



Bunker News



**A MULTIPLE
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JULY 2024

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Happy Independence Day!

This month we start out with our big, patriotic holiday, the 4th of July, when we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence! Except that members of the Continental Congress didn't start signing it until August 2nd. George Wythe signed it on August 27th. Richard Henry Lee, Elbridge Gerry, and Oliver Wolcott signed it on September 4th. Matthew Thornton signed it on November 19th but Thomas McKean didn't get around to it until 1781. The document that we know as the Declaration of Independence didn't even exist in its current form until Congress directed that it be engrossed (formally handwritten) on parchment on July 19th. Are we celebrating Congress voting for independence? No, that process started on June 7th when Virginia representative Richard Henry Lee introduced a resolution calling for the colonies' independence from Great Britain. That led to the drafting of the declaration, mostly by Thomas Jefferson with changes by Benjamin Franklin and John Adams between June 11th and July 1st. The actual vote for independence happened on July 2nd when the Lee Resolution was approved by 12 of the 13 colonies (thanks New York!). That led to John Adams writing to his wife Abigail on July 3rd to tell her,



"The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

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So what are we celebrating on the 4th? That's the day that congress adopted the final changes to the document and sent it to the printer. Consequently, July 4th is the date listed on the document. The printer, John Dunlap, printed about 200 copies with John Hancock's signature at the bottom as he was president of the Continental Congress. Known as the Dunlap Broadside (a broadside is printed on one side of a large sheet), those copies went by the catchy name of, "A Declaration by the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress assembled". The copy written on parchment on the 19th changed the title to, "The Unanimous Declaration of the Thirteen United States of America" (New York got with the program on the 9th making it unanimous). As Bob Fields mentioned in the Bunker's 4th of July announcement, Independence Day would be considered Traitor's Day from the British perspective. While enjoying potato salad, fried chicken, fireworks and an abundance of adult beverages, it is easy to overlook the risky path that our founders took. They had far more at stake than being un-friended on King George's facebook page. They pledged, "their lives, fortunes and sacred honor" in pursuit of liberty. Of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, five were captured by the British and brutally tortured as traitors. Nine fought in the Revolutionary War and either died of wounds or hardships. Two had sons killed in the war and two others had sons captured. At least a dozen had their homes pillaged and burned. It has been 248 years since then and, as was stated in the Constitution in 1790, we have been working to "form a more perfect union" ever since.

Until next month.

Semper Fi

Joe



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Marine Corps League

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Event Calendar for JULY 2024

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



07/04/24	1:00 PM	Independence Day @ the Bunker
07/05/24	6:00 PM	Karaoke @ the Bunker
07/06/24	3:00 PM	Bar Poker @ the Bunker with Hot Dawgs
07/08/24	6:00 PM	E-Board Meeting at the Bunker
07/10/24	12:00 PM	Burger Day at the Bunker
07/12/24	6:00 PM	Karaoke @ the Bunker
07/13/24	3:00 PM	Bar Poker @ the Bunker with Hot Dawgs
07/15/24	6:30 PM	General Membership Meeting @ the Bunker
07/17/24	12:00 PM	Burger Day at the Bunker
07/19/24	6:00 PM	Karaoke @ the Bunker
07/20/24	3:00 PM	Bar Poker @ the Bunker with Hot Dawgs
07/24/24	6:00 PM	Karaoke @ the Bunker
07/27/24	3:00 PM	Bar Poker @ the Bunker with Hot Dawgs
07/29/24	5:30 PM	HONOR GUARD PRACTICE @ THE BUNKER
07/31/24	12:00 PM	Burger Day @ the Bunker.

**Celebrate Independence Day
at the Bunker!**

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



249th. MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

Saturday, November 9, 2024

TARA COUNTRY CLUB

6602 Drewry's Bluff

Bradenton, FL

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

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



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

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

Cocktails 6PM - 7PM

Ceremony 7PM - 7:30PM

Dinner & Dancing 7:30PM – 11:00PM

Boneless Short Ribs with Demi Glaze & Fried Onion Haystack

Bourbon Glaze Salmon

Chicken Marsala

Vegetarian

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

Detach bottom portion & return by November 1

\$60.00 per person

Please send payment or in person.

Marine Corps League Desoto Detachment #588

5225 26th. St. West- Bradenton, FL 34207

Phone: (941) 301- 4598

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

First & Last Name of each attendee and Dinner Choice – Phone Contact _____

1 (_____) Check one choice - B ____ C ____ F ____ V ____

2 (_____) Check one choice - B ____ C ____ F ____ V ____

3 (_____) Check one choice - B ____ C ____ F ____ V ____

4 (_____) Check one choice - B ____ C ____ F ____ V ____

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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JUNE 2024



Two Marines are sworn in as new members.

Left to Right:

- ♦ Charles "Butch" West. Served in Vietnam and then in Africa on Marine Security Guard Duty.
- ♦ Jose "Henry" Jimenez. Served on Okinawa and at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

"Welcome Aboard"



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Serious discussion in progress!



Joe Intoppa receives the Associate Member of the Year for 2023 Award!



Christine and Mike working on financial ventures!



Denny Palmer wins the BIG BUCKS from the 50/50 drawing! The IRS will be knocking on his door soon.

**The next General
Membership
meeting will be at
6:30 PM on
Monday, July
15th!**

In our recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan more women were in harms way than ever before in our conflicts. Here is the story of just one of these hero's.

Corporal Jennifer Parcell was killed on February 7, 2007 when a female suicide bomber entered her check point. Cpl Parcell's Dress Blue uniform, seen here, includes her posthumous Purple Heart medal." displayed at the National Museum of the Marine Corps



Marine Cpl. Parcell was assigned to Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan. Parcell died while participating in the Corps' Lioness program. The Lioness program uses female Marines from different military occupational specialties to search Iraqi women at checkpoints. Parcell was killed when an Iraqi woman she was searching detonated an explosive vest she was wearing. Jennifer graduated from Fallston High School in 2004 where she excelled in math. A couple of years ago, she went to Parris Island and watched the Marine graduation services for her older brother, Joseph. That is when she decided she wanted to be a Marine. She joined the Corps in January 2005 and became a landing support specialist for combat operations. Jennifer was a petite dynamo and always on the go. Even in Iraq, she was taking a course at University of Maryland and took yoga classes. Helping others was also something she always did. She sponsored an African child through a mission charity and when an earthquake devastated Pakistan last year, she and others in her unit were dispatched to the scene - she earned the Humanitarian Service Medal for her efforts. March 1 was when she was scheduled to leave Iraq and return to Okinawa. Jennifer always loved the water, including boating and scuba diving. She also liked yoga, music and spending time with family and friends. She planned to leave the Marines and attend college when her tour ended in 2009. The following is how Jennifer described herself -

About me:

"I think that I'm overall a pretty small person. I love to have fun doing nothing at all. Specially just chillen with good friends. I love Yoga! But mostly I lay around and watch movies. Yes I am in the Marine Corps, but its a lot of fun sometimes. I'm currently stationed at Okinawa, Japan Camp Foster. I hang out with Landing Support Company all the time, we always eat at CoCos and chill at Third Floor. Not much else to do in Oki before 12 o'clock."



Jury Nullification: A Hidden Power in the Justice System *(submitted by Joe Filice)*

You are sitting on a jury. The evidence is compelling, the defendant appears guilty but you don't feel that the law is fair, not properly applied under the circumstances or the penalty is too harsh. You have taken an oath to impartially consider the evidence and the law and the judge has issued instructions that seem to leave you no other options. In spite of all of your misgivings, you must render a guilty verdict... or must you? Meet Jury Nullification, which has also been called "Conscientious Acquittal". A 1996 article in LITIGATION referred to it as the "Top Secret Constitutional Right" even though there is no mention of it in the constitution.

What is Jury Nullification?

Jury Nullification is when the Jury returns a Not Guilty verdict even though the jurors believe, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the defendant is guilty. If all jurors return a not guilty verdict, the defendant is acquitted and normally can't be tried again due to double jeopardy. If the jury is split then the judge can declare a mistrial and the defendant could be tried again.

A little history.

Jury Nullification can be traced back to English Common law and William Penn's trial of 1670. William Penn was accused of preaching Quakerism, which was illegal. There was clear evidence against William Penn but the jury voted to acquit, much to the dismay of the trial judge. That led to the jurors being arrested and fined for contempt of court. One of the jurors, Edward Bushel refused to pay the fine. This led to the Bushel Case and a decision that jurors cannot be punished for their verdict. Individual jurors can still be held accountable for misconduct. Prior to the American Civil War, Jury Nullification was used by abolitionists to protest enforcement of the Fugitive Slave Act. During the 1920's, Jury Nullification was used for the somewhat less noble purpose of protesting prohibition by acquitting smugglers and bootleggers.

Why is it a secret?

In some jurisdictions the judge will inform the jurors about Jury Nullification but in many, they won't. It gives a power to the jury that some judges and lawyers are unwilling to share. Depending on the circumstances, informing an active juror about Jury Nullification could be seen as jury tampering.

A double-edged sword.

From DC Comic's Spiderman we have the proverb, "with great power comes great responsibility". If you prefer, there is also the 1817 quote from British Member of Parliament William Lamb, "the possession of great power necessarily implies great responsibility". In either case, Jury Nullification has the power to fight tyranny, right wrongs and assure justice but, used inappropriately, it could destroy the rule of law and usher in anarchy. Except in very special cases, the jury won't know about criminal history or other factors not directly related to the current case. Before letting that nice looking Capone-fella off on those silly tax charges because you don't like taxes either, remember that there may have been information that the rules of evidence did not allow to be presented. Jury Nullification is a power that should be used cautiously but it is only a power if you know about it. Now you do.



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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DD 214s

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

National Personnel Records Center

1 Archives Dr., St. Louis, MO

63138

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

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

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

www.archives.gov/st-louis

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

Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMRP)-10

2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030

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

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



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

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

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

Congress Establishes a Permanent USMC

By John D'Alusio – Historian, MCL Detachment 588

The Marine Corps celebrates its birthday as 10 November, 1775 when two companies of Marines were authorized to be raised by the Continental Congress. Legend has it that Tuns Tavern in Philadelphia is venue where the first Marines were recruited (however, in all probability, it was the Conestoga Wagon Publick House).

The order to raise two companies of Marines was not a law that was established a permanent US Marine Corps. In fact, the Marines disbanded following the cessation of The Revolutionary War (1776-1783) hostilities with Britain.

On 27 March, 1794, President George Washington signed legislation authorizing the construction of six heavy frigates for the US Navy. Frigates were smaller than ships-of-the-line but larger than sloops. They represented a unique combination of power, speed, and tactical versatility. They were fast enough to outrun more heavily armed ships, but well-armed enough to mix it up with their opposite numbers in foreign navies, and overwhelm any smaller vessels. These were the first keel up built man-o-wars for the fledgling Navy. Four of these would be rated for 44 guns, and the remaining two would be rated for 36 guns. The long cannon were to be 24 pounders, making these vessels quite formidable. The ships were named *United States*, *President*, *Congress*, *Constitution*, *Constellation*, and *Chesapeake*.

It took several years to build these ships in such diverse places as Boston, NY, Portsmouth, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Norfolk. Knowing that these vessels had to have a Marine contingent on board, on 11 July, 1798, President John Adams approved "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps", and it became law. The following day, the President appointed Major William Ward Burrows the Commandant of the new Corps. In August, Major Burrows opened his headquarters in Philadelphia, at that time still the capital of the new nation.

William Ward Burrows, second Commandant of the Marine Corps (the first was Major Samuel Nicholas), was born in Charleston, South Carolina, on 16 January, 1758. He served in the Revolutionary War with the state troops of South Carolina, but later become a resident of Philadelphia. On 12 July, 1798, the day following the approval of an act of Congress establishing a permanent United States Marine Corps, President Adams appointed Burrows as Commandant of the newly created organization which then consisted of 881 officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates.

The Marine Corps, as well as the Navy, had had its humble beginning a short time prior to its actual authorization as a Corps and both were formed to meet an impending national crisis. The first Marine units to be organized by Burrows were ship detachments for newly built six frigates of the American Navy, which were being built as quickly as possible placed in

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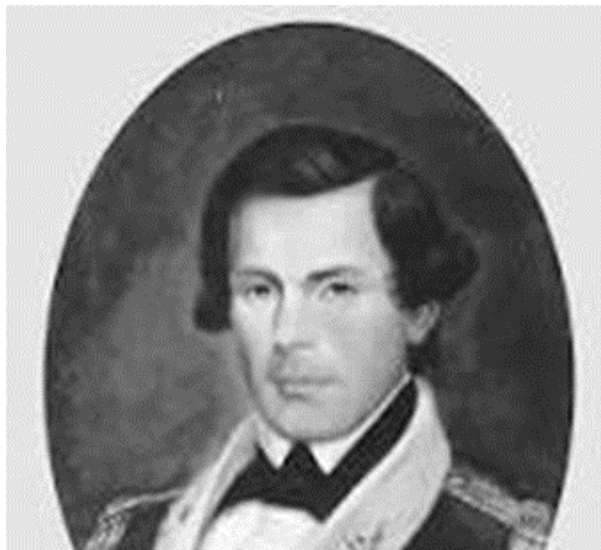
commission, and hurried off to sea to fight warships and destroy commerce in an undeclared naval war with France that was flaring in the Caribbean. During the first several months that he was Commandant, Burrows' principal concern was the supplying and keeping up to strength the Marine detachments for the vessels of the Navy.

Headquarters of the Corps was in camp near Philadelphia until the national capital began its move to Washington in 1800. A small detachment of Marines was sent to the new capital in March of that year to protect the newly-established navy yard, while Burrows, with his staff and headquarters troops, moved to Washington in late July and set up their camp.

Major Burrows was promoted to lieutenant colonel on 1 May 1800. The Quasi-War with France continued until September of that year, when matters finally settled down. The insistence of Congress that the cost of the naval establishment (Navy and Marine Corps) be immediately reduced caused considerable embarrassment to Burrows in his effort to establish the Marine Corps on a peacetime basis. However, the wars with the north African Barbary States broke out soon afterwards and the Corps concentrated on supplying detachments to naval vessels for duty in the Mediterranean.

Lieutenant Colonel Burrows is credited with beginning many of the Corps' institutions, including the U.S. Marine Band, which he financed in part by levying contributions from his officers. He demanded high standards of professional performance and personal conduct of his officers, and these have become hallmarks of the Corps. Ill health forced his resignation on March 6, 1804.

Lieutenant Colonel Burrows died at the age of 47 in Washington, D.C., on March 6, 1805. He was buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Georgetown, in the District of Columbia. His remains were re-interred in Arlington National Cemetery on May 12, 1892.



William Ward Burroughs

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE:

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

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

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

\$1000.00 – 35 years of age and lower

\$ 800.00 – 36-50 years of age

\$ 600.00 – 51-64 years of age

\$ 400.00 – 65-84 years of age

\$ 100.00 – 85 years of age and higher

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



When our Detachment Chaplain asked for some assistance to re-rope his 25 foot flagpole, Dave Matthews, Joe Filice and Bob Fields answered the call. We didn't necessarily do everything right the first time, but after a few errors we figured out the pathway to success. Ron's flags now fly.





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



The Tun Tavern Legacy Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to rebuild and re-establish The Tun. The foundation needs to raise **\$19 million** to complete the project. When completed, it will serve as a functioning tavern reminiscent of the colonial Philadelphia mariners' tavern that it was, serving period-influenced refreshments, food, and entertainment and offering an educational experience through exhibits, historical documents, and special events. The new location will be approximately 250 yards from the original site, in the heart of Philadelphia's "Old City" district.

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

COLD WAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Attn: AHRC-PDP-A, Dept. 480

1600 Spearhead Division Ave.

Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408

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

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

Search "Cold War Certificate"



Free Entrance to National Parks

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

Bunker Announcements :

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

Support your Detachment.

Suffering from the “Burger Blues?”

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

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



Yummers!

LOCAL AGENCY THAT CAN HELP VETERANS IN NEED

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

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



MISSION AND PURPOSE

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

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



Marine Corps Rule # 41

When a Marine needs a helping hand, his or her fellow Marines will be there to help.

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

YOU can become a member of the Honor Guard, both Members and Associate Members are welcome.

No experience necessary.

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

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

Write:

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

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

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

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

Write:

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

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

We can teach you everything you need to know.



HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR MARINE CORPS BALL TICKETS YET?

IF NOT, WHY NOT?

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

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

NO EXCUSES!

#MCLUniforms

Contrary to popular belief, the US Flag/USMC flag lapel pin is not authorized to wear on any MCL uniform, it never has been authorized to wear on any MCL uniform.

Lapel pins authorized for wear on the applicable MCL uniform(s) are listed below:

1. US Flag pin (3/8-inch x 3/4-inch).
2. Presidential Gold Medal for Volunteer Service pin
3. Past National Commandant pin.
4. National Marine of The Year pin.
5. Kennel Devil Dog of The Year pin.
6. National Associate Member of The Year pin.
7. Past Department Commandant or Past Detachment Commandant pin.
8. Chapel of Four Chaplains pin.
9. MCL Membership pin (to include any anniversary MCL membership pins).
10. Retired Marine or Retired Navy pin.
11. MCL or MODD Life Member pin.
12. Ordained Minister or Ordained Chaplain symbol pin.
13. Vietnam War 50th Commemoration pin.
14. Gold Star Family pin.
15. Next of Kin Deceased Personnel pin.



At no time will the crossed US Flag/USMC flag pin be worn with any MCL uniform.

**When I'm feeling
down and
someone says,
"suck it up"
I get the urge to
break their legs
and say
"walk it off."**

**People are
asking who you'd
call if someone
broke into your
house.
I gotta go with
Coroner.**

1. Compliment three people every day.
2. Watch a sunrise at least once a year.
3. Be the first to say, "Hello."
4. Live beneath your means.
5. Treat everyone like you want to be treated.
6. Never give up on anybody. Miracles happen.
7. Forget the Joneses.
8. Never deprive someone of hope. It may be all he has.
9. Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage.
10. Be tough-minded but tenderhearted.
11. Be kinder than necessary.
12. Don't forget, a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.
13. Keep your promises.
14. Learn to show cheerfulness, even when you don't feel like it.
15. Remember that overnight success usually takes about 15 years.
16. Leave everything better than you found it.
17. Remember that winners do what losers don't want to do.
18. When you arrive at your job in the morning, let the first thing you say brighten everyone's day.
19. Don't rain on other people's parades.
20. Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.



Marine Paul Buonarosa, 90 years young, being sworn in by Junior Past Commandant Jim Grote. Paul's 90th birthday was celebrated at the Bunker.

Sunday afternoon DART Wars are going strong at the Bunker. Every Sunday at 2 PM.



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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.

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

It is very easy to ascertain heroic status, both in the United States and the United Kingdom.
Don't be a faker. If you earned it, wear it with pride, whether you rate one ribbon or a hundred ribbons.
if you didn't earn it go crawl back in your hole with the other worms.

For more information about these worms,

Go to:

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

Or

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

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

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

(941) 745-3795

VETERAN'S SERVICES

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

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

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

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



Military Stories

We are collecting stories by and about military personnel.

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

craighullinger@gmail.com

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

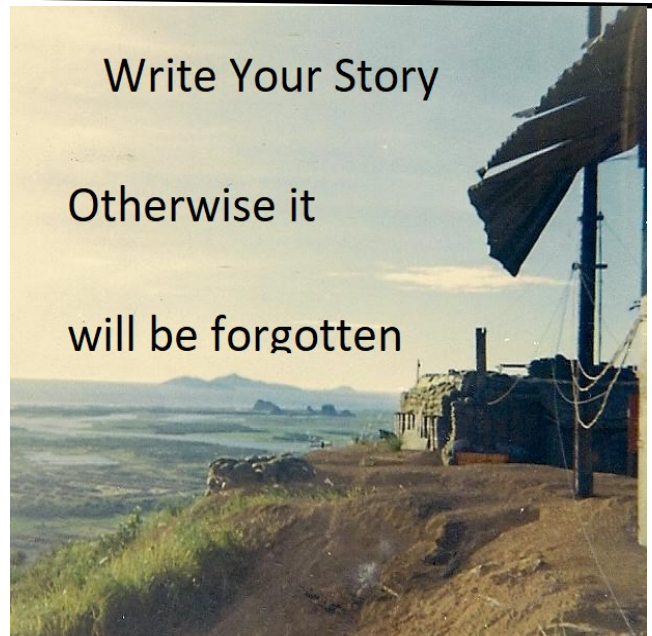
Pictures are worth a thousand words. You can write the story for a relative, friend, or ancestor. You can add to your story. We look forward to publishing your story on the blog.

Thank you for your stories.

Write Your Story

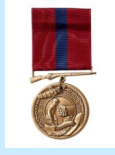
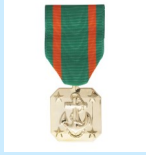
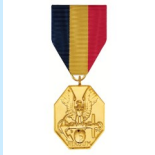
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will be forgotten



**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



BAR POKER

EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON

3:00 –5:00 PM

AT THE BUNKER

Our Detachment has a new website that is now up and running.

Please visit it at: MCL588.org. The website will host announcements, photos, archived newsletters, etc. So go right now and put MCL588.Org into your browser.

**Veterans
Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1**

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

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(800) 336-0291, ext. 144; Fax: (703) 630-9147
gazette@mca-marines.org





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The Word



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

Remember to always tip your

VOLUNTEER BARTENDERS

at the Bunker very generously.

They are unpaid and giving up their

time to keep

the Bunker Running.

Bar Manners: It certainly isn't mandatory, but when a member wins a large pot on dice or pull tab cards, it is generally an accepted practice to

tip the bartender VERY generously, and to buy the bar a round of drinks.

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

MARINE CORPS HISTORY IN JULY

4 July 1801: President Thomas Jefferson reviewed the Marines, led by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, LtCol William W. Burrows and the Marine Band, on the White House grounds. The smartly uniformed Marines performed drills and fired various salutes in observance of the new nation's 25th anniversary.

6 July 1990: One of the oldest and most versatile attack aircraft in Marine Corps history, the A-4 Skyhawk, retired from the Corps' active aviation structure after over 30 years of service. The last two Skyhawks from MAG-32 flew their initial flight from Cherry Point to NAS Patuxent River on this date.



7 July 1941: The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing was activated at Quantico, Virginia. Within a year of activation, the Wing would participate in the Marine Corps offensive at Guadalcanal. That bitter campaign would be the first in a series of legendary battles in which the Wing would add luster to its reputation. The 1stMAW would earn five Presidential Unit Citations for gallantry in campaigns spanning World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

11 July 1798: President John Adams approved "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps", and it became law. The following day, the President appointed William Ward Burrows the Major Commandant of the new Corps. In August, Major Burrows opened his headquarters in Philadelphia, at that time still the capital of the new nation.

14 July 1993: The USS IWO JIMA was decommissioned after over 30 years of service in a ceremony at Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia. The ship was named for the World War II battle during which three Marine divisions ousted 20,000 entrenched Japanese troops. The Iwo Jima was commissioned 26 August 1961, and it was the first ship specifically designed as an amphibious assault ship from the keel up.

18 July 1918: The 4th Brigade of Marines began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counterattack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.

24 July 1944: The V Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Harry Schmidt, landed on Tinian, in the Mariana Islands. The following morning, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions began a shoulder-to-shoulder southward sweep of the island. Organized enemy resistance faded within a week, and on 1 August, MajGen Schmidt declared the island secure.

26 July 1947: The National Security Act of 1947 became effective, reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy. The Act Provided for Fleet Marine Forces, and confirmed the Corps' mission of seizing and defending advanced bases, as well as land operation incident to naval campaigns.

28 July 1918: Brigadier General John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2d Division, U.S. Army in France, and remained in that capacity until August 1919 when the unit was demobilized. He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command, and following the Armistice, he led his division in the march into Germany



STAFF SERGEANT WILLIAM J. BORDELON

Born: DECEMBER 25, 1920

Died: NOVEMBER 20, 1943

Hometown: SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS



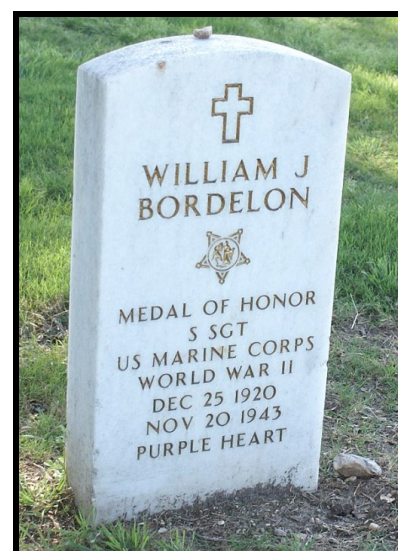
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

STAFF SERGEANT WILLIAM J. BORDELON
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following CITATION:

For valorous and gallant conduct above and beyond the call of duty as a member of an Assault Engineer Platoon of the First Battalion, Eighteenth Marines, tactically attached to the Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against the Japanese-held Atoll of Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands on November 20, 1943. Landing in the assault waves under withering enemy fire which killed all but four of the men in his tractor, Staff Sergeant Bordelon hurriedly made demolition charges and personally put two pill boxes out of action. Hit by enemy machine-gun fire just as a charge exploded in his hand while assaulting a third position, he courageously remained in action and, although out of demolition, provided himself with a rifle and furnished fire coverage for a group of men scaling the seawall. Disregarding his own serious condition, he unhesitatingly went to the aid of one of his demolition men, wounded and calling for help in the water, rescuing this man and another who had been hit by enemy fire while attempting to make the rescue. Still refusing first aid for himself, he again made up demolition charges and single-handedly assaulted a fourth Japanese machine-gun position but was instantly killed when caught in a final burst of fire from the enemy. Staff Sergeant Bordelon's great personal valor during a critical phase of securing the limited beachhead was a contributing factor in the ultimate occupation of the island and his heroic determination reflects the highest credit upon the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

/S/FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



DATE: _____

Marine Corps League Application for Membership



Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

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

Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____

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

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

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

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

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

OATH OF MEMBERSHIP-REGULAR/ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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

Sponsor (Where Applicable)

Applicant's Signature

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

*Regular Member applicants only

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