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Detachment Bylaws Approved! November 8th, 2024

We received word from Dept. of Florida Judge Advocate Kathleen Potthoff that our revised Detachment Bylaws 2024 have been approved. The Detachment Bylaws are posted on our website.

Thanks to our Judge Advocate George Cater for his tireless efforts in composing the revision.

FYI: MCL National Bylaws 2024 are posted on its website and the DOF Bylaws 2024 are posted on its website.





Detachment Meeting Location Change Watson Reality Corp.

153 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park, FL

In order to accommodate our Toys for Tots Campaign, it was necessary to make space in our meeting room. Once Toys are bagged, they will be stored in the meeting room.

In view of the above, we have made arrangements to hold our November 20th Detachment meeting at:

Watson Reality Corp Building 53 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park, FL 32073

Meeting time remains the same: 1900.

Kudos go out to Ellen Dittman for making the arrangements.





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General Geiger Golf Tournament

Friday, November 1st Eagle Harbor Golf Course Fleming Island, FL

Special thank you to all of our Detachment Volunteers for your time and motivation to make this financially rewarding event possible.

Special thanks go out to our generous Sponsors without who this successful event could not have taken place.

In addition, kudos to our Color Guard's presentation of the colors which goes a long way to enhance our Detachment's "curb appeal" and to reinforce that we are truly the Department of Florida's Detachment of the year.



Commandant's Corner



Greetings all,

As always I would like to thank everyone for the help with Toys for Tots ("T4T"), and all the other events we have going on.

The Department of Florida's Fall Conference last month was very successful, we received two streamers: for the National Convention, and for over 100% membership, along with a certificate for membership. Great job to all those who have brought in new members.

Celebrating the 249th Marine Corps Birthday Ball with all of my fellow Marines was an event I will not soon forget.

Just a forget me not that due to the T4T toy bagging our meeting on the 20th will be held at Watson Reality –then we will have Thanksgiving Day to spend with family.

Our picnic has been changed to the spring. Gayward Hendry is checking into times and dates, once we have the information we will be sure to let everyone know.

To remain a member in good standing, you must be current on your annual dues. If you haven't paid your dues please do so. If you know someone who hasn't paid, pass the word and encourage them to pay as soon as possible.

Also I need you to sign up for the Christmas party to be held on Saturday December 13th at the Lake Asbury Community Center, 282 Branscomb Road, Green Cove Springs — a flyer was been previously emailed and will also be posted on our website.

Happy Birthday Marines, hope you had a happy Veterans Day, and many blessings for a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

God bless be safe.



Semper Fi PDD Fred Gilmore Commandant

Good Citizenship Award Saturday, November 2nd, 2024

Congrats to Eagle Scout Zachary Zestrow for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

"once an Eagle Scout, always an Eagle Scout!"

It is always reassuring to know that America is still producing young leaders.





Thank you Jack!

Wednesday October 16th, 2024 Detachment Meeting Orange Park, FL

On this date Past Chaplain Jack Campbell was presented a Recognition Plaque from the Detachment for his long devotion to the Detachment and its members.



Marine Corps Ball

Friday, November 8th 2024 Hilltop Restaurant Orange Park, FL



An outstanding celebration of our 249th birthday was had at the Hilltop Restaurant.

Thank you to our volunteers that showed up earlier that day to set up for the Birthday Ball—and also to those Marines who participated in the cake ceremony.

Our honored guest speaker Major General James Kessler, USMC Retired, gave a very strong speech with respect to the strength and dedication of today's Marines, and reinforcing that our country is in good hands.

Emotions of pride and gratitude echoed throughout the hall as our Oldest Marine: Past Detachment Commandant John Van Brocklin presented a slice of cake to our youngest Marine PFC Dylan Winn—Oorahh!

Special thanks to our MC Andy Hefty and Singer Suzanne Gilmore.





SVC Don Okuley Chairman

"Carry Colors!"

Friday, November 1st, 024 (Geiger Golf Tournament) Saturday November 9th, 2024 (Clay County 5K) Monday November 11th, 2024 (Mission BBQ) Monday November 11th, 2024 (Allegro, Senior Center)



Toys For Tots

Detachment HQ Orange Park, FL



As you are all aware, our Toys for Tots Campaign is well under way — and, that you have noticed the cavern of boxes in the warehouse. As we open up these boxes our trash mountain of used cardboard hinders our maneuverability when it comes to sorting and bagging of toys. It appears we are in need for a pick up and disposal—can you help?

Tom Lewnes, our T4T coordinator's daily work schedule (yes we do have members that still have jobs) is a challenge to posting an advanced schedule for T4T work details. As soon as Tom's schedule permits, we will post Detachment Bulletins requesting help.

Contact Tom if you can help

Tom Lewnes: thomaslewnes@gmail.com

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MODD Pound 263

Friday, October 18th, 2024 PACk Growl DOF Fall Conference Lake Buena Vista, FL

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Pound 263 for their donation of \$8,000 to Wolfson Children's Hospital, Jacksonville, FL were presented with the Pack Leader Commendation Award.

*Notice the number of Detachment members—woof, woof!

Not to mention the initiation of another Detachment Member to the Pound: Pup Aston Kroner.



Mystery Member?

Hometown: St. Croix US Virgin Island

Boot Camp: Parris Island—1987

USMC: MOS: 0311

Unit Served: Pensacola, FL

Hobby: Painting, Drawings—Art



Last issue was: Ben Pusakulich

Lawn Rangers

Monday, October 28th Marines Helping Marines Orange Park, FL

Our Detachment was called on to assist a Marine Veteran with clearing his overgrown property.

Weed Whackers at the ready, we answered the call! Thanks to those members for sharing their time to "field day" this property. "When you give someone your time, you have given them a piece of your life."



Welcome Aboard!

Wednesday, October 16th Detachment Meeting Orange Park, FL

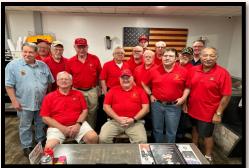
We would like to welcome our newest member Marine Casey Kroner.

Welcome Aboard Casey!











Chaplain's Corner

If you missed it, for your convenience I have posted a "Chaplain's Corner" Form on our web. If you have any questions, suggestions, service or assistance that I can provide, please do not hesitate to contact me.

God Bless!

Felix Ramos-Vargas



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:

Felix Ramos Chaplain

Josh Ferraro (Marine)

Don and Shella Brammer

Scott Westervelt

Jack Campbell and wife Barb

Rusty Park (Family)

Lee Hart

Stacy Francisco

John Van Brocklin

Barry Brown (son Alex)

Del Price

George Smith

Herb Steigleman
Kurt Ensell and wife Terrie

Rich Bouloc

Steve Jimenez (Family)

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

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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 (charlie@myersonline.net)

WE WANT YOU

TO CONTRIBUTE

Newsletter Articles

Exercise Your Brain!

Last issue's answer: "8"



"What can you put in a bucket to make it weigh less?"

"A clear conscience is usually a good sign of a bad memory."



MOTIVATION!

Sgt. Chuckles

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