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Congratulations Chaplain Jack Campbell!

Wednesday, June, 19th, 2024 Detachment Meeting Orange Park, FL

At our June meeting the following Motion #061924.03 was passed:

"in recognition of Chaplain Jack Campbell's commitment and motivational service as Detachment Chaplain that the Detachment vote to upgrade Chaplain Jack Campbell's Marine Corps League membership status from Associate Member to Regular Member."

"Grave Yard Shift" Monday, June 17th, 2024 Souter Cemetery

Orange Park, FL

A Detachment detail known as the "Grave Yard Shift" volunteered to clean up the Old Souter Cemetery. Perspiration and pride was running strong that day. However, there is more to be done.

Honor and dignity is being restored to the souls at rest here, with even some Civil War and WW1 Veterans.

Next clean up: July 28th (0900)



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Military Order of the Devil Dogs Florida Pack, Pound 263 June 25th, 2024 Orange Park FL



The Fun and Honor Society: "Military Order of the Devil Dogs" ("MODD") Pound 263 is pleased to announce two (2) more members of the Detachment that passed the grueling initiation to be awarded the level of "Pup."

Earned, never given!

Congratulations to Pup Rich Bolduc and Pup Rusty Park.





Commandant's Corner

Greetings all,



Welcome to July. I hope you all had a safe Independence Day, after we had a few months of high-tempo events, this past month should allow us to relax a little.

First, I wanted to congratulate everyone for the "DOF Detachment of the Year." I'm so proud of this detachment and for everyone that help us to achieve this great honor.

I want to thank our Sr Vice Don, for all of his work on our pistol match, and all who helped make it a success.

I want to thank Felix Ramosvargas for stepping up to be our next Champlin, thank you Jack for all you have done and for training Felix — tentative turn over is September.

Even though things have slowed, we need to turn to our next big event, the golf outing in November ("GGGT"), thank you Scott for chairing it again. We need to pitch in and do all we can to help this to be a big success.

Looking forward our July meeting on Wednesday 17 July 2024.

Semper Fi Commandant Fred Gilmore







Sound Off!

When things call for "Leadership", we always have a Marine to take charge - Marine Felix Ramosvargas has stepped up. Everyone is aware that Chaplain Jack Campbell will be stepping aside as our Detachment Chaplain.

Here is what Felix had to say:

"Good evening Marines since I joined this detachment I have felt that I'm home. After chatting with the Chaplain I know I have a big set of shoes to fill but I have you all behind me.

Never fear - God knows how to recruit and fill jobs. Thanks for the words spoken today . When he is ready to step down I'll be ready standing by to step up Amen ."



Felix being pinned with the Vietnam Anniversary pin.

"Welcome Home!"

Guest Speaker

Daughters of the American Revolution Wednesday, June 19th, 2024 **Detachment Meeting** Orange Park, FL

Ms. Vernon, Daughters of the American Revolution was a guest speaker at the June meeting, presenting detailed information about the Honor Flight ("HF") and the Patriot Guard Riders ("PGR").

Next HF is October. To be an escort \$400.

You do not have to be a Motorcyclist to stand the flag line with the PGR. PGR stands the flag line at memorials and military events.



9th Annual Freedom Pistol Match

June 21-23 & June 28-30

Basic Gun Range

Orange Park, FL

Kudos go out to SVC Don Okuley for chairing the Annual Pistol Match once again!

Below are the winning shooters:

1st

2nd

Rob Mango

Matt Lippincott 197

Scott Westervelt 194

3rd

Individual Meritorious Commendation

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Congratulations to Tom Lewnes and Blare Dolph for receiving the MCL Individual Meritorious Award for their leadership with the Toys for Tots program.



USMCR Toys for Tots Commander's Award

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"...to bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children."

Tim Asterman
Barry Brown
Blair Dolph

Steve Jimenez
Bernie Mortenson
Rusty Park

MCL 2024 National Convention

August 12th—16th

Weston Rancho Mirage Golf Resort and Spa Rancho Mirage, CA

Information can be found on the DOF web.

https://mcldof.org/

You may book two (2) rooms with your name. 30 days prior to the convention, you must provide the hotel with the second name. CUTOFF FOR RESERVATIONS IS JULY 8, 2024. Reservations after that will be at the prevailing rate on space available.

Special note:

Please remember – if you need a 1st Floor Room due to physical limitations, please let the hotel know now. They may be able to make accommodations. There are two floors, Second-floor rooms are accessed via stairs.

FIS Salute to Veterans Certificate of Appreciation

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 Memorial Day Ceremony FIS Building Jacksonville, FL

Thanks to our Marines for representing our Detachment at the FIS Salute to Veteran's event along with NAS JAX Color Guard. As taps was played by a member of the NAS JAX Guard, the old flag was lowered and respectfully folded.











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





Just a reminder that this Newsletter is yours and that your articles/stories/contributions are encouraged.

All submittals are subject to MCL Social Media Protocol and will be reviewed for content.

Send to: Adjutant Charlie Myers

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Mystery Member?

Hometown: Puerto Rico

Boot Camp: Parris Island

USMC: 1960-1966

MOS: 0311

Unit Served: F 2/6

Memorable Duty Station: Marine Barracks, Norfolk, VA



<u>Last issue was:</u> Keith Johnson

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.

Iack Campbell Chaplain

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

Rich Bolduc Rusty Park

Don Brammer Del Price (JoAnn)

Kurt Ensell (wife Terrie) George Smith

Jack Campbell (Barb) Herb Steigleman

Stacy Francisco Fred Gilmore

Bill Thompson's Family Gerald Vaughn (widow Stella)

Lee Hart Joe Motes

Steve Jimenez (Robin) John Van Brocklin

Andy Hefty (nephew Jerry) Art Yeaman

Any one knowing of a member or family member sick or in destress should contact Chaplain Jack Campbell as soon as possible.

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Exercise Your Brain!

Last issue's answer:

"Nine: 2 Parents, 6 sons and 1 Daughter



If you have a bowl with six apples and you take away four, how many do you have? The guy at the furniture store told me the sofa would seat 5 people without any problems.

I don't know 5 people without any problems.





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