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Message From The Division Commandant



Members,

We are just about halfway through 2024 and the League and the New England Division has been busy so far. Midwinter in D.C, Modern Day Marine in D.C and Quad State Convention/New England Division Conference in New Hampshire. I will say I attended all three and they were all successful which is attributed to the members and leadership of the league.

To that point, by now most if not all of you have received word that our National Commandant Warren Griffin has released a statement pertaining to a second year as Commandant. Here is his statement:

Members all,

As we approach our National Convention, I am announcing that I shall not be running for a second year as our National Commandant. Due to personal commitments, I would not be able to fulfill the duties of the office in a manner that it requires. I am very appreciative of the support and growth that the League has made during the past year. I am especially grateful for the friendships I have made over the years.

To those who will be elected to serve the League for the upcoming year, please know that I am here to fully support your efforts in any way I can.

Hope to see many of you in Palm Springs in August.

Semper Fidelis,

**Warren Griffin
National Commandant
Marine Corps League**



Commandant Griffin is a man of integrity, empathy, family and faith. Another characteristic I'd like to point out, he is authentic; you will not find anything fake about him. He has always held the interests of the League first, regardless of the situation. Not speaking for the Commandant, but I am sure this wasn't an easy decision and when faced with adversity he stayed true to those same characteristics I mentioned.

Sir Commandant, on behalf of the New England Division, I'd like to say "Thank you" for your devotion, commitment, leadership and steadfastness while wearing many hats (covers) during your tenure as a Marine Corps League member. Semper Fidelis!!

The "intent to run" letters have been sent out for National Commandant by National Sr. Vice T.J. Morgan, for National Sr. Vice Commandant by National Jr. Vice Commandant Russ Miller and National Jr. Vice Commandant by NJA Dave Porter. For National Judge Advocate there have been two sent out. They are Marine Bruce Rakfeldt from North Carolina and Marine Bob Ziltz from Pennsylvania. Detachments/Departments need to do their due diligence, caucus and try to get delegates out to Palm Springs. I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Department of Massachusetts and Department of Connecticut conventions over the next few weeks.

Semper Fidelis!!!

**Patrick Maguire
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From The Editor

Hello Marines,



The wait is over and summer is knocking at the front door. Memorial day where we remember, conventions, picnics and more to keep us moving forward in our busy season. As Memorial day arrives this year to me it has special meaning of the most recent losses of Larry Herrmann and JR, two brothers who will definitely be missed by all. I am sure each of us has Brothers and Sisters on that list of those who impacted our lives. We have just finished up with Quad State and most recently Modern Day Ma-

rine, which will be in this issue, but what is important is what is yet to come. I just sent out the registration for the Connecticut Convention and I sent a email with it and I asked the commandants to not just ask who is coming, go further, and since it applies to other things we do I want to repeat some of it here. Basically I looked at the numbers of members from last year vs, this year and there was a drop and this is due to the uphill battle of coming back from COVID. and if you do not find this number disturbing you should. We sit at meetings and specifically a Growl and a Dog gets up and says we have 14 members here today and we had 14 last Growl and 14 at the growl before that, (WTF). Each one of us counted in the membership have an obligation and duty to serve in this Department. The person that is asking for your help and participation is not just anyone, they are your brother or sister. If we fail, we all fail, if we win, we all win. I am asking that you ask all the members of your detachment to attend the convention and the Growl. The detachment pays for it. If you don't want to go to the banquet that is fine, i wish you would but the meeting and the Growl gives you participation in the process. It's admirable that Marines serve more than their term in office but that is not how it is meant to be. New officers bring new ideas and if you have a different plan or different idea then step up and lead. Hell, every Marine is a leader, some come by it naturally others need a push and if that's you, then consider yourself pushed. Before you say no, think about it, it's a night and a day, and you do make a difference. This years Convention will be attended by The National Commandant, Warren Griffin, The National Judge Advocate David Porter, The National Division Vice Commandant Pat Maguire, The 45th PCDD Bill Taylor, and our own 49th PCDD Doug Fisk. There may be more and that would be great but the important number is, how many of the YOU will be attending.

Walt Benson



FROM THE EDITOR



WE have made some nice progress in getting more people involved in using the Newsletter. We got about 5 e-mails and around 30 pictures from Westfield River Valley, some from Van Gyzen and a write up from Cape Cod. We are caught in a society that is split between the social media approach and the written approach but the good news is we can do both because it's free. We have a lot of detachments out there doing a tremendous amount of work and their efforts. We have been battling organization and company but it has been and we need to push some people a told me that a lot of people do not read that go out, and if that's the case then on. Ask people did you read the news-Rhode Island, I did last year and guess you didn't have to walk, or stand or not food. If we don't take this as a wake up to do. In Connecticut we had a dog get day, 14 dogs, the last growl and 14 the and now its becoming another meeting. So this is where we are in this Newsletter I challenged you not once but twice and there are a lot of good ideas in this issue. The more that participate the better ideas and knowledge we gain. Let's put some of it to work. To all of you out there that have served multiple terms in jobs or office thank you for your resilience, but it's not supposed to be like that we change job and elect new officers because new people bring new ideas and new ideas will allow us to grow. So let's make this where we gain back our mission, if you need help ask because I know we have people willing to help.



Walt Benson

OPEN FOR ALL
MEMBERS OF THE MCL
& MCL AUXILIARY

MCL SCUTTLEBUTT

TOPIC:
VA Death Benefits, Military Funeral,
Survivor Benefits

Have you joined any of these meetings? Well if you missed any of them, they are available on YouTube and there are a lot of good topics to choose from



MODERN DAY MARINE



WELCOME TO WASHINGTON D.C.

This past week, Marines civilians, and partners from government and industry gathered at Modern Day Marine 2024 in Washington D.C. to help shape the future of the Marine Corps.

The three-day event brought together representatives from across the United States and several allied and partner nations to collaborate and exchange information, ideas and initiatives. Through exhibitors and presentations, the Marine Corps was able to engage, educate, and increase the public's understanding of the organization as a responsive, adaptive, and technologically advanced force.

Jaymie Nielsen



APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2024
WASHINGTON D.C.



"I'm constantly humbled by the quality and dedication of the young Americans who continue to measure themselves against our high standards [and] who compete for the title of Marine: Earned, never given." -Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Eric M. Smith "State of the Marine Corps" at Modern Day Marine 2024

Upper Right Congrats to 2024 Dickey Chapelle Award Recipient Major Jacqueline Barnum, USMC. Pictured with LtGen. Charles Chiarotti, Assistant Commandant of The Marine Corps General Christopher Mahoney, Major Jacqueline Barnum and her Mother, National MCL Commandant Warren Griffin.

Right, 2024 Iron Mike Award Recipient The Honorable Seth Moulton. Pictured with LtGen. Charles Chiarotti, Assistant Commandant of The Marine Corps General Christopher Mahoney, and National MCL Commandant Warren Griffin.





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The Marine Corps League Booth at Modern Day Marine, which to us is one of the most important displays at the event. We need members, we need support for our programs, but we give support as well to our returning veterans both Marine and other. We can help them acclimate back into civilian life, as well as provide them with an opportunity to continue to serve, and embrace the traditions we are so proud of. What is covered in these few pages is just the tip of the iceberg, if you follow this link, <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=426611629992278&set=a.246587947994648>, the Marine Corps League Public Affairs dept did an amazing job of documenting this event.



Below right, Assistant Commandant of The Marine Corps General Christopher Mahoney, and MCL NE DIV. Chief of Staff Joe Afonso.





MODERN DAY MARINE



The Marine Corps League Representatives to Modern Day Marine
Looking Good Marines



FLAG DAY 2024

Walt Benson



I find it hard to believe that our Flag would be offensive to anyone, yet some people have decided that it is. I am not here to debate the issue just to tell you how I feel about the Flag, but I will mention that the idea that anyone can take this Flag down and replace it with any other Flag is both hurtful and unacceptable. As far back as I can remember the Flag was a source of pride to me, which filled me with emotion. This is long before I watched war movies with Calvary riding across the screen the Flag in all its pride and guys charged into Wayne was killed be raised on Iwo. turns in scholl hold-class recited the every day not just

I loved that when and still love it each Star, Stripe has meaning and for all the precious in our many battles, be free. The **WHITE** purpose, so that all That we are a nation look to for guidance **BLUE** field to sym-that our nation occu- reside in ongoing **STARS**, where we ality of State and are united but indi- choosing our paths

It has moti- into battle, inspired pledge and another Anthem. It Fly's schools our church-

we gather. It has covered all who have fallen in battles through the years It has covered many Pres- idents when they finally lie in state. Lastly it will cover all of us when our time here is finally done, and we depart this world to our final post where we will go. When that Marine goes to my loved one, and solemnly bends a knee, with my Flag to whom they will entrust, I wish for them to Know this truth about the Flag That I did Love. "I pledge allegiance to the Flag, of the United States of Ameri- ca, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under god, with liberty and justice for all".

Old Glory

To some you are a piece of cloth easily discarded,
To others you are the symbol of everything regarded.
To me you are the symbol of all that I hold sacred,
For what you've done and where you've been the world should be elated.
You were there in the beginning as we struggled to be free.
You were there with Mr. Lincoln as he fought with Mr. Lee.
You were there with Teddy Roosevelt as he charged up San Juan Hill.
You were with them in the trenches and charging to the hills.
You saw new and deadlier weapons in a war to end all wars.
You were with us at Pearl Harbor and D Day to be sure.
You were with us at the Chosin in that short Korean War.
Then you came to Vietnam, it broke our hearts that war.
You traveled far to outer space and stand proudly on the moon,
Then six more times we planted you on return trips to the moon.
You flew proudly on the towers on the day they met their doom,
And you flew atop the rubble as we searched among the ruins.
Then you came along to the Middle East in a land of sun and sand.
You marched through many countries across that heated sand.
Through all of this you showed our pride everywhere you went.
You also covered all the souls of those who fell in death.
Through all the years and all the tears beside us all the way,
No matter where, no matter when you always led the way.
Tell me how one young or old could ignore this awesome debt.
To me, and mine, you're a sacred cloth and will be till my death.

Walt Benson

fluttering above them glory as the good battle. Or when John before the flag could Back when we took ing the Flag when the pledge of allegiance once a week.

Flag from way back more today. To me and Stich and color purpose. The **RED** blood that was shed wars and struggles to for the purity of our people could be free. under God, who we and justice. The vast bolize the vast land pies where all of us peace. Finally the maintain our individu- person. Where we vidual, capable of through life.

vated us and led us some to write our to write our National over our capitals, our es and everywhere

Semper Fidelis



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HARDWARE CITY PRESENTS NEWEST MEMBER WITH RED SATIN JACKET

Commandant James Soder, Hardware City Detachment 781 presented a Marine Red Silk jacket to our latest member, Joe Caminiti from Bristol CT. Joe will be 100 years old this year and is an Iwo Jima survivor. The jacket was presented to Joe last month at American Legion Post 2 at Bristol CT.

Article in the Bristol Press is below:

Working with myself, Neal Supranovich, American Legion Post 2 historian, the detachment made arrangements to present Caminiti with a United States Marine red satin jacket. This jacket is part of the detachment's undress blues worn by our members at ceremonies.

Members of the Marine Corps League Hardware City Detachment discussed participating in more events like this one, since there is not a Marine detachment in Bristol. An open invitation was issued by the detachment to Marines from Bristol to join. There are five Bristol residents who belong to the detachment from New Britain, which also has members from Berlin, Newington, Plainville, and Southington as well as New Britain.

As part of the occasion, once inside the hall, a toast was made in memory of all those on Iwo Jima, followed by a Military toast in honor of Caminiti. Conversation inside the hall also included discussions about military training and service covering World War II thru Vietnam, boot camp and how the experience changed over the year.



Left to right in the Photo is: Carol Denehy of the Memorial Military Museum members of The Hardware City Detachment 781, Rivers McCalop, Richard Michaud, Al Urso, Joe Caminiti, and Commandant James Soder.



Members of the Hardware City Detachment at a fundraising/recruiting event/ Rose Program.

Far Left Photo, from left to right.

Jim Soder, Rich Michaud, Bob Quarti

Left Photo: Al Urso, Bill Hamilton, Brendan Boyle and Rivers McCalop. Not Pictured John Reek.



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ARMED FORCES DAY LUNCHEON





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CONVENTION JUNE 14 - 15

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
2024 STATE CONVENTION

- WHEN:** Friday June 14th (Grand growl)
Saturday June 15th (business meeting and banquet),
Sunday June 16th (checkout and enjoy Central CT amenities)
- WHERE:** Hilton Garden Inn
85 Glastonbury Blvd
Glastonbury, CT 06033
- ROOMS:** A block of 20 rooms have been reserved at \$149 per night (+ taxes). To reserve rooms, call **877-782-9444**; reference code: MCL24.
- BANQUET:** The cost of the banquet will be \$50.00 per attendee, and registration forms will be forthcoming.
- AD BOOK:** There will be an Ad Book for the convention (info to follow).
The ad book costs are: \$100.00 full page; \$50.00 half page; and \$25.00 for a quarter-page. Further information on the Ad Book and contact person will be forthcoming.

Delegate Registration sheets will be forthcoming.
Book your rooms now and start selling those ads!!!!

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2024 Department of Connecticut 83rd Convention Schedule

14JUNE2024 – Friday

- 1500 – 1815 Hospitality Room is open - Hilton Garden Inn (HGI)
- 1515 – 1830 Dinner at Maggie McFlys (prior registrants) - Maggie McFlys
- 1930 – 2130 Grand Growl - HGI
- 2130 – 2400 Hospitality Room re-opens - HGI

15JUNE2024 – Saturday

- 0700 – 1330 Registration (closed for lunch 1200-1300, final report due 1330)
- 0800 – 0820 Opening Ceremonies - HGI
- 0820 – 0850 Memorial Service - HGI
- 0850 – 0900 BREAK
- 0900 – 1100 Business Session MCL - HGI
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- 1100 – 1200 Recess / Final Convention Committee meetings
 - Marine of the Year Committee - Marine Dougherty
 - Audit Committee - Marine Lee
 - Budget Committee - Marine Lauber
 - By-Law Committee - Marine Gutmann
 - Credentials Committee - Marine Soder
 - Resolutions Committee - Marine Montminy
 - Rules Committee - Marine Timms
- 1200 – 1300 LUNCH - ON YOUR OWN
- 1200 – 1630 Hospitality Room re-open - HGI
- 1300 – 1500 Business Session resumes - HGI
- 1530 – 1600 Department Board of Trustees Meeting
(at the call of the newly elected Department Commandant)

2023-24 Department of CT MCL Elected Officers are as follows:

Commandant Marine McMahon; Sr. Vice Commandant Marine Daigle; Jr. Vice Commandant Marine Benson; Judge Advocate Marine Gutmann; Jr. Past Commandant Marine Rosa; Fairfield County Commandant Marine Hodges; Hartford County Commandant Marine Monaco; Litchfield County Commandant Marine Timms; Middlesex County Commandant Marine Soder; New Haven County Commandant Marine Lauber; New London County Commandant Marine Peters; Tolland County Commandant Marine Burrington; Windham County Commandant Marine Lee.

- 1700 – 1800 Convention Banquet Social Hour
- 1800 – 1900 Convention Banquet Dinner
- 1900 – 2100 Convention Banquet program, guest speaker and awards
- 2100 – 2400 Hospitality Room open



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September Schedule

- 17 Arrival Escort *(see website for details)*
- 18 Set-up 8am
Volunteer Orientation 6pm
- 19 Opening Ceremony 11am
- 20 & 21 Ceremonies 6pm
- 22 Closing Ceremony 1pm
Take down 2pm
Departure Escort *(see website for details)*

Visit manchestereleks.org/twth2024 for more information





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VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER



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Visit manchesterelks.org/twth2024 for more information





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LCPL JOHN J. VAN GYZEN DET. 1285 MCL

The detachment will have its bus in the upcoming Bristol 4th of July parade. The parade is the America's Oldest Continuous Fourth of July Celebration (There has been a 4th of July parade every year since 1785). This is a great opportunity to show our pride, commitment and hopefully gain some new recruits to our division.



The Marine Corps league went to the VA hospital in Brockton in February to serve the residence, some pizza and pastries, and To sit down and talk to them it was a great experience for both them and the members of the Marine Corps league.



Det 1285 conducted a Memorial service 03/25/24 at the Fall River Bicentennial Park Iwo Jima memorial site for the anniversary of the historic battle February 19, 1945 – March 26, 1945



Our newest members (Ink still wet on the DD14) are students at the Bristol Community College (BCC) and the Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center. They work with other veterans as students to continue their education and support our communities. Over the next several months, they are looking to organize various events, ranging from speaking engagements with the military-affiliated student



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LCPL JOHN J. VAN GYZEN DET. 1285 MCL

population to professional development outings. The first event was the Veterans History Project (VHP). This project allowed Veterans (not students) to be interviewed and spoke about their experiences in the Military and the final product will be kept on file with the library of congress.



Memorial day weekend we will be asking for donations at our local stores with a lot of foot traffic. People in the Somerset area have been very generous to us over the years and we expect to have our best year ever.



July 5 will be the 20th Anniversary of the loss of John J Vangyzen. We will be traveling to Exeter Rhode Island Veterans' Memorial Cemetery to pay our respects to LCPL VanGyzen and to honor this gold star family

BRISTOL

Joseph A. Marshall
Veterans Center

WESTFIELD RIVER VALLEY DET. 141 MCL



Carriann Dymon –Bailey,

Barbara Dymon Chris Cekovsky

Flag Pin Fundraiser



Tom Pirnie taking Donation, Tom Pirnie taking Donation, Tom Pirnie and Joe Delaney, Joe Delaney giving out a Pin



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WESTFIELD RIVER VALLEY DET. 141 MCL



Dan Bishop



Bev Bishop



Fran Curnow



Chris Cekovsky Presents Lynn Dupee, Associate of The Year 2022

Chris Cekovsky Presents Carrieann Dymon Bailey, Associate of The Year 2023

Chris Cekovsky Marine of The Year 2023





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WESTFIELD RIVER VALLEY DET. 141 MCL DETACHMENT AWARD PRESENTATIONS



Kieth Buckhout



Certificate of Recognition
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 219



Dan Bishop



Roger Beer



Zach Torrey



Barbara (Bobbi) Delaney



Bill Federman



Fran Curnow



Bev Bishop,



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WESTFIELD RIVER VALLEY DET. 141 MCL DETACHMENT AWARD PRESENTATIONS



Joe Delaney



Brian Dupee



Barbara Dymon

WESTFIELD RIVER VALLEY SOS BREAKFAST





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WESTFIELD RIVER VALLEY DET. 141 MCL

Hello Marines,

As we approach Memorial Day weekend I know that many among our Detachment will be spending time in thought, and in prayer, remembering brother/sister Marines/Soldiers/Airman/Sailors/Coast Guardsmen who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms and are gone too soon. We are blessed to have their memories to sustain us.

In paying respects within our community to all who've paid that ultimate price, we have three requests for MCL participation next weekend.

On **Sunday May 26th** our friends at **Cape Cod Cares for the Troops** will be hosting their annual "Troops in the Spotlight" event in Hyannis. Please note that *the location has changed* due to ongoing construction in the K-Mart Plaza. The event will be held this year on the *Route 28 (Falmouth Road) side of the Cape Cod Mall*, where there is a lot of space and plenty of parking.

Setup begins at 1015 hrs. I will reach out to member Tad Duarte to inquire if we can set-up with the Jarheads MC, as we have in the past. Opening ceremony begins at 1130hrs, and **we would like to have members present until 1600 hrs.** to promote our Detachment and hopefully attract new members. Uniform of the day will be MCL Det 125 red polo shirt, khaki slacks, and League cover. If you can take a 2 hour shift or two, please reply to this email. If it's sunny, please remember to wear sunscreen.

On **Monday May 27th** there will be three events.

First, the **Centerville Memorial Day Parade** will assemble at **0930 hrs.** at the Centerville Library for a 10am step-off. Sr. Vice-Commandant Timm will be a part of the color guard and will bring equipment. We need three more Marines to join him. Bonus: There is a pancake breakfast you can attend at the South Church (565 Main Street) to "fuel up" beforehand. Uniform of the day will be League covers, short sleeve white uniform shirt, dress blue trousers, and highly polished leather footwear.

Second, I will be delivering remarks at the **Orleans Veterans Memorial Park**. Service begins at **10am** at the Cove (Cove Rd. at dock by the yacht club), then to the Memorial Park for remarks. Any members wishing to attend are encouraged to wear their League covers.

Third, and this one just came in, at **3pm** there will be a brief ceremony of remembrance on the **Nicholas G. Xiarhos Bridge** (aka North Main St. bridge over Rt. 6 in Yarmouth), during which Taps will be performed. The organizers are requesting any MCL member who can attend to please do so. Uniform for this event will be League covers, short sleeve white uniform shirt, dress blue trousers, and highly polished leather footwear.

If you are available to attend any of these events, please let me know by replying to this email. If you have questions, you can either email me or call me at 508-769-4491

In closing, I want to express my sincere thanks to all of you, our membership, who do more and more good in our community while promoting our League and our Corps. You are the public face of our Detachment, the "brand ambassadors" as it were, and you are so very good at what you do. I don't think I will ever stop thanking you for your efforts. Please know that our Detachment thrives because of all that you do.

Semper Fidelis,
Tim Whelan
Detachment 125 Commandant



MASSACHUSETTS



John Smith, presenting our coin to Ralph Dent. Ralph is the Marine, we donated the \$1000.00 for Lahina fire. Considering all his medical issues, he has an outstanding attitude. He had chemotherapy that morning but insisted he came by the Wilbert WA HU TOM VFW POST 3850 in Kihei (pronounced key hay) Hawaii so we could meet. I am explaining the coin to him about the Sun shining through so we wouldn't be in violation on copywriting infringement. He was most intrigued by that he was very moved by the fact that Marines almost 6,000 miles away took time to care for another Marine.



**MEMORIAL DAY IS ABOUT
FAR MORE THAN COLD
BEER AND HOT DOGS**



Please don't wish me a Happy Memorial day, it is not a day of celebration but rather of remembrance.

Memorial Day is for the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, that never came home.

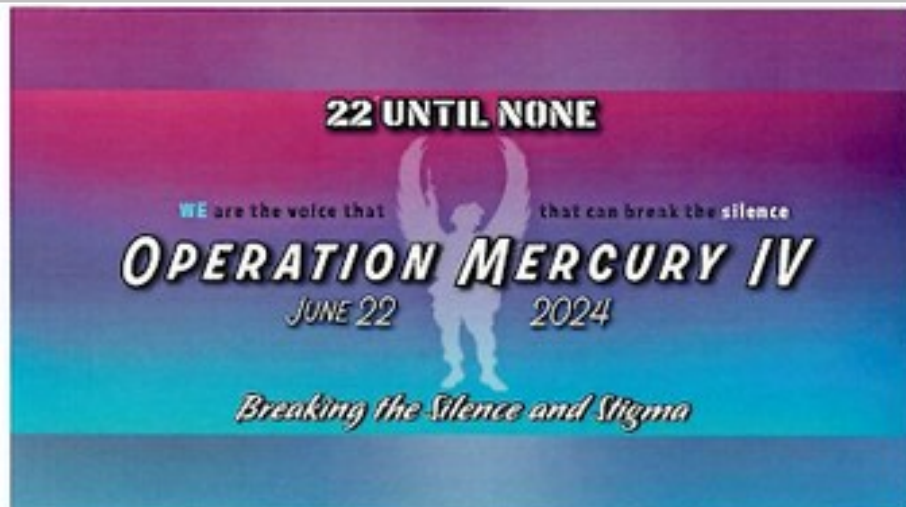
Armed Forces Day is for those that are serving today.

And Veterans Day are for those that served and came home.

We have parades and grill hot dogs and celebrate but we truly need to visit the cemetery's and pay that debt of gratitude for the sacrifice that they made. The photo on the left each boot represents someone who gave their life in the service of this country



NEW HAMPSHIRE



LET'S BREAK THE STIGMA OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ASKING FOR HELP!

**JOIN US AS WE BRING TO LIGHT THIS CRITICAL
ISSUE IN OUR VETERAN COMMUNITY!**

We will take part in a family friendly 3 mile walk/ruck/hike on the Dan Beard Trail at beautiful Camp Carpenter! Groups from around the world will stand together to Break The Stigma!! After the hiking is done, stick around for bonding, food provided by Texas Roadhouse, and fun and games!

Registration is free as this is NOT a fundraiser! Just scan the QR Code and select Manchester, NH!



**Rally: 0815
Step off: 0900**

**Location: 300 Blondin
Road, Manchester NH,
03109**

**Special thank you to Boy
Scouts Of America, Daniel
Webster Council for the
use of their land and
facilities, and Texas
Roadhouse Manchester
for providing the food!**

**This event is open to the
public and people of all
ages!**

**Sometimes it takes the
strength of a warrior to
ask for help!**

FOR MORE INFO

**Mike Martioski
MJMARTIOSKI@YAHOO.COM**

Text Or Call

603.913.4959

**Reference: Operation
Mercury**



MAINE



The Department of Maine attended Wreaths across America Event.

Alice and I went to Columbia Falls yesterday. We stood with Wreaths Across America personnel from 9am to 10am and waved our flags. We then, with John and Beverly Robbins., placed 40 dog tags on the balsam trees behind the flags. That is area 60. WAA Remembrance tree program is a great way to remember our Veterans. WAA also gave

John and I were also given the honor of raising and lowering the flag. At the end of the 1 hour period, WAA presented me with the flag that had flown during that 1 hour period. Awesome! I belong to the most exclusive club in this country. I am a U. S. Military Veteran. To my brothers and sisters in uniform, past, present and future, God Bless!





MAINE



The process had begun, Than You ARA, the Toro Foundation, city of Lewiston and L/A Veterans Council. Veterans Day is the target date. Awesome!



RHODE ISLAND

BUCCI-ATWOOD DETACHMENT

On Sunday, June 23rd, The Bucci-Atwood Detachment of the Rhode Island Marine Corps League will hold its 3rd annual golf tournament. We moved to a 18 hole course due to the interest in more players participating. This year's tournament will take place at Valley Country Club in Warwick, R.I. Shotgun start at 1:30pm, with registration starting at noon. The cost is \$160 per golfer, which includes lunch prior to golf, a pullover golf jacket and dinner afterwards.

This will be a Toys 4 Tots collection event. We ask all golfers to consider bringing toys to give our Toys 4 Tots 2024 campaign a jump start. Sign-up information and links are available in the following pages.

On Saturday July 27th The Bucci-Atwood Detachment of the Rhode Island Marine Corps League will hold it's second annual Family Fun day at Goddard State Park, Warwick Rhode Island site 28 to 33. There will be food and Music, a Bouncy, Cornhole, and Wiffle Ball. 11 am till sunset. Registration form in this issue.



Department of Rhode Island Marine Corps League at Cranston Police Festival on May 19th. Marines set up tables and conducted Rose Program event to collect raise money for the many Veteran Organizations we donate to Pictured In the tent , Marine Paul Campbell, National New England Division Vice Commandant Pat Maguire, Wayne and Carol Salisbury, and hiding in the rear is New England Division Chief of Staff, and Dept. of RI Commandant Joe Afonso.



RHODE ISLAND



Family Fun Day

Hosted By

CORNHOLE

WIFFLE
BALL

MUSIC



BOUNCY
HOUSE

WHEN: 27 JULY 2024 (RAIN OR SHINE)

WHERE: GODDARD STATE PARK, WARWICK/SITES#28-33

TIME: 11AM TO PARK CLOSING

FOOD PROVIDED: HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH
ALONG WITH YOUR BEVERAGES

****STATE LAW PROHIBITS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES****

****ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT****

COST \$5 PER PERSON / \$20 PER FAMILY

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

OF PEOPLE: _____ AMOUNT PAID: _____ VIA: _____



RHODE ISLAND



Bucci-Atwood's 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

Dear Corporate/Community Member,

On Sunday, June 23, 2024, the Bucci-Atwood Detachment 376 will be holding its 3rd annual golf tournament at the **Valley Country Club, 251 New London Ave, Warwick, RI 02886**. The proceeds from this event will benefit various charitable causes that we help support. The success of this tournament relies primarily on the support of Corporate Sponsors, Tee sponsors, and Raffle Prize Donations; without your support this tournament could not be the extraordinary success that we wish it to be.

Corporate Sponsors:

The cost of the Corporate Sponsorship is:

- **Medal of Honor Level:** \$1,000 and includes a large banner with your Company Name and a plaque
- **Silver Star Level:** \$500 and includes a small banner with your Company name at the Tournament
- **Bronze Star Level:** \$250 and includes your Company name a Bronze Star Banner
- **Tee Sponsor:** \$100 and includes a sign with your Company name at a hole on the course.

If you are willing to be a corporate sponsor, please complete the below portion of this form and mail it, along with a check made payable to Bucci-Atwood 376, to: 21 Prospect Ave., Attleboro, MA 02703.

Corporation Name: _____ Type of Sponsor: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

We thank you for your support. Your generosity is extremely important to the community and greatly appreciated by us. If you choose to support us by donating a raffle prize, then you can either mail it to the above address or contact a member at bucciatwood@rimcl.org and we will come and pick it up from you!

Respectfully,

Dave Creamer, Commandant
Bucci-Atwood Detachment #376
Department of Rhode Island





RHODE ISLAND



Bucci-Atwood's 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

Where: Valley Country Club
Warwick, RI 02886

When: Sunday, June 23, 2024
12:00 pm Registration
1:30 pm Shotgun Start



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Lunch will be burgers and hot dogs

Dinner will be chicken parm, meatballs, pasta, salad and dessert

Cost: \$160 per person (includes lunch prior to golf, dinner after golf, golf cart, & pullover wind breaker)

Foursome:

1 _____	Tel# _____	Pullover Size _____
2 _____	Tel# _____	Pullover Size _____
3 _____	Tel# _____	Pullover Size _____
4 _____	Tel# _____	Pullover Size _____

Dinner Only:

Lunch Only:

1 _____ (Cost \$30)	1 _____ (Cost \$10)
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Please return this registration form with payment as soon as possible. Make checks payable to: **Bucci-Atwood Det. 376**

MAIL TO: Bucci-Atwood 376
21 Prospect Ave
Attleboro, MA 02703

If you have any questions, please email bucciatwood@rimcl.org or call 508-294-9894.

This will be a Toys for Tots Collection Event if you would like to bring a new, unwrapped toy



RHODE ISLAND



Marine Corps League Kent County Detachment

- BENEFIT COMEDY SHOW -

Presented by John Perrotta's Comedy Factory

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024

Doors open at 6:30pm - Showtime: 7:30pm

with appearances by...



**John
Perrotta**



**Rockin'
Joe Hebert**



**The Prince
of Mystery**



**Allison
Dyen**



**Russ
Gelfuso**

Knights of Columbus

475 Sandy Lane - Warwick, Rhode Island

Bring your own pizza, snacks · Cash bar · Raffles & 50/50

Tickets \$20pp - For tickets call 401-265-1406

visit rimcl.org, or scan the QR code

Only 175 seats available





YOUNG MARINES



SOUTHERN MAINE YOUNG MARINES

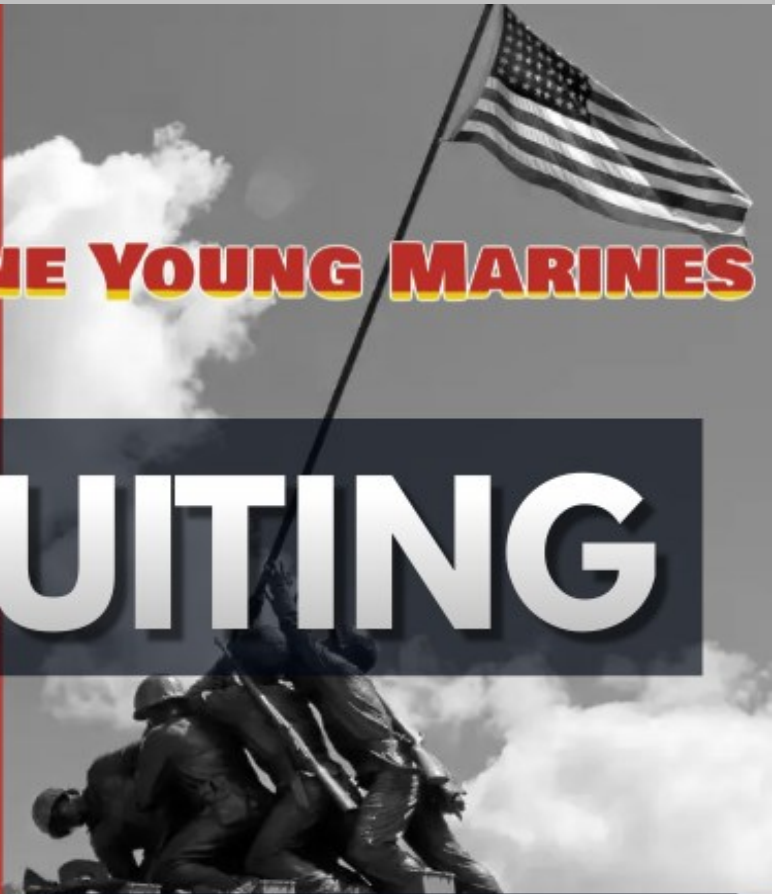
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LEADERSHIP
TEAMWORK**
AGES 8 - HS GRADUATION

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EARN THE TITLE**

TRAINING LOCATION

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SANFORD

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YOUNG MARINES FAMILY**

EARN RANKS, ATTEND DRILLS, GROW
SKILLS, TRAVEL, GIVE BACK TO THE
COMMUNITY & MAKE LIFETIME
MEMORIES

UNIT COMMANDER: GORDON KENDALL

POC: NICOLE DOYLE (207) 615-5945
SOUTHERNMAINE@YOUNGMARINES.ORG



SCRATCHING'S FROM THE DOGS



84TH SUPREME GROWL

Wednesday, 14 August 2024

Registration Schedule can be seen using using QR code below!

All Dogs must **first** register with the League for the Convention **prior** to registering with the Dogs.

IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT IF YOU ARE ADVANCING, TO ARRIVE ON SUNDAY!

All candidates for advancement or membership should view the 2024 **Advancement / Initiation** page for instructions.

IF your advancement paperwork has been received AND processed, your name will be updated on the bottom of the page. Please check there periodically for updates.

Any dogs interested in lending a helping paw during the initiation process please contact the **Honorable Mad Dog**.

Watch for information on the **National Convention** page for updates for Palm Springs, CA

Schedule:



TAPS / MEMORIES / FAREWELL

John Rutovich (JR) will greatly be missed. JR was a great Marine, Brother and Friend to all.

JOHN RUTOVICH(JR)

From the Westfield River Valley Det. 141:

December 23, 1942 – April 25, 2024

John Rutovich (JR), a man who loved his country and his family profoundly, entered eternal rest peacefully at his home on April 25, 2024. He was born in New Haven CT to the late Joseph and Elizabeth (Garland) Rutovich on December 23, 1942. He was raised and educated in Branford MA. John served his country in the Marine Corps and later chose to be in the United States Air Force. John served as a police officer prior to moving to the Westfield River Valley Det. 141. He retired as a member of the 141 Marine Corps League where he was Past Commandant. John enjoyed gardening and maintaining his yard. He also made it a sure drive with his wife, Sandy. John was a man of great discipline and respect and approached each day with the determination to give his best effort and unconditional love.



Surviving John is his devoted wife Sandy and his beloved children Rick and his wife Anna Rutowicz, John and his wife Jodi Rutowicz and Kathleen and her husband Dan Boeger. He leaves his loving grandchildren, Katie, Anna, Addie, and Edie. He also leaves his loving brother Peter Rutovich and his wife Christina as well as nephews, cousins, and many friends.





TAPS / MEMORIES / FAREWELL



TAPS / MEMORIES / FAREWELL



I found this after the funeral and it seemed so appropriate and I'm glad to have the opportunity to use it here.



"May the Valkyries welcome you and lead you through Odin's great battlefield. May they sing your name with love and fury, so we may hear it rise from the depths of Valhalla and know that you've taken your rightful place at the table of kings. For a great man has fallen: A warrior, A chieftain, A Father, A Brother and, A friend"



MARINE FOR LIFE



Connect to resources and opportunities:

Whether you're just starting the transition process, or you've already made the move to civilian life, the Marine for Life Network is here to help you grow your professional network and provide the support and guidance you need to succeed beyond the military.

Strengthen your professional relationships and expand your network.: Networking is crucial in today's professional world. The Marine for Life Network facilitates your networking capabilities through two lines of effort: virtual and face-to-face communication.

Virtual: Join the [Marine for Life Network's](#) growing community of Marines, Veterans, and military community members on LinkedIn. This premier professional networking site is an excellent resource for accessing career tools, staying connected with peers, and developing your professional brand. To connect, start by setting up a profile and joining a Marine for Life regional net-

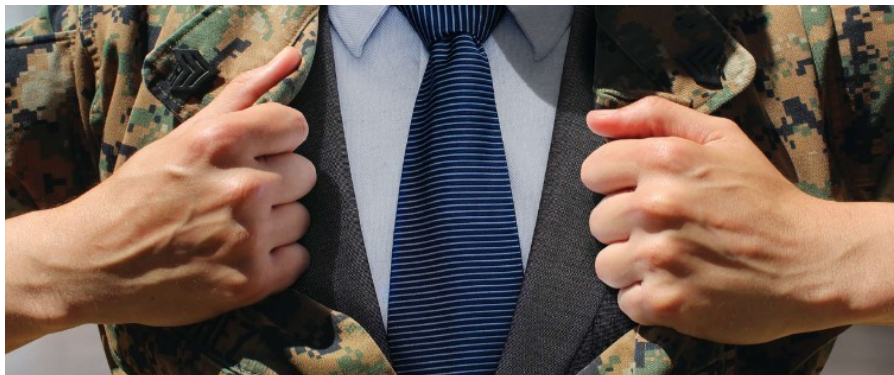
work group.

Face-to-Face: More than 70 Marine for Life Representatives serves our program as

hometown links. These representatives create a bridge between the military and civilian communities across the nation, connecting you to military-friendly job op-

portunities, career resources, and networking events. Your local representative will help you build relationships and explore employment, education, and community resources in your current area or the area where you plan to move.

Military Spouses too! The Marine for Life Network is committed to helping military spouses build relationships and connections that can benefit them in both their personal and professional lives. By leveraging the power of the Marine for Life Network, military spouses can tap into a wider network of employers, academic institutions, entrepreneurship resources, and more!





MARINE 4 LIFE



NEW NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND MARINE 4 LIFE

The Marine 4 Life Network recently hired Brendan Tallon, as the northern New England representative of the Marine 4 Life Network.

Brendan served as the Company Commander for Headquarters and Service Company, MWSS-471. Brendan stated in the announcement that he was looking forward to working with the Marines of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont in this new position!



Brendan is currently a Sgt in the New Hampshire State Police. Besides his time in the Marine Corps he has a history of Volunteering in areas like Special Olympics'. He has a degree in Physical Education from Norwich University, with a focus on health and coaching. He will be a welcome asset to the Marines 4 Life network and a big help in working with returning Marines in New England. The only missing contact now, is for Connecticut but I do believe we have someone in this position.

To me this is more Marine 4 Life contact than I have seen since I have been doing this and it would make this a good time for some self reflection. Each detachment and department is supposed to have a Marine 4 Life liaison, does your detachment have one? Is it someone who is an active participant and is committed to working at this project?

The Marine Corps League is a Veterans Service Organization, the key word being Service. If we look at all the programs we are involved in, they are all important but the thing they all have in common is that we serve our fellow Marines and the Communities we live in. Some

Marines as they return from active service, appear to be all set and think they don't need any help in transitioning at all. I don't have any scientific study figures but my guess is that number is very low. You go from having your days planned, your meals all set, and an assortment of friends to hang out with, to what are you going to do today, what do you want to eat, and how are you doing? Let me answer that question for you, "I'm Fine".

However, you are anything but fine and the purpose of Marines 4 Life is to help you get to be fine. This is also our objective as well and not just the liaison, its all of us. We often get some of these returning Marines as members and sometimes we

lose them as fast as we gain them, and that shouldn't be. Reach out to them talk to them get them involved in what you do or better yet get involved in what they do, either way we need to reach out to help and build relationships. At Quad State there was a Marine from New Hampshire whose detachment holds an Ice Cream Social each month, we need more of this at every level.

Walt Benson



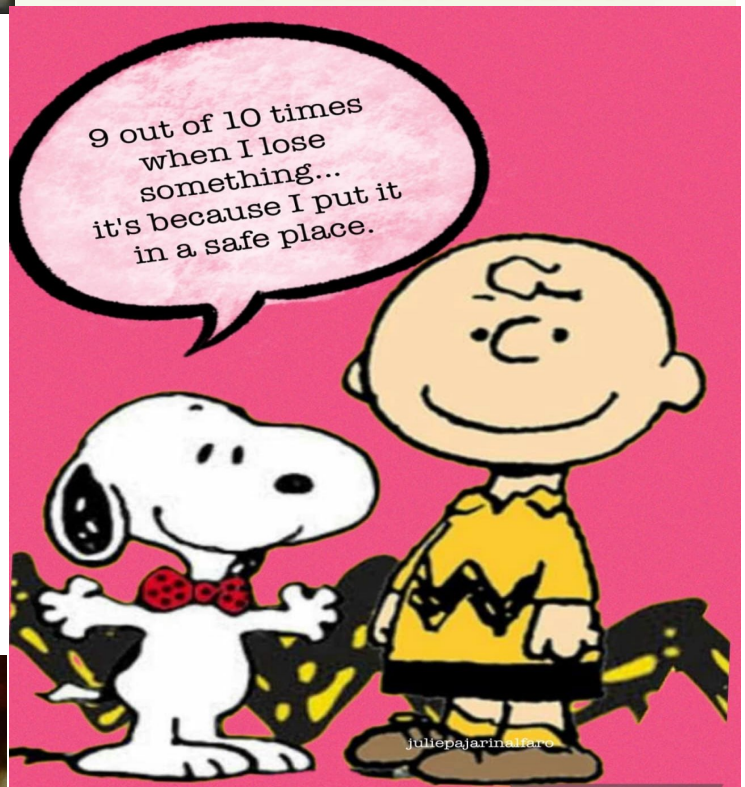


HUMOR AROUND THE DIVISION



A woman brought her daughter to the doctor because she wasn't feeling well. She told the doctor that she was having stomach problems and that she was vomiting. The doctor ran some tests and told the woman your daughter is pregnant. The woman said that is impossible she has never been alone with a man.

The doctor went to the window and was staring out the window for about five minutes without saying anything. The woman asked, doctor is there something going on out there? He said, no there is nothing happening now, but the last time this happened a Star appeared in the sky and three wise men came over the hill, and I'll be damned if I'm going to miss it this time.



Husband takes his wife to a five star restaurant. When the food arrives the husband say oh good the food is here let's eat!!

His wife reminded him, :” Honey, you always say your prayers when you are home before you have dinner.”

The husband replied “That’s at home my dear, here the chef knows how to Cook”



Building a strong relationship to secure the future

As a member of the Marine Corps Association, you will be well-connected with the Corps with MCA's membership benefits:

Resources:

[Leatherneck – Magazine of the Marines and The Marine Corps Gazette](#) are our monthly flagship publications that feature valuable information from the Corps. Members can select print and/or digital issues and can access more than one hundred years of issues of both magazines online for free. Non-members do not have access to our Magazine archives. [Click here](#) to see sample issues.

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MCA Group Insurance Program features valuable insurance products with your needs in mind – all backed by an association you can trust. We leverage the buying power of our MCA members to bring you competitive group rates and offer one convenient source for the following products:

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To learn more about the benefits of the Marine Corps Association Group Insurance Program, [Click Here](#) or call (800) 845-4685.

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[MCA Battle Study Packages](#): Members will have access to all of our Battle Study Packages and learn from the lessons of the battles of the past to excel in the Corps battlefields of the future.

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RECRUITING "IT'S JOB ONE"!!

Walt Benson



The Marine Corps League is Looking for a Few Good Marines

Recently, I have had more and more Detachments send stuff in for this Newsletter and as much as I really appreciate it, there have been some significant gains from it as well. First, let me talk about participation. No one believes that we have any detachments out there that do nothing, and I know this because we are all here for basically the same reason, "We have more to Give". Some of us are looking for the right thing that we can excel in.

Now that we have additional participation and we are going into the warm weather I want to challenge every Detachment out there. In this issue there are many things that the Detachments that sent in information to the Newsletter, that they do in their communities, to raise funds, gain recognition in the community and most importantly help other Marines and their families. I will not suggest any but I will say that there are many to choose from. Not every thing we do has to be to raise money, it's nice but there are other goals. Recruiting is a goal and yes we are a Marine Organization and we do want Marines but we will take other Veterans and Non Veterans as well. When we do gain members please include them in all we do. When I started I sat there watching the clock thinking when can I go? Then someone got me involved with an event and we sat there throwing insults back and forth all night



DO YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

JOIN THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY

**MARINES
WANTED**

FIND A DETACHMENT

[HTTPS://WWW.MCLNATIONAL.ORG/FIND-A-DETACHMENT.HTML](https://www.mclnational.org/find-a-detachment.html)



and it wound up to be so much fun I couldn't wait to do it again. To me that is comradery. Every event you do whether to raise funds, build Community interest, recruit members includes many perks, Ball breaking, food and a lot of new people to harass as you ask for their money, support, or participation. When you take up this challenge, take pictures and send them here so you can share your ideas with others. When you send them please include their names since I don't know everyone.

OK I challenged you, how about you set a goal to bring in one new member each by the end of the year. Recently while planning the CT Convention I sent out an e-mail that we lost 50 members since last year, did we? No. But we have 50 members that did not pay their dues and their membership expired. That's our fault mine and your because we don't reach out and ask where were you at the meeting or Growl? I didn't raise this issue a dog at the growl did and they were pissed about it. Getting mad is not the answer, reaching out, making calls to get these members engaged again. So you have been challenged, what say you?

Walt Benson

Are You Ready?



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Toys For Tots • Color Guard • Young Marines
Funeral Honors • Preserve Traditions



DIVISION SPOTLIGHT



In each Issue I would like to focus on Marines that are bringing their A GAME to the Division and our mission. I would ask that Detachment and Department Commandants, as well as Pack Leaders send in their choices of Members and Dogs who deserve recognition for the work they do and the contributions they make to our success. You should describe their contributions and why they are being recognized , since you know them the best.

Westfield River Valley Det. 141 Congratulations to our Associate Member Hira Byrne Paulin, Phd. Prior to receiving her PH.D, Hira defended for her Ph.D dissertation titled "Beyond Combat: Moral Injury Exposure in Officer and Enlisted Marine Veterans with Diverse Deployment Histories and the Relationship with Post traumatic Growth".



"It was extremely special to have my dissertation chair Dr. Bouton of Northern Illinois University hood me for my PhD in Health Sciences , as we are both alums of the same Rehabilitation Counseling masters program at Springfield College.

On this Military Spouse Appreciation Day Im proud to be a part of the small percentage of enlisted spouses with an advanced degree, (masters level), but an even prouder to add to the even smaller percentage of enlisted spouses with a terminal degree in my field (doctorate).

Each one of my degrees was earned with the intention to do good and give back. This PhD is no different. I look forward to the opportunity to use this degree to collaborate with others in research, programming, and advocacy for the military community, by the military community.

Hira is a relatively new Associate Member of the Westfield River Valley Detachment of the Marine Corps League. She joined with her husband Matt who is a Marine Corps Recruiter in West Springfield. From their very first meeting they were all in, helping around the detachment with whatever needed to be done. A few months back I saw her at the presentation by the Sergeant Major of The Marine Corps Carlos Ruiz, when he spoke to the Marine Corps League in Massachusetts.

When I reached out for more information about Hira, I went right to the top and in the Commandants own words. "They are an excellent addition to our Detachment and we are happy to have them". That was good enough for me usually if you ask and the person is new you hear, well they are just finding their way, but I didn't get that answer. Congratulations on your Doctorate, and thank you for joining our Ranks.



2024

JUNE

2024



SUNDAY

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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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NATIONAL CONVENTION



August 12th–16th, 2024

Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa

Welcome, to the 2024 Marine Corps League National Convention from August 12th through 16th (Monday-Friday), where members from across the nation converge as delegates representing their detachments and departments for a week of collaboration and discussion of national priorities. Our primary objective is to shape the future of our organization by collectively approving organizational priorities and legislative support, which guide our advocacy efforts in Congress on behalf of veterans, service members, and their families. Additionally, convention delegates participate in the election of new leadership and honor distinguished individuals and organizations for their unwavering support of our military community.

Also, during the week, the MCL Auxiliary will hold their convention. In addition, the Military Order of the Devil Dogs will be advancing dogs and holding their Supreme Growl. We wish a successful and productive week for the entire Marine Corps League family.

For those curious about attending their first National Convention, we encourage you to seize this opportunity. Amidst the multitude of meetings, committees, caucuses, and fun social gatherings, lies the chance to forge new friendships and exchange invaluable ideas. Your participation promises to enrich your detachment with newfound knowledge, shared experiences, and innovative perspectives.

Fun - Committees are working hard to create social events and excursions for member and family entertainment.

Please Visit the Department website to register for the Convention and the additional events as well as the Banquet at <https://www.mcldeptca.org/event-exursion>.





NATIONAL CONVENTION



Notes:

Westin Ranch Mirage Golf Resort & Spa CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Event Time	Event	Location
0800 - 1100	MCL Bylaws Committee Meeting	Mission Boardroom
0900 - 1300	MCLA Budget Committee Meeting	Hospitality 1019
1000 - 1200	MODD Staff Growl	Ambassador 6
1000 - 1300	MCLA Bylaws Committee Meeting	Oasis 6&7
1100 - 1230	MCL Foundation Meeting	Mission Boardroom
1300 - 1700	MCL Ships Stores	Rancho Mirage Room
1300 - 1700	MCLA Ships Stores	Oasis 5
1300 - 1600	California Room - Local Ship Stores (MCL & MCLA)	Ambassador 4
1300 - 1700	M.O.D.D. Quartermaster	Ambassador 5
1300 - 1600	*MCL National Board of Trustees Meeting	Hospitality 517
1300 - 1600	*MCLA National Board of Trustees Meeting	Hospitality 1019
1300 - 1700	MCL Registrations	Polo Room
1300 - 1700	MCLA Registrations	Oasis 3
	M.O.D.D. PDD Registration	Ambassador Foyer
1300 - 1700	M.O.D.D. Registration (Dog House)	Ambassador 1-3
1530 - 1700	Scholarship Committee Meeting	Mission Boardroom
1600 - 1700	First Timers Meet & Greet the National Commandant	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
1700 - 2100	Early Bird -	Westin Rancho Mirage

*At Call of Commandant, MCL; President, MCLA; Chief Devil Dog, MODD

Monday, August 12, 2024

Event Time	Event	Location
0630 - 0800	Breakfast	Celebrity Ballroom A-D
0800 - 0815	Morning Colors	Flag Pole
0800 - 1600	MCL Registration	Polo Room
0800 - 1600	MCLA Registration	Oasis 3
0800 - 1700	M.O.D.D. Registration (Dog House)	Ambassador 1-3
0800 - 1600	MCL Ships Stores	Rancho Mirage Room
0800 - 1600	MCLA Ships Stores	Oasis 5
0800 - 1600	M.O.D.D. Quartermaster	Ambassador 5
0800 - 1600	California Room - Local Ship Stores (MCL & MCLA)	Ambassador 4
0900 - 1200	Joint Opening Session (MCL & MCLA)	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
	Joint Memorial Service (MCL & MCLA)	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
	Chapel of Four Chaplains	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
1100 - 1200	Past Chief Devil Dog Society Meeting	Moroccan Boardroom
1200 - 1300	Break for Lunch	



NATIONAL CONVENTION



Monday, August 12, 2024

Event Time	Event	Location
1300 - 1600	MCL Business Session	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
1300 - 1600	MCLA Business Session	Oasis 4
1300 -	MCL Opening Session	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
	Rules of Convention	Warren Griffin
	Dedication	Warren Griffin
	Budget Committee Report	Warren Griffin
	U.S. Army TACOM	TACOM Representative
	Newsletter Awards	Dianna Grantham
	Public Relations	Victoria McCoy
	Closing Ceremony	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
Right after	Department Commandant's Council Meeting	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
1700 - 2000		

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Event Time	Event	Location
0630 - 0800	Breakfast	Celebrity Ballroom A-D
0800 - 0815	Morning Colors	Flag Pole
0800 - 1600	MCL Registration	Polo Room
0800 - 1600	MCLA Registration	Oasis 3
0800 - 1700	M.O.D.D. Registration (Dog House)	Ambassador 1-3
0800 - 1600	MCL Ships Stores	Rancho Mirage Room
0800 - 1600	MCLA Ships Stores	Oasis 5
0800 - 1600	M.O.D.D. Quartermaster	Ambassador 5
0800 - 1600	California Room - Local Ship Stores (MCL & MCLA)	Ambassador 4
0900 - 1200	MCLA Business Session	Oasis 4
0900 - 1200	MCL Business Session	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
0900 -	Call Convention to Order	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
	Credentials Committee Report	Teresa Terry
	National Commandant	Warren Griffin
	National Senior Vice Cmdt & Dept Cmdt Council Rpt	TJ Morgan
	National Junior Vice Commandant	Russ Miller
	National Judge Advocate & Resolutions	David Porter
1130 - 1230	MCLA President's Council Meeting	Oasis 6&7
1200 - 1300	MCLA Past National President Luncheon	TBD
1200 - 1300	Break for Lunch	Celebrity Ballroom A-D
1300 - 1500	MCLA Business Session continues	Oasis 4
1300 - 1600	MCL Business Session continues	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
	Bylaws Committee Presents Proposed Changes	David Porter
1600	Closing Ceremony	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
1600 - 1700	Americanism Committee	Mission Boardroom
1800 - 2000		



NATIONAL CONVENTION



National Convention Schedule - Subject to Change

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Event Time	Event	Location
0630 - 0800	Breakfast	Celebrity Ballroom A-D
0730 - 1330	Golf Tournament	Golf Course on Site
0745 - 1345	MODDF Scratch	Oasis 1, 2, & 4
0800 - 0815	Morning Colors	Flag Pole
0800 - 1200	MCL Registration	Polo Room
0800 - 1200	MCLA Registration	Oasis 3
Closed	MCL Ships Stores	Rancho Mirage Room
Closed	MCLA Ships Stores	Oasis 5
0800 - 1300	M.O.D.D. Quartermaster	Ambassador 5
0800 - 1300	M.O.D.D. Dog House	Ambassador 1-3
0800 - 1600	California Room - Local Ship Stores (MCL & MCLA)	Ambassador 4
0800 - 1000	Marine of the Year Society Meeting	Mission Boardroom
0800 - 1200	M.O.D.D. Initiation	Ambassador 1-3
1300 - 1500	National Convention Committee Meeting	Mission Boardroom
1300 - 1700	M.O.D.D. Supreme Growl	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
1600 - 1700	M.O.D.D. of the Year Society Growl	Moroccan Boardroom
1700 - 1800	MODD Hospitality	Celebrity Ballroom A-D
1800 - 2000	Hospitality Room hosted by MODD (all welcome)	Celebrity Ballroom A-D
1800 - 2100		

Thursday, August 15, 2024

Event Time	Event	Location
0630 - 0800	Breakfast	Celebrity Ballroom A-D
0700 - 0900	PNC Society	Mission Boardroom
0800 - 0815	Morning Colors	Flag Pole
0800 - 0900	MCLA Div Vice President's Workshop	Oasis 6&7
0800 - 0900	PNP Society	Hospitality 1019
0800 - 1600	MCL Registration	Polo Room
0800 - 1600	MCLA Registration	Oasis 3
0800 - 1600	MCL Ships Stores	Rancho Mirage Room
0800 - 1600	MCLA Ships Stores	Oasis 5
0800 - 1700	M.O.D.D. Quartermaster	Ambassador 5
0800 - 1700	M.O.D.D. Dog House	Ambassador 1-3
0800 - 1600	California Room - Local Ship Stores (MCL & MCLA)	Ambassador 4
0900 - 1200	MCLA Business Session	Oasis 4
0900 - 1200	MCL Business Session	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
0900 -	Opening Ceremony	Warren Griffin
0900 - 0905	Credentials Committee Report	Teresa Terry
0905 - 0920	Marine for Life	David Ossian
0920 - 0930	Youth Physical Fitness / US Marines Youth Foundation	Sean Patton
0930 - 0940	Marine Corps League Foundation	Howard Schaeffer
0945 - 0950	PNC Society Report	Johnny Baker
0950 - 1000	Break	



NATIONAL CONVENTION



Thursday, August 15, 2024

Event Time	Event	Location
1000	Conventions/Conferences Committee	Jim Ransom
	2026 Presentations	Jim Ransom
	Vote on 2026 National Convention Proposals	Jim Ransom
1030 - 1130	MODD Staff Meeting	Moroccan Boardroom
1030 - 1055	Nomination of Officers	Warren Griffin
1055	Closing Ceremony	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
1100	Break for Lunch	Lunch in Common Areas
TBD	M.O.D.D. & M.O.D.D.F. Luncheon	Celebrity Ballroom A-D
1200 - 1700	Trip	
1330 - 1530	MCLA Business Session continues	Oasis 4
1700 - 2000	Evening Event	

Friday, August 16, 2024

Event Time	Event	Location
0630 - 0800	Breakfast	Celebrity Ballroom A-D
0745 - 0845	MCLA Past President's Club	Oasis 4
0800 - 0815	Morning Colors	Flag Pole
0800 - 1200	MCL Registration	Polo Room
0800 - 1200	MCLA Registration	Oasis 3
0800 - 1200	MCL Ships Stores	Rancho Mirage Room
0800 - 1200	MCLA Ships Stores	Oasis 5
0800 - 1200	M.O.D.D. Quartermaster	Ambassador 5
0800 - 1200	M.O.D.D. Dog House	Ambassador 1-3
0800 - 1200	California Room - Local Ship Stores (MCL & MCLA)	Ambassador 4
0900 - 1200	MCLA Business Session	Oasis 4
0900 - 1200	MCL Business Session	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
0900 -	Call Convention to Order	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
0900 - 0905	Credentials Committee Report	Teresa Terry
	Chief Devil Dog Report for MODD	Alan Sanning
	President MCLA Report	Linda Chamberlain
1000 - 1100	Marksmanship Awards	Phil Zamora
1100 - 1200	Americanism Awards	Tom Arcuri
1200-1300	Break for Lunch	Celebrity Ballroom A-D
1300 - 1500	MCLA Business Session continues	Oasis 4
1300 - 1500	MCL Business Session continues	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
	Call Convention to Order	Celebrity Ballroom E-H
	Young Marines - NED/CEO & Liaison	Bill Davis & Angela Maness
	Toys for Tots	Russ Miller
	Remaining Reports Not Given	Warren Griffin
	Motion to Accept All Reports	Warren Griffin
	Unfinished Business/New Business/Good of the League	Warren Griffin
	Credentials Committee Final Report	Teresa Terry
	Election and Installation of Officers	Warren Griffin
1500	Closing Ceremony	Warren Griffin
1800 - 1900	Formal Reception (Cash Bar)	Celebrity Ballroom Foyer
1900 - 2200	Grand Banquet - Close the Convention	Celebrity Ballroom A-H



CLASSIFIED SECTION



HELP WANTED

Department of CT– Is seeking a Paymaster to begin serving in June. No Department can function or conduct any business without a paymaster. One need not be able to function as an accountant you need only to be able to balance a check-book and care. It is an opportunity to move up in the league and serve at a higher level.

Department of CT– Is seeking an Americanism Chair. Your duties would include overseeing the Departments participation and entries into the Americanism program.

Department of CT– Is seeking a VAVS NORTH and VAVS SOUTH. These position have been open for a while there are training videos available on the National Website.

Department of CT– Is seeking a Young Marine Liaison. This position requires someone to keep the Young Marines and the Marine Corps League connected to each other. Keep up on the events they are participating in and encourage us to attend and support those events.

Department of CT– Is seeking an Adjutant. The Job of the Adjutant is to take the minutes at the Department meetings and facilitate the communications for the Department..

Department of CT– Is seeking a Youth Physical Fitness liaison to make contact with schools to set up the program and help out wherever needed.

New England Division– is seeking a Historian, who will take over keeping the history and accomplishments of the Division.

New England Division– is seeking a Legal Advisor and for this position you would need skills to advise the Division on all legal matters.

New England Division– is seeking a Auxiliary Liaison . This position needs to be filled by a strong individual who would basically bring the Auxiliary back to life. You would need good communication skills as well as drive and ambition.

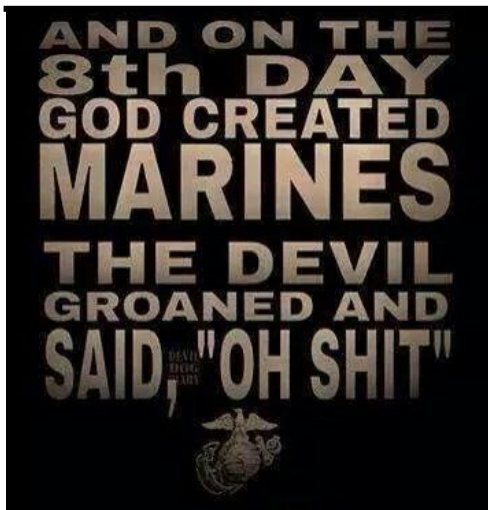
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HELP WANTED

Each edition I will list any job a Department has that is open. We need to encourage Marines to step up and fill these positions. Many people think that those of us that hold positions have some special skills that allow us to do these things we do but that is not true. WE are all here because we feel we have more to offer and more to do. We appreciate that you come to the meetings but think how much more you could help by stepping up. I think by now I have heard just about every excuse to why people can't do things but you can and that is a conversation you need to have with yourself. No one ever joined the Marine Corps because they thought there were easy no stress jobs here. There are jobs listed here that if not filled would prevent a Department from functioning. There are only two people authorized to handle money in the Department one is the Commandant the other is the Paymaster. These are the only two people that can sign checks, the only two people listed on the accounts for banking and scholarship. What are your special skills? Ou Can deposit money in the bank write checks and keep the checkbook balanced. There are other jobs that are just as important but this is the one I know the best right now. When I took it I did so in a situation similar to this there was a new commandant coming in and I did not want them to struggle or be limited. We need someone to do this again.

Youth Physical Fitness liaison is another position that we are desperately seeking to fill. If you were a teacher or a coach you may have the connections we need to get this program off the ground. I have some ideas that are being used in other states by people, we need people here with connections to help implement them. I am sorry that I didn't give more notice but this was a last minute idea by someone who is desperate to bring us back to where we were. It is time to come off the sidelines your brothers and sisters need you now more than ever. I'm pretty sure I learned this in bootcamp when I was tired the DI said sleep when your dead. So in the future send us your open jobs better yet send us your Marines.

Walt Benson



Regardless of the situation, the Marine Corps has an answer for almost everything.

A Marines Prayer

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones, and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family.

Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my Country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer. Amen



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WORD OF THE DAY

Over the centuries, certain Latin phrases have been used widely enough in English to get included in the dictionary. This is one of the favorites:

Semper Fidelis

sem-per fi-dey-lis;

"Always faithful"

These two words have long served as motto for families, schools, and organizations – most famously, since 1883, for the United States Marine Corps.

EXAMPLE:

He will receive the Semper Fidelis Award for his support of the Marine Corps University Foundation.

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