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Detachment Marine of the Year! Congrats Fred Gilmore

Detachment Christmas Party
Friday, December 12th, 2025
Lake Asbury Community Center
Green Cove Springs, FL

Each year, our Annual Detachment Christmas Party serves as a special occasion to celebrate the camaraderie and achievements within our group. One of the most anticipated moments of this event is the announcement of the Detachment Marine of the Year, a tradition that holds great significance for all members.

As part of our longstanding traditions, we honor a Marine who has gone above and beyond in their service to the Detachment. The recipient of this prestigious award is chosen for demonstrating exceptional dedication, unwavering commitment, and excellence throughout the year. The announcement, made during the Christmas Party, highlights their remarkable contributions and establishes a standard for others to aspire to in the coming year.

This year, it came as no real surprise that our own Commandant, Fred Gilmore, was recognized with the Detachment Marine of the Year Award. Fred's tireless leadership and boundless energy—often likened to the "Energizer Bunny"—have elevated the role of Commandant to an entirely new level. His efforts and example continue to inspire and motivate all members of our Detachment.



Detachment Associate of the Year! Congrats Keith Johnson

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In addition to recognizing our Marine of the Year, the Detachment also honors an Associate Member who has demonstrated exceptional service and commitment. This year, the Detachment Associate Member of the Year Award is presented to Keith Johnson, whose efforts have gone above and beyond in support of our organization.



Presentation by the Detachment

MOY Society



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Commandant's Corner



Greetings all,

As the year draws to a close, it is truly astonishing how quickly time has passed. Reflecting on the past twelve months, I am filled with pride for our detachment and all that we have achieved together. Since joining this group over four years ago, I have continually been impressed by our growth and the dedication of our members. The commitment and hard work displayed by everyone have been essential in keeping our detachment active and thriving. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who contributed to the success of our annual Golf Tournament. I want to extend special recognition to Scott Westervelt for his outstanding leadership in organizing the event. Additionally, sincere thanks to all those who assisted, ensuring the tournament was a memorable and successful event.

Turning to our recent initiatives, I want to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of Santa Tom and his team of elves. Their tireless work in collecting, bagging, and delivering toys has made a significant impact in our community. It is truly impressive to see what a small group of individuals can accomplish—bringing immense joy to so many children in the area. Although I was unable to participate this year due to health issues, I remain deeply grateful for the dedication and generosity shown by all involved. Helping with this project in the past has always been a highlight for me, and I cannot thank everyone enough for their efforts.

Suzanne and I were filled with excitement as we prepared to host the Christmas Party once again. The anticipation built up as we welcomed everyone, eager to create a memorable evening for all. Throughout the party, it was clear that everyone enjoyed themselves. Laughter and cheer filled the room, and the atmosphere was warm and joyful. The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the White Elephant Gift Exchanges, which brought smiles and playful competition among the guests. During the festivities, I was genuinely humbled and surprised to be awarded the Detachment Marine of the Year. Receiving this honor was a moment of pride, and I will wear my MOY medallion with great respect and as a badge of honor.

As we prepare for the coming year, it is important to remember that nominations for detachment elections begin in January. I encourage everyone to consider how they might contribute by stepping into a role if needed. I am eager to continue supporting our members and assisting other veterans within our community, working together toward further accomplishments.

It is essential to keep in mind that several of our members and their families are currently on the sick list. The holiday season can be difficult for some, and it is not always a joyful time for everyone. Please take time to reach out to fellow members you know, offer your support, and keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

In closing, I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, joyful, and Happy New Year.



Semper Fi
Commandant Fred

Individual Meritorious Commendation Congrats Scott Westervelt

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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Scott Westervelt for his exceptional dedication and countless hours devoted to organizing our 10th Annual Veterans Golf Tournament. His leadership and commitment played a pivotal role in the success of this event.

Thanks to Scott's efforts, the tournament became our largest financial contributor to date, significantly supporting our mission and programs. We remain deeply indebted to him for making this achievement possible.



Scott — Fred

Earl Salmons Lifetime Achievement Award Congrats Steve Jimenez

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There is always an individual who rises to the occasion, consistently dedicating time and effort to prioritize the needs of the detachment over personal commitments. In our organization, that person is none other than our Junior Vice Commandant, Steve Jimenez.

Steve's unwavering commitment and willingness to put the detachment first serve as an example for all. His actions highlight the importance of selflessness and responsibility within our ranks.



Fred—Steve

Mystery Member?



Last issue
Jim Boss

Christmas Party 2025

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The Christmas spirit was truly alive this year, thanks to the wonderful efforts of our hosts. Suzanne and Fred Gilmore graciously welcomed us and continuing their tradition of hosting our annual Christmas Party. Their generosity and hospitality made the event special for everyone in attendance.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Suzanne and Fred once again making this festive gathering possible. Their commitment to bringing our Detachment together during the holiday season is valued and celebrated.

As Suzanne presented her trivia challenges, it was clear that enjoyment filled the room. The real delight came from watching the expressions on the faces in the crowd, especially as they grimaced and concentrated, tapping into their brain cells for answers.



A clean sweep!

Adopt — A— Mile
Monday, December 1st, 2025
CR 220, Middleburg, FL

On a chilly December morning in Florida, George Cater and his crew gathered for a hearty Grumpy's breakfast at 0700. The early meal provided the needed energy and camaraderie before the day's tasks began.

Following breakfast at 0800, George and his dedicated team took on the responsibility of cleaning both sides of our County Road 220. Their commitment and hard work resulted in a successful operation, as they managed a thorough "clean sweep" of both sides of CR 220. The crew's dedication and effort were evident throughout the process, showcasing their determination and teamwork.

Are you prepared and equipped to become one of us? If you believe you have what it takes, you are encouraged to take the next step.

Reach out to George to learn about the upcoming mission. Alternatively, you are welcome to simply join us for breakfast.



Toys for Tots

Detachment Warehouse

Special thanks go to Tom and his Elves for their hard work and enthusiasm. Their efforts have laid a strong foundation for a successful campaign, and we are grateful for their commitment to making a difference.



Fundraiser at Cliffhangers Gun Show

Saturday December 6th and Sunday December 7th, 2025
Clay county Fairgrounds, FL

We extend our sincere appreciation to Steve Jimenez and his dedicated teams for their exceptional commitment and effort. Their willingness to sacrifice their weekend in order to staff our display table was invaluable and greatly contributed to the financial success of this mission.



Wanted:

your volunteer
hours / \$\$
send via: email,
text, call
or just tell me



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Jack Campbell

Let Us Pray!

"Father, your love is as wide as the oceans, as deep as the sea, and as tall as the heavens. May your spirit rise like a mighty wave and come and restore those who are ill. Amen."

Please keep the following members and their families in your prayers:

Don Brammer (Sheila)
Bill Carter (Emily)
Fred Gilmore & Suzanne
Rusty Park (Denise)
Herb Steigleman
Kurt Ensell (Terrie)
Lee Hart
Gayward Hendry

Scott Westervelt
Del Price (JoAnn)
Felix Ramos-Vargas
Bobby Turner
Gayle Plant (Jim)
Steve Jimenez (Robin)
Fred Wainwright
Rich Bolduc (Eileen)



MOTIVATION!

Any one knowing of a member or family member sick or in distress contact

Chaplain Jack Campbell.
(904) 705-8065



Offering a FREE Breakfast
to potential new members
Grumpy's Restaurant
834 Kingsley Ave
Orange Park, FL 32073
Doors Open: 0530
Breakfast: 0700

**Exercise Your Brain!**

Last issue's answer: "The man is my son."



"How far can a
squirrel run into the
woods?"

"I got my wife a refrigerator for
Christmas. I can't wait to see her
face light up when she opens it."



Sgt. Chuckles



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