing and apparel worn with the standard cover may or may not have a Marine Corps or Marine Corps League theme, and may be appropriate attire, that attire is not a uniform of the League

CEREMONIAL UNIFORMS

There is not a unique Ceremonial Uniform following action at the 2009 National Convention. Whenever Ceremonial Functions are preformed, the Uniform will be the UNDRRESS UNIFORM (either Short Sleeve or Long Sleeve) or the CASUAL UNIFORM as determined by the jurisdictional Commandant, and weather conditions. The National SOP for Funeral Honors should be reviewed

WHITE DUTY BELT

- White Duty Belts may be worn by a member while performing the duty as Sergeant-at-Arms or as a member of a Color Guard or Honor Guard, and only with the Undress Uniform Short Sleeve White or Long Sleeve White Shirt
- The Duty Belt should be the Standard Plain White Cotton Web Belt (2-1/2") with brass Marine Corps waist plate (3 1/2" x 2 1/2") (DRILL INSTRUCTOR STYLE) or Standard Plain White Cotton Web Belt (2-1/2") with Gold (in color) Marine Corps Buckle (3 1/2" x 2 1/2"), either highly shined brass or Hamilton gold plated anodized brass with the EGA

HONOR GUARD

At no time will an NCO or Officer Sword be used by anyone participating in a Funeral Honor Guard Detail. Commanders shall render a "hand-salute" when required

WEB BELT

The tip end of the web belt will pass through the buckle to the wearer's left and will extend from 2 to 4 inches beyond the buckle. The metal belt tip and the buckle will be kept highly polished. The buckle will be worn with the buckle tongue depressed into the buckle

NOTE: AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER MAY WEAR THIS BUCKLE WHILE PREFORMING THE DUTIES OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR DURING AN HONOR GUARD DETAIL CEREMONY ONLY. THE ASSOCIATE MEMBER MAY NOT WEAR THIS BUCKLE AT ANY OTHER TIME

Individual Uniform Items

MALE UNDRESS UNIFORM SHORT AND LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS

American Flag or MODD Patch-Right



Regular Member



Associate Member



MODD Cover Patch



Regular Member Collar Ornaments and Cover EGA



Associate Member MCL Collar Ornaments and Cover Ornament



White Short Sleeve Aviator Style



White Long Sleeve Aviator Style



Women's White USMC Style Short Sleeve



Men's Dress Blue Trousers



Black Trousers



Female Black Skirt



Women's Dress Blue Trousers



Khaki Web Belt



All three Tie Bars Are Authorized



Black Tie Plain



Black Female Neck Tab



Black Leather Belt



Women's Pumps



Oxford Shoes



Regular Member White Duty Belt



Associate Member Waist Plate



Undress Uniform Quick Reference



March Medal of Honor Spotlight



Profiles of Valor: USMC SgtMaj Daniel J. Daly

"The fightingest man ever to serve with the Marine Corps"

MARK ALEXANDER

Tens of millions of Veterans have served our nation since the first Medals of Honor were awarded for the val-
orous actions of Andrews's Raiders in 1862. Of those, a split percentage of former combat Vets — 3,528 to be
exact — have earned the Medal of Honor. Among them, amazingly, there are 19 double recipients.

Marine Corps SgtMaj Daniel J. Daly is one of the 19 and one of only two Marines who earned that dual dis-
tinction — the other being MajGen Smedley D. Butler. Notably, their military service paths crossed several
times when earning those Medals.

Dan Daly was born in Brooklyn, New York, to Irish Catholic parents John and Ellen Daly. There is not much his-
torical information about his early years other than that he sold newspapers on the streets of New York City
from a young age. When he was a teenager, his parents, along with his sister Mary and brother David, moved
to Glen Cove on Long Island. He had a seedling career as a boxer despite being only 5'6" and 132 pounds.
Clearly, he would distinguish himself as a fighter.

Hearing accounts of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders during the Spanish-American War inspired Daly to enlist
in the United States Marine Corps in 1899 at age 25. After boot camp, he was assigned to the Asiatic Fleet
just ahead of the Boxer Rebellion, led by members of the secret Chinese group known as the Society of the
Righteous and Harmonious Fists. The SRHF was brutal in its attacks on Christian missionaries, Chinese Chris-
tians, and diplomatic missions. It was the siege of a foreign diplomatic area near Peking that led to U.S. in-
volvement.

After Daly's Marine detachment arrived in Taku Bay, China, his first combat encounter was retaking a posi-
tion near the American legation outside of Peking. In that era, Marines were armed only with bayoneted ri-
fles, which meant firing on enemy positions and then approaching those positions in a bloody face-to-face
encounter.

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March Medal of Honor Spotlight (cont)

Profiles of Valor: USMC SgtMaj Daniel J. Daly

After the Marines re-secured the American legation, the Chinese SRHF rebels regrouped, returned after dark, and attempted to destroy the American consulate. It was then they confronted a lone Marine at a critical breach point, whom they thought they could dispatch quickly. But Dan Daly would have none of that and stood his ground. He was armed with his rifle and then an M1895 Colt-Browning “potato digger” machine gun. After defending his post through the night, by daybreak there were, by some estimates, almost 200 dead Boxers near Daly’s post.

It was for his actions that night of August 14, 1900, that Daly was awarded his first Medal of Honor for, as the citation briefly notes, having “distinguished himself by meritorious conduct.”

In the years between his first and second Medals of Honor, Daly exemplified heroic actions in other combat engagements.

In July 1915, Woodrow Wilson ordered 330 Marines to Port-au-Prince with orders from the Secretary of the Navy to “protect American and foreign interests” during the Occupation of Haiti and quell the revolution there, which had already accounted for six regime changes since 1911.

On October 24, then-Gunnery Sergeant Daly and his 35-man platoon of the Fifteenth Company of Marines, under the leadership of Capt William Upshur, 1stLt Edward Ostermann, left Fort Liberte for a six-day reconnaissance mission. Two days later, while crossing a river in the Haitian backcountry, they were ambushed by an estimated 400 Haitian Cacos rebels, who soon had surrounded their platoon. The Marines managed to fight their way to the other river bank and up a hillside where they established a defensive position. But their prospects for survival grew evermore dim after nightfall, under continuous skirmishes to overtake their position, because they had lost their machine gun in the river during the initial attack.

Daley knew their best chance at survival rested on being able to defend their position at daybreak when a frontal offensive was sure to ensue. Thus, he crept out of their defensive hold late that night amid the skirmishes and returned to the river bank on the off chance he would be able to find their machine gun. Amazingly, he managed to do that, strapped it to his back, and crawled back to his platoon without being discovered.

As the sun rose, the Cacos rebels were preparing to begin their offensive. But as noted in Daly’s second Medal of Honor citation, he and the two officers divided their badly outnumbered Marines “into three squads,” which “advanced in three different directions” confronting the enemy lines. They dispensed machine gun saturation fire into the rebel lines, “surprising and scattering the Cacos in all directions.”

The expeditionary commander said of the gallantry displayed by the officers and men of this detachment: “The action of the 35 men in the attack made upon them during the night of October 24 can not be commended too highly. It is true that these men were in pitch darkness, surrounded by 10 times their number and fighting for their lives, but the manner in which they fought during that long night, the steady, cool discipline, that prevented demoralization is remarkable. Had one squad failed, not one man of the party would have lived to tell the story. The actual assault upon the enemy, made in three different directions and beginning as soon as the light permitted them to see, was splendid. It meant success or utter annihilation.” Indeed, GySgt Daly “fought with exceptional gallantry against heavy odds throughout this action.”

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March Medal of Honor Spotlight (cont)

Profiles of Valor: USMC SgtMaj Daniel J. Daly

Additional Medals of Honor were awarded to Capt Upshur and 1stLt Ostermann.

SgtMaj Daly would further distinguish himself in combat during World War I.

He was the recipient of combat awards for valor, the Navy Cross and the Distinguished Service Cross (Army) — the second-highest award under the Medal of Honor for the Navy and Army, respectively — for repeated acts of heroism at the risk of his life. Both awards were issued for his service with the 73d Company, 6th Regiment (Marines), 2d Division, A.E.F., between June 5 and 7, 1918, at Lucy-le-Bocage, and on June 10, 1918, in the attack on Bouresches, France.

Had the rules at the time permitted a third Medal of Honor, Daly would have qualified.

He was also awarded a Silver Star for his heroic actions while serving with Machine Gun Company, Sixth Regiment (Marines), 2d Division, American Expeditionary Forces at Chateau-Thierry, France, June 6 through July 10, 1918.

At the Battle of Belleau Wood in June 1918, Daly is popularly attributed with having yelled to his men as they prepared to charge the Germans: “Come on, you sons of bitches! Do you want to live forever?” He would later recount to a Marine historian that he recalled yelling: “For Christ’s sake, men — come on! Do you want to live forever?”

Daly was twice offered an officer’s commission but rejected the offers, saying that he would prefer to be “an outstanding sergeant than just another officer.” MajGen Smedley Butler described his fellow Marine double Medal of Honor recipient as “the fightingest man ever to serve with the Marine Corps,” adding, “It was an object lesson to have served with him.”

Daly was nicknamed “Devil Dog” by those with whom he served, a moniker that stuck with all Marines after the Battle of Belleau Wood.

He retired from the Marine Corps in February 1929, living with his sister in New York and working as a bank guard on Wall Street. In the humility that characterizes such men, he rejected public recognition for his service and, in self-effacement, said he “disdained it and disliked all the fuss made over him.”

He led a quiet life until his death in April 1937 and is buried at Cypress Hills National Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York. In 1943, the destroyer USS Daly (DD-519) was named in his honor.

Marine Sgt Maj Daniel Joseph Daly: Your example of valor — a humble American Patriot defending Liberty for all above and beyond the call of duty and in disregard for the peril to your own life — is eternal.

“Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one’s life for his friends.” (John 15:13)

Live your life worthy of his sacrifice.

March Marine Corps History

March 2, 1867: First Marine Corps General Officer

Colonel Commandant Jacob Zeilin was promoted to Brigadier General, becoming the first Marine Corps officer to hold this rank.

March 14, 1863: Sergeant Pinkerton R. Vaughn's Heroism

During the Civil War, Sergeant Pinkerton R. Vaughn displayed exceptional bravery aboard the USS Mississippi during the engagement with Confederate batteries at Port Hudson, Louisiana. He was later awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions.

March 16, 1861: Establishment of the Confederate States Marine Corps

The Confederate Congress authorized the creation of the Confederate States Marine Corps, serving as the maritime force for the Confederacy during the Civil War.

March 19 – April 19, 1967: Operation Prairie III

The U.S. Marine Corps conducted Operation Prairie III in Quảng Trị Province, South Vietnam, aiming to eliminate North Vietnamese forces south of the Demilitarized Zone.

March 25, 1945: Reconnaissance of Kerama Retto

As part of the preparations for the Battle of Okinawa, Marine reconnaissance units landed on the Kerama Retto islands to secure anchorage points and eliminate enemy artillery positions.

March 1966: Operation Utah

Elements of the 1st Marine Division engaged in Operation Utah, a significant battle against North Vietnamese forces in Quang Ngai Province, Vietnam.

March 30, 1972 – Easter Offensive Begins in Vietnam

North Vietnamese forces launched a massive invasion of South Vietnam, known as the **Easter Offensive**. U.S. Marines, primarily advisors and aviation assets, played a role in supporting South Vietnamese forces through air support and logistical operations.

March 1975 – Evacuation Planning for Saigon Begins

As the fall of Saigon approached, U.S. forces, including Marine security detachments, began preparations for Operation Frequent Wind, the final evacuation of American personnel and South Vietnamese allies from Saigon.

March 24, 1983 – Marine Barracks in Beirut Attacked Again

A truck bomb attack targeted the U.S. Embassy Annex in Beirut, Lebanon. This followed the deadly October 1983 barracks bombing and further demonstrated the ongoing threats U.S. forces faced while stationed in Lebanon as part of a peacekeeping mission.

March 1986 – U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Engage in Gulf of Sidra Incident

As part of Freedom of Navigation Operations, U.S. Marine Corps aircraft aboard carriers in the Mediterranean supported U.S. Navy strikes against Libyan forces in the Gulf of Sidra, reinforcing U.S. military presence and policy against Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's territorial claims.

March 1, 1989 – Marines Deploy to Honduras for Operation Golden Pheasant

In response to Nicaraguan incursions into Honduras, a Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) rapidly deployed to Honduras to demonstrate U.S. military support for the region and deter further aggression.

March 8, 1991 – Marines Return Home After Desert Storm

Following the successful liberation of Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm, thousands of Marines from I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF) began returning home after completing combat operations in the Persian Gulf.

March 24, 1999 – Operation Allied Force Begins

The U.S. launched airstrikes against Serbian forces in Kosovo as part of Operation Allied Force. Marine Corps aviation assets from aircraft carriers in the Mediterranean participated in air support missions during NATO's campaign.

March 20, 2003 – Operation Iraqi Freedom Begins

U.S. Marine forces led the invasion of Iraq, launching Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

This marked the beginning of a long and complex Marine Corps involvement in Iraq, shaping U.S. military operations for years to come.

March 1, 2002 – Operation Anaconda Begins

One of the first major battles of the War on Terror, involving Marines, Army, and coalition forces against Taliban and Al-Qaeda fighters in eastern Afghanistan. This battle set the tone for future U.S. counterinsurgency operations in Afghanistan, showcasing the Marines' adaptability in mountain warfare.

March Humor and Trivia

Joke of the Month

"Why did the Marine bring a ladder to the bar?"

"Because he heard the drinks were on the house!"

St. Paddy's Day Joke— Courtesy of John Wolfe

I saw a man going up a hill with a wheelbarrow full of horseshoes, four-leaf clovers and rabbits feet. I thought: "Wow, that guy is really pushing his luck."

Did you know?

The **Marine Corps' official motto**, *Semper Fidelis* ("Always Faithful"), was **adopted in 1883**. Before that, Marines used other mottos, including "*Fortitudine*" (*With Fortitude*) and "*By Sea and by Land*", which reflected their amphibious capabilities.

Comic of the Month



Marine Corps League

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.

We are Marines

“Once a Marine, always a Marine” is familiar to us all. It is that feeling you get when you see a Marine Corps sticker on a car or a home proudly displaying the Marine Corps flag. All we need to do is knock and that Marine will be there for you. It is not just a tag line for a commercial. That flag is the embodiment of our soul. Despite our many years of service to different causes and in various times, we all have that one tangible thing in common: It is the knowledge that we have all earned the privilege to wear the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor; a symbol that will forever be seared into our hearts.

What we do

- *Promote USMC, history, & traditions*
- *Strengthen the fraternity of Marines*
- *Serve Marines and FMF Navy Personnel*
- *Foster ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism*

Active, reserve, retired, and veteran Marines continue the faithful tradition of looking out for the Marines to their left and right. Providing mentorship, career counseling, Veteran Service Officer VA support, assisting with transitions, and providing opportunities for family. Founded by MajGen John Lejeune in 1923; for over 100 years we continue to stand proud as a veteran's service organization.

Semper Fidelis

Our flag has unfurled in over 1,000 communities across America. We honor veterans, mentor youth, support the Marine Corps' Honor Guard and Toys for Tots missions, and we are here for you.

Life 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:

\$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.



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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.

Tricare Regions Changing 2025

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Jan. 1, 2025, marks the start of health care delivery under TRICARE’s new regional contracts. There will be changes to the TRICARE regions in the United States as part of the new contracts. While there will still be two TRICARE regions, six states currently in the East Region (Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Wisconsin) will move to the West Region. If you’re located in one of the six states moving to the West Region, this article will help you understand what that will mean for you.

If you live in the current West Region, you’ll need to take the actions discussed in this article, too. Your TRICARE contractor is also changing. If you don’t live in one of these states, keep an eye out for upcoming articles about how the transition may impact you.

“These changes will help balance the TRICARE population between the two regions and improve the quality of service for all beneficiaries,” said Laura D’Antin, team lead, Customer Support, TRICARE Health Plan, Education and Outreach Branch at the Defense Health Agency.

States switching regions

Six states are moving from the East Region to the West Region:

- Arkansas
- Illinois
- Louisiana
- Oklahoma
- Texas
- Wisconsin

If you live in one of these six states, your TRICARE regional contractor will switch from Humana Military to TriWest Healthcare Alliance on Jan. 1, 2025. This change will affect about 1.1 million eligible beneficiaries.

If your state is switching regions, Humana Military will continue as your TRICARE contractor until Dec. 31, 2024. Before then, you should check your DEERS account to confirm that all your information is up to date.

- Create an account on the TriWest patient portal.
- Update your payment information with TriWest. This will help make sure you can make your payments to TriWest (if applicable) starting Jan. 1, 2025. (Note: If you pay by allotment, you don’t need to do this. Allotment payments will transfer automatically.)
- Search for providers in the new TriWest provider network directory. You’ll find the directory on the patient portal.

You should also plan to take any actions for TRICARE Open Season through TriWest. Keeping your care on track If you have ongoing care, don’t worry. If you live in these six states, referrals or authorizations from Humana Military that began before Dec. 31, 2024, will be valid through the referral expiration date, up to June 30, 2025. Additionally, TriWest will work with Humana Military to ensure you get care without disruption for the following conditions:

- Cancer
- Pregnancy
- Neurological disorders
- Mental health
- Kidney disease
- Disease management/case management services

Marine Corps Reunions

ORGANIZATION/POC	DATE	PHONE	EMAIL/WEB
(AT) TOW Co. 8th Tank BN, 4th MARDIV Desert Storm 34-Year Reunion Miami Dade Military Museum & Memorial Miami, FL 33177	1100 11 January 2025	MGySgt Montes (Ret) 954-816-7034	Abiud.montes@gmail.com
TBS Class 1-75 Alpha Company 50th Reunion	14-15 March 2025	G. J. Trautman 703-672-1773	psusmc2003@yahoo.com
E Company 2/7 Vietnam Veterans Tucson, AZ	7-12 April 2025	904-504-1852	parthree@comcast.net
TBS Instructors years 1984-1988 Quantico, VA TBS	25-27 April 2025	Mike McBride 503-819-6887	tbs.instructors.84to88@gmail.com Tbsinstructors5.godaddysites.com
Marine Corps Distinguished Shooters Association Bittersweet Farm, Unionville, VA	17 May 2025	Danny Burke 540-287-3833	b12daniel@aol.com www.marinedsa.org
Marine Air Control Squadron Marine Air Command and Control System 4225 O'Neill Stret, Yuma, AZ 85369	14-18 May 2025	Frank Walter (260) 667-0602	macsreunions@gmail.com www.macsreunions.org
Hotel 2/7 Vietnam Veterans (1965-1970) Embassy Suites by Hilton Downtown, Des Moines, IA	29 May to 1 June, 2025	Jerry Moorehead (515) 999-2690	gamoorehead@msn.com
W/C-610 Marines of MCAS K-Bay Las Vegas, NV	10 June 2025	1StSgt Mitravich (808) 271-0655, MSgt Warriner (425) 402- 6975	JohnMit@me.com , TopMIW@Live.com https://www.facebook.com/ groups/1395918457768385/
2025 Marine Corps Engineer Associations (Annual Reunion & Wards Banquet) Hampton Inn Stafford/Quantico & Conference Center Stafford, VA 22554	23-26 September, 2025	LtCol George Carlson 931-307-9094	treasurer@marcorengasn.org , or visit the MCEA website at www.marcorengasn.org
VMFA-531 (All years) Key West, FL	29 September to 4 October, 2025	Richard Niedner (703) 566-6865	lipsdurkin@hotmail.com https://531grayghostsquadron.org/history
Marine Fighter Foray Reunion Hyatt Regency, Dallas, TX	14-18 October 2026	Donnie Herrin, 214- 632-5124, William Pratt, 210-441-9889 Rick Packard 352-988- -0410	dherrin@vmfareadyroom.com prattwf@gmail.com Packard.rick@gmail.com
A-6 Intruder Reunion (All Squadrons - All Years) Hyatt Regency, Dallas, TX	22-26 April 2026	Joe Krauss 703-362-4761	hjkrauss2@gmail.com intruderassociation.org

Retiree Appreciation Days

Retiree Appreciation Days are held throughout the year at various installations across the United States and Europe. Retirees and their family members are offered information on benefits and service.

DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT
1 Mar	JB SA-Lackland, Tx	210-671-9204
22 Mar	USAG Fort Stewart, GA	912-767-5013
5 Apr	Kingwood, WV	www.merad@gmail.com
25-26 Apr	Pittsburgh, PA	Usarmy.usarc.rso@army.mil
Apr 26	Fort Wainwright, AK	907-353-2095
1-3 May	Fort Jackson, SC	803-751-6715
3 May	JB ER-Richardson, AK	907-384-3500
27 Jun	JB Lewis-McChord, WA	253-966-5884
19 Jul	Presidio of Monterey, CA	831-242-4986
16 Aug	Tobyhanna Army Depot, PA	570-615-7019
6 Sep	Camp Pendleton, CA	760-725-6090, https://www.marines.mil/contact-us/
12-13 Sep	Fort Leonard Wood, MO	573-593-6637
18-Sep	Fort Sill, OK	580-442-2645
20 Sep	Fort Campbell, KY	270-798-5280
27 Sep	Fort Gregg-Adams, VA (Fort Lee)	804-734-6973/7345
27 Sep 0900-1400	Camp Lejeune, NC (Marston Pavilion)	910-451-0287
9-10 Oct	Fort Bliss, TX	915-568-5204
11 Oct	JB Ellington, Houston TX	210-221-9004-9793
18 Oct	JB Langley, Eustis, VA	757-878-3648
18 Oct	Carlisle Barracks, PA	717-245-4501
24-25 Oct	Fort Belvoir, VA	703-806-4551
24 Oct	Fort Knox, KY	502-624-7236/1280
25 Oct	Fort Leavenworth, KS	913-684-5583/2425
31 Oct	Fort Novosel, AL (Fort Rucker)	334-225-9124/9739
1 Nov	Fort Johnson, LA (Fort Polk)	337-531-0363/0402
7 Nov	Fort Moore, GA (Fort Benning)	706-545-1805-4434

Experience camaraderie and esprit de corps at a Retiree Appreciation Day.

Recommended Reading

TITLES REVIEWED IN THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE'S

1. **SEMPER FI MAGAZINE**
2. **Airborne Marine** by Eugene Dale Schwartzlow, Fall 2024, V80N04
3. **Rescued** by Andy L. Vistrand, Fall 2024, V80N04
4. **A Table in the Presence** by Carey H. Cash, Summer 2024, V80N03
5. **Fire in the Hole: The Untold Story of My Traumatic Life and Explosive Success**, by Bob Parsons, Summer 2024, V80N03
6. **Hue 1968: A Turning Point of the American War in Vietnam**, by Mark Bowden, Spring 2024, V80N02
7. **Blue Gray Black: My Service to Country**, by Don Cesare, Spring 2024, V80N02
8. **The Devine Way**, by Donald Harlin, Winter 2024, V80N01
9. **Tears of an Assassin**, by DJ Power, Winter 2024, V80N01
10. **A Smoldering Wick**, by Ron Brandon, Fall 2023, V79N4
11. **Shoot, Move, and Communicate**, by Albert Dixon, Fall 2023, V79N4
12. **The Boxer Rebellion: Bluejackets and Marines in China**, by Emily Abdow, Summer 2023, V79N3
13. **Commanding the Pacific: Marine Corps Generals in World War II**, by Stephen R. Taaffe, Summer 2023, V79N3
14. **Traumas and Suicide Prevention For Warriors By Warriors**, by Charles Wright, Spring 2023, V79N2
15. **The Haunted Garden: Poems of the Vietnam War**, by Michael Closs, Spring 2023, V79N2
16. **Radioman: Twenty-Five Years in the Marine Corps: From Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom**, by Andrew Hesterman & Robert Einaudi, Winter 2023, V79N1
17. **Lest We Forget**, by Avery Chenoweth, Sr, Winter 2023, V79N1
18. **Marines, Medals and Vietnam** by William L. Myers, Fall 2022, V78N4
19. **Sunrise at Sunset: Part 1: The Defender Series** by BJ Barnes, Fall 2022, V78N4
20. **Semper Parents** – Supporting Your Marine and Sharing the Journey by Mary Regner, Summer 2022, V78N3
21. **Military Transition for dummies** by Angie Papple Johnston, Spring 2022, V78N2
22. **The War Years** by Jay F. Johnson, Spring 2022, V78N2
23. **Tanks In Hell** by Oscar Gilbert and Romain Cansiere, Spring 2022, V78N2
24. **The Life Experience of MGySgt John Ulus Irwin Jr USMC (Ret)** by John Irwin Jr., Winter 2021, V78N1
25. **The Crucible** by Christina Hadwin, Fall 2021, V77N4
26. **On Contested Shores** from Marine Corps University Press Quantico, Virginia. Edited by Timothy Heck and B.A. Friedman
27. **Extraordinary Warriors** by Christina Hadwin, Summer 2021, V77N3
28. **Green Side Out** by Jay F. Johnson, Summer 2021, V77N3
29. **Devil's Den: Marines War in Lebanon 1983** by David Brown LtCol/USMC (ret) – Spring 2021, V77N2
30. **Tracks: Memoirs of a Vietnam Veteran** by Clyde Hoch – Winter 2021, V77N1
31. **Iwo Jima's Battlefield Promise** by Charles Jones Col/USMC (ret) – Winter 2021, V77N1
32. **You Are Worth It: Building a Life Worth Fighting For** by Kyle Carpenter and Don Yaeger – Fall 2020, V76N4
33. **Countdown 1945: The Extraordinary Story of the Atomic Bomb and the 116 Days that Changed the World** by Chris Wallace with Mitch Weiss – Fall 2020, V76N4
34. **A Quiet Cadence** by Mark Treanor – Summer 2020, V76N3
35. **We'll All Die As Marines: One Marine's Journey from Private to Colonel** by Jim Bathurst Col/USMC (ret) – Summer 2020, V76N3
36. **War Animals: The Unsung Heroes of World War II** by Robin Hutton – Spring 2020, V76N2
37. **Time In The Barrel: A Marine's Account of the Battle for Con Thien** by James P. Coan – Spring 2020, V76N2
38. **A Plains Indian Warrior's Story: Hethu'shka Washoeshay** by Hollis D. Stabler – Winter 2020, V76N1
39. **Excitement!: "Shot At And Missed"** by Bob Lonn – Winter 2020, V76N1
40. **Ten Stars – The African American Journey of Gary Cooper – Marine General, Diplomat, Businessman, and Politician** by Kendal Weaver – Fall 2019, V75N4

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Professional Reading List:

Profession of Arms

1. AFTER ACTION: THE TRUE STORY OF A COBRA PILOT'S JOURNEY by Dan Sheehan
2. Black Hearts: One Platoon's Descent Into Madness in Iraq's Triangle of Death by Frederick, Jim
3. FIRST TO FIGHT: AN INSIDE VIEW OF THE U.S. MARINE CORPS by Victor H. Krulak
4. FORGOTTEN WARRIORS: THE 1ST PROVISIONAL MARINE BRIGADE, THE CORPS ETHOS, AND THE KOREAN WAR by T.X. Hammes
5. HESITATION KILLS: A FEMALE MARINE OFFICER'S COMBAT EXPERIENCE IN IRAQ by Jane Blair
6. MARINE SNIPER: 93 CONFIRMED KILLS by Charles Henderson
7. NEPTUNE'S INFERNO: THE U.S. NAVY AT GUADALCANAL by James D. Hornfischer
8. THE LAST STAND OF FOX COMPANY: A TRUE STORY OF U.S. MARINES IN COMBAT by Bob Drury
9. THE MARINES OF MONTFORD POINT: AMERICA'S FIRST BLACK MARINES by Melton A. McLaurin
10. WE WERE ONE: SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH THE MARINES WHO TOOK FALLUJAH by Patrick K. O'Donnell
11. WOMEN AT WAR: IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN, AND OTHER CONFLICTS by Jame E. Wise Jr.

Innovation

1. ASSAULT FROM THE SEA: ESSAYS ON THE HISTORY OF AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE by Merrill L. Bartlett
2. CODE TALKER: THE FIRST AND ONLY MEMOIR BY ONE OF THE ORIGINAL NAVAJO CODE TALKERS OF WWII by Chester Nez
3. COUNTDOWN TO ZERO DAY: STUXNET AND THE LAUNCH OF THE WORLD'S FIRST DIGITAL WEAPON by Kim Zetter
4. CURIOUS: THE DESIRE TO KNOW AND WHY YOUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT by Ian Leslie
5. ISSUES ON MY MIND: STRATEGIES FOR THE FUTURE by George P. Shultz
6. MILITARY INNOVATION IN THE INTERWAR PERIOD by Williamson Murray
7. ON CALL IN HELL: A DOCTOR'S IRAQ WAR STORY by CDR. Richard Jadick
8. SGT RECKLESS: AMERICA'S WAR HORSE by Robin Hutton
9. THE MASTER ALGORITHM: HOW THE QUEST FOR THE ULTIMATE LEARNING MACHINE WILL REMAKE OUR WORLD by Pedro Domingo
10. THE WHITE DONKEY: TERMINAL LANCE by Maximilian Uriarte
11. WIRED FOR WAR: THE ROBOTICS REVOLUTION AND CONFLICT IN THE 21ST CENTURY by P.W. Singer

Leadership

1. CALL SIGN CHAOS: LEARNING TO LEAD by GEN. Jim Mattis
2. DARE TO LEAD: BRAVE WORK. TOUGH CONVERSATIONS. WHOLE HEARTS by Brene Brown
3. IT WORKED FOR ME: IN LIFE AND LEADERSHIP by Colin Powell
4. LEGACY by James Kerr
5. RESILIENCE: HARD-WON WISDOM FOR LIVING A BETTER LIFE by Eric Greitens
6. SMARTER FASTER BETTER: THE SECRETS OF BEING PRODUCTIVE IN LIFE AND BUSINESS by Charles Duhigg
7. START WITH WHY: HOW GREAT LEADERS INSPIRE EVERYONE TO TAKE ACTION by Simon Sinek
8. THE LEADER'S BOOKSHELF by James Stavridis
9. TRIBE: ON HOMECOMING AND BELONGING by Sebastian Junger
10. UNBROKEN: A WORLD WAR II STORY OF SURVIVAL, RESILIENCE, AND REDEMPTION by Laura Hillenbrand
11. YOU ARE WORTH IT: BUILDING A LIFE WORTH FIGHTING FOR by Kyle Carpenter

Strategy

1. A NEW CONCEPTION OF WAR: JOHN BOYD, THE U.S. MARINES, AND MANEUVER WARFARE by Ian T. Brown
2. CYBERSECURITY AND CYBERWAR: WHAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW by P.W. Singer
3. FLEET TACTICS AND NAVAL OPERATIONS (3rd ED.) by Wayne Hughes
4. GOOD TO GREAT: WHY SOME COMPANIES MAKE THE LEAP AND OTHERS DON'T by Jim Collins
5. HUMILITY IS THE NEW SMART: RETHINKING HUMAN EXCELLENCE IN THE SMART MACHINE AGE by Edward D. Hess
6. LIKEWAR: THE WEAPONIZATION OF SOCIAL MEDIA by P.W. Singer
7. MONSOON: THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN POWER by Robert D. Kaplan
8. ONE HUNDRED DAYS : THE MEMOIRS OF THE FALKLANDS BATTLE GROUP COMMANDER by Sandy Woodward
9. RED STAR OVER THE PACIFIC: CHINA'S RISE AND THE CHALLENGE TO U.S. MARITIME STRATEGY by Toshi Yoshihara
10. THE UNDOING PROJECT: A FRIENDSHIP THAT CHANGED OUR MINDS by Michael Lewis
11. THINKING, FAST AND SLOW by Daniel Kahneman

CMC Choice

1. THE KILL CHAIN: DEFENDING AMERICA IN THE FUTURE OF HIGH-TECH WARFARE by Christian Brose

Foundational

1. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA by James Madison, et. al.
2. LEARNING (MCDP-7) by United States Marine Corps by United States Government US Marine Corps (Author)

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Podcasts and Periodicals List:

Podcasts

1. Sea Control (CIMSEC)
2. DODReads: What Are You Reading?
3. The Dead Prussian
4. Horns of a Dilemma
5. Net Assessment (War on the Rocks)
6. Modern War Institute Podcast
7. War Room (US Army War College)
8. Wavell Room: Contemporary British Military Thought
9. TED Talks Daily
10. WSJ The Future of Everything
11. Global News Podcast (BBC)
12. The Truth of the Matter
13. The Security Studies Podcast
14. US-China Dialogue Podcast
15. Council on Foreign Relations

Periodicals

1. The Cove
2. The Forge
3. Grounded Curiosity
4. Journal of Advanced Military Studies (JAMS)
5. Leatherneck
6. Marine Corps Gazette
7. Modern War Institute
8. Proceedings (US Naval Institute)
9. Small Wars Journal
10. The Strategy Bridge
11. War on the Rocks
12. Yellow Sheet (Marine Corps Aviation Association)

Directory Assistance

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)	(800) 827-1000 or TDD (800) 829-4833	www.va.gov • www.vba.va.gov
Veterans Health Care Eligibility/Enrollment	(877) 222-8387	www.va.gov/healthbenefits
St. Petersburg VA Regional Office, Bay Pines	(800) 827-1000	www.benefits.va.gov/stpetersburg
Florida National Guard	(904) 823-0319	https://state.nationalguard.com/florida
Military Funeral Honors	(800) 342-9647	www.cem.va.gov/military_funeral_honors.asp
Barrancas National Cemetery, Pensacola	(850) 453-4846	www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/barrancas.asp
Bay Pines National Cemetery	(727) 319-6479	www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/baypines.asp
Cape Canaveral National Cemetery	(321) 383-2638	www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/capecanaveral.asp
Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell	(352) 793-7740	www.cem.va.gov/CEMs/nchp/florida.asp
Jacksonville National Cemetery	(904) 766-5222	www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/jacksonville.asp
Sarasota National Cemetery	(877) 861-9840	www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/sarasota.asp
South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth	(561) 649-6489	www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/southflorida.asp
St. Augustine National Cemetery	(904) 766-5222	www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/staugustine.asp
Tallahassee National Cemetery	(850) 402-8941	www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/tallahassee.asp
Returning Veterans	(800) 827-1000	www.oefoif.va.gov
TRICARE	(800) 444-5445	www.tricare.mil
Gulf War Veterans	(800) 749-8387	www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar
Women Veterans	(855) 829-6636	www.va.gov/womenvet
Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve	(800) 336-4590	https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/
National VA Homeless Hotline	(877) 424-3838	www.va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp
VA eBenefits Portal	(800) 827-1000	www.ebenefits.va.gov
VA Home Loan Guaranty	(877) 827-3702	www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans
National Veteran Crisis Hotline	988 dial 1	www.mentalhealth.va.gov
MyVA411 24 hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year helpline serving all members of the veteran community	1-800-MyVA411	https://news.va.gov/82379/1-800-myva411/
Florida Relay Service - For those who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf/blind, or speech impaired	Dial 7-1-1	www.ftri.org/floridarelay

Directory Assistance Pages



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AMC PASSENGER TERMINAL

<http://www.amc.af.mil/Home/AMC-Travel-Site/>

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

(703) 607-8000

www.arlingtoncemetery.mil

ARMED FORCES RECREATION CENTERS

www.armymwr.com/travel/recreationcenters/

- **Edelweiss Lodge and Resort (Germany)**
(011-49) 8821-9440
- **Hale Koa Hotel (Hawaii):** (800) 367-6027

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

(800) 422-9988

Email: admissions@afrh.gov

Email: public.affairs@afrh.gov

www.afrh.gov

AWARDS:

Marines who have been discharged, separated or retired on or before 1 January 2001 should submit their inquiry to:

National Personnel Record Center
Military Personnel Records
1 Archives Dr., St. Louis, MO 63138
Phone: (314) 801-0800

B

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

701 S. Courthouse Rd., Bldg. 12, Suite 1001
Arlington, VA 22204-2490

(703) 604-6884/6885; Fax: (703) 604-3437

www.donhq.navy.mil/bcnr/bcnr.htm

C

CAMP LEJEUNE NOTIFICATION REGISTRY

<https://clnr.hqi.usmc.mil/clwater>

COLD WAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Attn: AHRC-PDP-A, Dept. 480

1600 Spearhead Division Ave.

Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408

Fax: (800)723-9262 or (502) 613-9510

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

Search "Cold War Certificate"

COMBAT-RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION

SECNAV CRSC Board

720 Kennon St. SE, Ste. 309; Washington, DC 20374-5023

(877) 366-2772, (202) 685-6408, Fax: (202) 685-6610

usn.ncr.asstsecnavmradc.mbx@us.navy.mil

<http://www.secnav.navy.mil/mra/CORB/pages/crscb/default.aspx>

D

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

PR.center@nara.gov; www.archives.gov/st-louis

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

Manpower Management Performance Branch (MMPB-21)

2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030

(800) 268-3710 option (1); smb.manpower.mmrp-10@usmc.mil

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE

(800) 321-1080, www.dfas.mil

U.S. and OCONUS: (216) 522-5955, Fax: (800) 469-6559

DFAS Special Compensation for the Severely Disabled

P.O. Box 998011; Cleveland, OH 44199-8011

(216) 522-6170

E

E-BENEFITS: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/appmanager/eb/veterans>

F

Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)

(877) 888-FEDS ((877) 888-3337)

www.BENEFEDS.com/military

Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP)

(800) LTC-FEDS ((800) 582-3337)

www.LTCFEDS.com/Military

M

MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION

715 Broadway St., Quantico, VA 22134

(866) 622-1775, ext. 100, Fax: (703) 640-0162

mca@mca-marines.org

• Leatherneck Magazine

(800) 336-0291, ext. 115; Fax: (703) 640-0823

leatherneck@mca-marines.org

• Marine Corps Gazette

(800) 336-0291, ext. 144; Fax: (703) 630-9147

gazette@mca-marines.org

MARINE BARRACKS WASHINGTON

8th and I, Washington, DC, www.barracks.marines.mil

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Directory Assistance Pages

MARINE CORPS HERITAGE FOUNDATION

1775 Semper Fidelis Way, Triangle VA 22172
(703) 640-7965 OR (800) 397-7585; info@marineheritage.org
<https://www.marineheritage.org/>

MARINE CORPS HISTORY DIVISION

Marine Corps University
2044 Broadway Street, Quantico, VA 22134-5001
(703) 432-4874, www.history.division@usmcu.edu

MARINE CORPS JUNIOR ROTC TECOM (C46JR)

2007 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5001
(703) 784-3706; www.mcjrotc.org

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE NATIONAL HQ

3619 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 115
Stafford, VA 22554, (703) 207-9588: JFoster@MCLeague.org
(Membership Manager)

MARINE CORPS RECORDS RESEARCH & RECONSTRUCTION (MMPB-21)

2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030
(800) 268-3710, (703) 784-3930/4646/5616

MARINE CORPS RESERVE ASSOCIATION

3619 Richmond Hwy
Suite 115
Stafford, VA 22554-7771, (877) 289-8780, (703) 289-1204

MCCS COMMUNITY SERVICES: www.usmc-mccs.org

MEDICAL RECORDS: Marines who have been discharged/separated/retired on 1 May 1994 or later:

VA Records Management Center
P.O. Box 5020: St. Louis, MO 63115-8950
(888) 533-4558; Fax: (314) 538-4571

MEDICARE: (800) 633-4227; www.medicare.gov

N

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS

18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Triangle, VA 22172
(877) 653-1775; www.usmcmuseum.org

NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER

(314) 801-0800; <https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/military-personnel>

NAVY LODGE WORLDWIDE RESERVATIONS CENTER

(800) NAVY-INN; www.navy-lodge.com

NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY

875 N. Randolph Road Street, Suite 225, Arlington, VA 22203
(800) 654-8364; <http://www.nmcrs.org>

Q

QUANTICO NATIONAL CEMETERY

(703) 221-2183; www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/quantico.asp

S

SISTER SERVICE RETIREE PUBLICATIONS

- **Air Force Afterburner:** <http://www.retirees.af.mil/Library/Afterburner/>
- **Army Echoes:** <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes>
- **Coast Guard Evening Colors:** www.uscg.mil/ppc/retnews
- **Navy Shift Colors:** www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Media-Center/Publications/Shift-Colors/

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

(800) 772-1213; www.ssa.gov

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN

www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/provide/sbp

T

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN: (877) 968-3778; Fax: (216)

367-3605; TSP mailbox: ccl-mc-tsp@dfas.mil

International callers: (404) 233-4400

<https://www.tsp.gov/index.html>

TRICARE: <https://tricare.mil/>

- **East:** (800) 444-5445;
<https://www.humanamilitary.com/east/>
- **West:** (844) 866-9378;
<https://www.tricare-west.com>
- **Overseas:** (888) 777-8343;
<https://www.tricare-overseas.com>
- **Health Beneficiary Counseling Assistance Coordinator:** <https://tricare.mil/bcacdcao>

TRICARE for LIFE: (866) 773-0404; www.tricare4u.com

TRICARE Network Pharmacy Program

(877) 363-1303;

<https://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/index.shtml>

TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery: (877) 363-1296;

<https://tricare.mil/homedelivery>

U

UNIFORM SUPPORT CENTER: (800) 368-4088;

Fax your DD 214 to (800) 551-6289 before placing order.

V

VA: (800) 827-1000; www.va.gov

VA EDUCATION: (888) 442-4551; www.gibill.va.gov

VA LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAMS:

(800) 669-8477; www.insurance.va.gov

VA SGLI/VGLI: (800) 419-1473

VA STATUS OF HEADSTONES AND MARKERS:

(800) 697-6947

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Active Duty Separations and Retirements

- **Officer**
smb.manpower.mmsr2o@usmc.mil
- **Enlisted**
smb.manpower.mmsr2e@usmc.mil

MMSR-4: (703) 784-9308/09/21
Disability Separations and Retirements
smb.manpower.mmsr4@usmc.mil

MMSR-5: (703) 784-9306/07
Fax: (703) 784-9834
Inactive Reserve Separations and Retirements
smb.manpower.mmsr5@usmc.mil

MMSR-6: (703) 784-9311/10; 1-800-336-4649
Fax: (703) 784-9834
Retired Services and Pay

- Address Changes (Note: Annuitants must call DFAS)
- Identification Cards
- Semper Fidelis
- Survivor Benefit Plan
smb.manpower.mmsr6@usmc.mil



Veterans Assistance

MANATEE VETERANS VILLAGE

(941) 896-9714

manateeinfo@voa-fla.org

1430 55th Ave. West, Bradenton, FL 34207

The Manatee GPD Program provides clinical treatment, transitional housing and case management services to homeless Veterans. We assist Veterans in identifying personal goals relating to education, employment, health, entitled benefits, spirituality, relationships and community participation. Program fees are based on income. Volunteers of America of Florida is a 501c3 nonprofit with results-driven outcomes.

AMENITIES

- Two bedroom/two bathroom shared unit
- Case Management
- Training, Education and Employment
- Basic utilities paid
- Laundry appliances on site
- Computer lab
- Bible Study
- Substance Recovery Counseling

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Must have had 1 day of active duty
- Must be a Veteran with General, Other, or Honorable Discharge
- Must be homeless or in danger of becoming homeless
- Follow program rules and guidelines (call for details)
- U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)

Turning Points: Supportive Service for Veteran Families (SSVF)

(941) 747-1509

701 17th Avenue West, Bradenton Florida 34205

Turning Points is a leader in providing services for veterans and their families in Manatee County. Through various grants, we work with our partners to provide housing, shelter and supportive services to these individuals and families who have sacrificed so much for our country. Veterans Services through our Transitional Development Program focuses on securing and maintaining housing for Veterans who are currently homeless or would be homeless without this assistance.

Services

- Outreach Services
- Case Management Services
- Assistance Obtaining VA Benefits
- Assistance Obtaining Other Public Benefits
- Rental Assistance



Veterans Assistance (cont)



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.



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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.**

VA Phone Numbers

- **MyVA411:** 1-800-698-2411
- **VA benefits hotline:** 1-800-827-1000
- **GI Bill hotline:** 1-888-442-4551
- **VA health benefits hotline:** 877-222-8387
- **My HealtheVet help desk:** 1-877-327-0022
- **National Veteran Crisis Hotline:** 988, Press 1
- **Florida Veterans Support Line:** 1-844-MyFLVet (1-844-693-5838)

Veterans Assistance (cont)



MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION

715 Broadway St., Quantico, VA 22134
(866) 622-1775, ext. 100, Fax: (703) 640-0162
mca@mca-marines.org

- **Leatherneck Magazine**
(888) 237-7683; Fax: (703) 640-0823
leatherneck@mca-marines.org
- **Marine Corps Gazette**
(800) 336-0291, ext. 144; Fax: (703) 630-9147
gazette@mca-marines.org

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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;
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

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.

Veterans Assistance (cont)

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

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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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.stolenvvalor.com/index.cfm>

Or

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Victoria_Cross_recipients_by_campaign

IT'S OUR DUTY TO EXPOSE IMPOSTERS,

Veterans Perks



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.](#)



If you have a **service-connected disability** and hold a **VA Card** indicating your status, you are eligible for a **free entry pass** to all **Florida State Parks**. Simply visit the **Myakka State Park Rangers Office** off **State Road 72**, where you can be issued your pass. Take advantage of this benefit



Hunting and Fishing License

Active-duty and retired military Florida residents can get a Military Gold Sportsman's License for \$20. The license covers hunting, freshwater and saltwater fishing and a variety of associated permits at a greatly reduced cost. 100% permanently and totally disabled service-connected veterans are entitled to a free five year hunting and fishing license. Visit the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs website for more information on any of these programs.

Health Corner

 **American Heart Association**
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Common Heart Attack Warning Signs



- 1** Pain or discomfort in chest
- 2** Lightheadedness, nausea, or vomiting
- 3** Jaw, neck or back pain
- 4** Discomfort or pain in arm or shoulder
- 5** Shortness of breath

Tips To Stay Healthy During Flu Season

Vaccination = Prevention

- Getting your flu shot is the best way to avoid the virus.
- It takes 2 weeks for the vaccine to become effective.

Personal Hygiene

- Wash your hands with soap and water regularly.
- Avoid touching eyes, mouth, and nose.

Strengthen Immune System

- Get 7-8 hours of sleep.
- Eat healthy foods rich in nutrients.
- Exercise regularly.
- Stay hydrated, aiming for 8 glasses of water a day.

STROKE SYMPTOMS

Remember, recognize and act fast



F Face drooping

A Arm weakness

S Speech difficulties

T Time to call

TIPS TO HAVE A HEALTHY BRAIN



Healthy food

Meditation

Exercise regularly

Read and study

Health check

Avoid alcohol

Enough sleep

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

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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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