



# "The Teufel Hunden"

A General Roy S. Geiger Detachment #1047

## Newsletter

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### Pardon our appearance!

Monday, July 14th, 2025

Detachment Meeting Room

Orange Park, FL

After our Grumpy's breakfast this morning, a demolition crew of our finest made preparations for the coming new meeting room floor. A representative of the contractor was there to take measurements of the lay out with anticipated installation to begin at the end of the month.

The first plan of attack was to move out items into the Warehouse and remove the carpet floor panels.

Stay tuned for Detachment updates and more preparations.



### A "Publix Affair"!

Saturday, July 5th, 2025

Publix at Hibernia Road

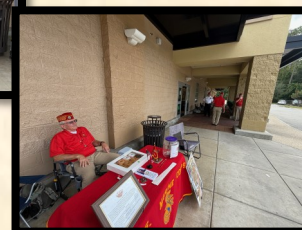
Fleming Island, FL



JVC DD Steve Jimenez gathered up a possie for another successful fundraising MCL Rose Program at the Publix on Hibernia Road.

Our mingling with the community turned out to be a "pot of gold" which you will find out from our Paymaster's Report.

We will once again be at this same location on Saturday July 19th: sign up with Steve.



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### "Congratulations"

Tuesday, July 8th, 2025

Elks Lodge

St. Augustine, FL

Congrats go out to two (2) more of our Detachment members who were appointed as Marine Corps League ("MCL"), Department of Florida ("DOF") Officers.

The installation took place at the Oldest City Detachment #383 meeting location: Suzanne Gilmore appointed to DOF Human Relations and George Cater appointed to DOF Color Guard / Honor Guard Liaison.

Our Detachment continues to produce MCL Leaders, showing its commitment and motivation to the MCL and the DOF.



## Commandant's Corner



Greetings all,

The year is moving along fast, This month we have already helped a Marine in need, on the 4th of July four of us reported to help relocate a woman with her furnishings who was a victim of domestic abuse. Thank you, Steve, George and Jack, for all your help.

Our Jr Vice commandant Steve Jimenez had an event at the Public on Fleming Island, on the 5th of July, we had several volunteers to staff our display — Steve will give a report as to how we did. Steve also has other plans in the upcoming month for another fundraiser, your help will be needed again.

The DOF 2025 Fall Convention will be held at the Lutz Florida, Hyatt Place Tampa Wesley Chapel from October 9th — 11th. If you plan on attending, please sign the registration list at the meeting. There will also be sign up sheet for the PDP, and for the up coming Detachment picnic.

We are getting excited to get the new floor in our meeting room. Thanks to all who have been helping with the prep work.

Unfortunately to date it appears that our Annual Golf Tournament ("GGGT") is in jeopardy — as no one has stepped up to chair the event. The GGGT is our strongest source of revenue. The schedule is dangerously tight to get this going, however there still remains time to plan and solicit sponsors. Please consider stepping up and chairing this event.

George Cater is hard at work on the pistol match for September, see if you can help in some way

We have several Members and family members on the Sick List, please reach out and check on them when you can.

God bless be safe.



*Semper Fi*  
Commandant Fred

## Memorial Charity Pistol Match

**Saturday, September 13th, 2025**  
**Clay County Outdoor Adventure Park**  
**3829 Sergeant Bradley Road**  
**Middleburg, FL**

Our Judge Advocate George Cater (*don't call me Carter!*) will be heading up our Memorial Charity Pistol Match. Donations will be going to the Clay County Toys for Tots.

Now it is up to us to get the word out and circulate our flyer. Copies of the flyer can be downloaded from our Detachment website, or you can just contact George.



## Mystery Member?

**Hometown:** Dalton, OH  
**Boot Camp:** Parris Island  
**USMC:** 1972 — 1994  
**MOS:** 6113, 8411, 8538, 6019  
**Unit:** HMT-301, HmH-361, HMM-164, HMH-462, HMH-165  
**HMH-461, HMX-1, I&I JAX**  
**Favorite Duty Station:** NAS Cubi Point  
**Hobby:** Horticulture, Storytelling, History, Woodworking



**Last issue:**  
**Barry Brown**

## Grumpy's Grunts: "we have a Quorum!"

**Monday, July 14th, 2025**

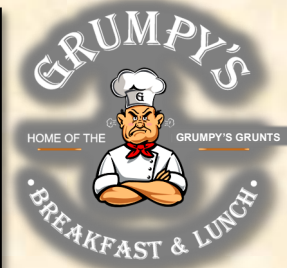
**Grumpy's**  
**Orange Park, FL**

At zero dark thirty: Grumpy's Grunts formed for their weekly Monday morning breakfast chow down.



The black elixir of vigor was consistently being poured throughout the hackle of "sea stories", with a silent pause only for a brief morning prayer orchestrated by Keith Johnson, then to stuff their faces.

Menus are not needed — Kudos go out to our waitress who has each order stored in her cloud and therefore: "we don't need any stinking Menus!"





### General Roy S. Geiger Memorial Charity Pistol Match

A charity fund raising event honoring our Middleburg native WW2 Four Star General, one of the first Naval Aviators & the first Marine to command a field army during the Okinawa battle in 1945.

Donation \$20 goes to Clay County Toys for Tots for 2025  
Any .38/9mm to .45 cal Pistol using iron sights only  
30 rounds - Ball ammo - 300 point aggregate  
Modifies National Match Course  
10 Slow/10 Timed/10 Rapid  
25 yds - NRA Bullseye B-B targets

**Saturday, 13 September 2025**  
**9 AM Muster Time for relay/target assignments**

Clay Country Adventure Park  
3829 Sgt Bradley Crose Rd

**REGISTER NOW**

Visit Our Website or scan the QR code.

<https://mclclayfl.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/mclclayfl.org/>  
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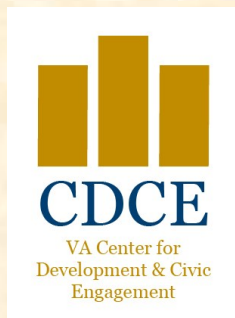


## What is "CDCE"?

Just a friendly advanced notice from your DOF Webmaster, the word from the MCL DOF Commandant John Gionet is the term Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Program known as "VAVS" is now referred to as "CDCE". (VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement)

The DOF website, along with updated forms are in the works and should be adjusted soon. In the interim, keep sending those formerly VAVS reports to our DD Rusty Park.

On another note, the DOF Logo has gone under a slight design change.



PDD Charlie Myers  
DOF Webmaster



I am truly honored and humbled to assume the position of Commandant. I extend my deepest gratitude—both collectively and individually—for your friendship, support, and confidence in electing me as your 57th Department of Florida Commandant. It is a privilege to serve, and I look forward to strengthening our shared mission together. As we begin our relationship together, it is important for you to understand my expectations, how I expect us to do business, what's important to me, and what you should expect from your leadership.

- **Lead by Example** – Marines respond best to leaders who embody the values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment in their actions. Demonstrating integrity, resilience, and dedication reinforces these principles.
- **Reinforce Through Traditions and Culture** – Marine Corps mottos like Semper Fidelis ("Always Faithful") and Ductus Exemplo ("Lead by Example") serve as powerful reminders of the commitment expected from every Marine.
- **Encourage Open Dialogue** – Create an environment where Marines feel comfortable discussing ethical dilemmas and leadership challenges. This fosters a deeper understanding of how values apply in different situations.
- **Creates a Shared Sense of Purpose** – When values are clearly communicated, individuals feel connected to a larger mission, increasing engagement and commitment.
- **Strengthens Trust and Cohesion** – Open discussions about values build trust among team members, reinforcing a culture of respect and collaboration.
- **Enhances Motivation and Performance** – Members who understand and align with organizational values are more likely to be motivated, proactive, and resilient in challenging situations.
- **Reduces Uncertainty and Conflict** – Clear communication of values provides a framework for decision-making, minimizing misunderstandings and fostering a positive work environment.

Lastly, I want to take a moment to express my deepest appreciation for your unwavering commitment, hard work, and volunteer efforts. In the midst of life's busy demands, you have made time to serve within the Marine Corps League—a testament to your dedication. While much of this work happens behind the scenes, never doubt the profound impact of your service. The care and support you provide can make a lasting difference in the lives of the veterans entrusted to us. You are to be commended for improving the lives of veterans in the Department of Florida, and I am honored to serve alongside you.

John M. Gionet  
John Gionet  
Commandant  
Department of Florida

## Annual Renewal!

It's that time for your annual dues renewal. You can either bring your check to the meeting or go to the Detachment website to renew via Zeffy.

Stay below the line!



## 2025 DOF Fall Conference

October 9th—11th

Hyatt Place Tampa Wesley Chapel  
Lutz, FL

The DOF 2025 Fall conference Packet is now available on the DOF website. [mcl dof.org](http://mcl dof.org) . Sign up with Cmdt Fred if you intend on going.

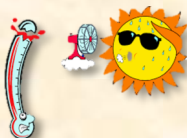


## "Weather" or not, it's here!

Monitor weather forecasts and emergency alerts through reliable sources like the [National Weather Service](#), [AccuWeather](#), or [The Weather Channel](#). Consider investing in a NOAA Weather Radio for direct alerts.

Create an emergency kit: Assemble a kit with essentials like a first aid kit, non-perishable food and water (at least 3-day supply), flashlight, batteries, emergency radio, copies of important documents, and any specific items for family members, including pets.

Reminder that the DOF has a Disaster Relief Program.



## WE WANT YOU TO CONTRIBUTE Newsletter Articles

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

**send to:**

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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 (W: Sheila)**

**Del Price (W: JoAnn)**

**Ski Wojciechowski**

**Felix Ramos-Vargas**

**Bill Carter (Emily)**

**John Van Brocklin**

**Frank Gicalone (W: Locie)**

**Rusty Park (Family)**

**Rusty Park Family**

**Herb Steigleman**

**Kurt Ensell (W: Terrie)**

**Steve Jimenez (W: Robin)**

**Lee Hart**

**Fred Wainwright**

**Fred / Suzanne Gilmore (Anita)**

**Gayle Plant**

**Bobby Turner**

**Andy Hefty (Nephew) Jerry Passing**

**Gayward Hendry**

**Dan Caballero**

**Jack Campbell**



MOTIVATION!

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

**Chaplain Jack Campbell.**

**(904) 705-8065**



## FREE BREAKFAST

**Grumpy's Grunts**  
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: "Lunch and Dinner"



*"Who is bigger: Mr. Bigger, Mrs. Bigger, or their baby?"*

*"Twenty four hours in a day,  
24 beers in a case: Coincidence!"*



**Sgt. Chuckles**



[mclclayfl.org](http://mclclayfl.org)

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