

## **Stay connected. Stay significant. Stay Marine.**

As your NVC I was honored to attend the Modern-Day Marine event in Washington, D.C., this year. My role was to assist attendees through registration and direct them to the Expo floor. Throughout the event, I witnessed active-duty Marines—from PFCs to General Officers—alongside civilians and exhibitors, all moving with purpose. Each person was there to accomplish something meaningful, contributing in their own way to the mission of protecting our nation.

I truly enjoyed interacting with the attendees and working alongside the registration team. But after the event, I felt something unexpected—a sense of insignificance. It struck me that my time of serving in a meaningful way might be over. I shared these feelings with a few members of my Marine Corps League Detachment. Their response was clear: “You’re still making a difference. The League needs you, and so do others.”

That conversation reminded me of something every Marine faces at some point: the question of “What now?” After the last formation, many of us miss the structure, purpose, and connection that service brought to our lives. That’s exactly where the Marine Corps League steps in. It offers more than just camaraderie—it offers a way to continue serving, leading, and living with purpose.

The League provides real opportunities to stay engaged—through mentoring younger veterans, supporting programs like Toys for Tots, honoring fallen Marines, or stepping into leadership roles within the organization. These aren’t just events, they’re missions. And as Marines, we thrive on mission.

Too many veterans feel forgotten or irrelevant after active duty. But in the League, you’re not done—you’re still needed. Your experience, your commitment, and your example are valuable to others. Whether you’re organizing a community event, participating in a parade, or visiting a hospitalized veteran, you’re showing what it means to be a Marine for life.

In the Marine Corps League, you don’t just keep the legacy alive, you continue to build it. You remain significant, connected, and mission driven.

The Eagle, Globe, and Anchor never fade. Through the League, neither do you.

### **Once A Marine Always A Marine!**

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