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LASKEY'S TELEGRAPH



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Message From The Division Commandant



Welcome back to another exciting issue of the Laskey Telegraph were you get to see what is going on around the New England Division. Wait, you have definitely out done yourself putting this one together. The league is never about one person, it's about building a team and working together for the good of the League. I could not be any more proud of the New England Division's staff for all the hard work you are doing. No one is perfect, but the Division has a staff that has strived and has given you their best! What you will see in this issue, you will see what I am talking about and why we call ourselves a family.

To have a successful mission, you have to look past what you can see with just the League, it's about the community the League is in. If you take care of your community, the community will over time take care of the League. Do not look for the quick results, but have patience and wait for the long term rewards. Working together, building relationships with other community organizations will strengthen our future not only within the League, but for the Marine Corps and our future leaders.

The Department of Mass's leadership changed up the venue this year, and we had a very fun successful Convention. I would have liked to seen more detachment commandants attend, but this is a challenge I see throughout the League. I am looking forward to Department of Connecticut's convention at the end of this month. They have secured a highly motivated guest speaker that will probably give a little insight on the National Convention and what we could possibly see for the 100 th year anniversary of the Marine Corps League. So, please sign

up and let our guest speaker see a full room of family from the Division!

I do not want to wish the summer to pass so quickly, but I cannot wait till the National Convention out in Oklahoma City in August for two reasons. The first I am excited to pass on the torch to new leadership and watch them grow and take the Division to the next level. As much as I enjoyed serving the New England Division, five years is long enough stretch as NVC. I know Pat Maguire from Department of Rhode Island and Michael Hinds from Department of Massachusetts will be outstanding National Vice Commandant and Assistant National Vice Commandant. Second, I am excited to see if my hard work traveling around the League will pay off at the elections for the National Judge Advocate position. I have not come this far to stop giving back to the League.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer, hope to see most of you in Connecticut the last weekend in June.

One last thing, my website for the elections should be up and running very soon:
www.Porter4NJA.org



Semper Fi

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<p>Div. Web Sergeant</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>In all of our travels and attending these events we all have the opportunity and duty to grow our membership, and these are all opportunities. I am always asked whether in the elevator or the lobby, "Who are you guys and what are you doing here?" I usually would respond that we are Marines and we belong to the Marine Corps League and this is our convention where we meet every year. Yea I know not much of an answer, but I learned something last year at work when we were rolling out a new product, and it was called an elevator speech. It is designed to respond to a question such as this and to compile as much vital information to peak the persons interest into asking for more information such as where we are located and how to join us. Such a speech would go something like this: "I am a member of the Marine Corps League, we are a Veterans Service Organization made up of Marines and other service members who although they changed uniforms wish to continue to serve, our Communities, fellow Marines and other Veterans in many ways, such as scholarships, supplying honor details at funerals, color guards and meting the needs of our Communities." What's your speech sound like?</p>
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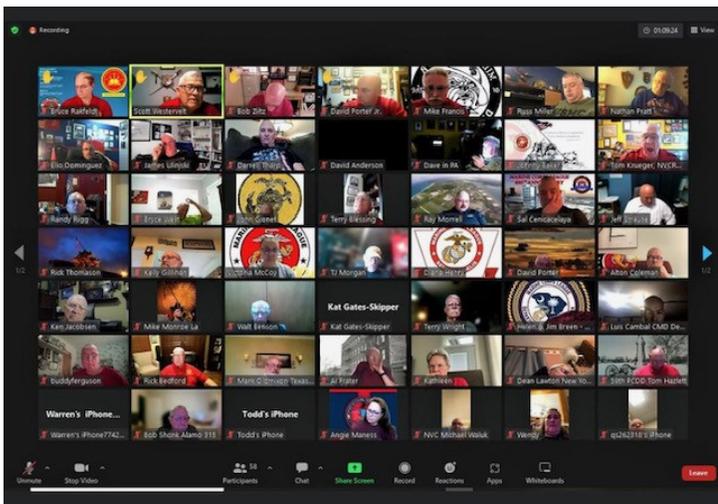
We just got back from Quad State, and if didn't attend you missed a really great time. Great scenery, great food, a lot of information and an incredibly good time with some incredible people. But with that behind us we have a lot ahead of us. Next we move on to the Massachusetts Convention with some incredible entertainment, Pistols, Hatchets, and golf clubs chose your weapons wisely. Of course we will have a Grand Growl and a business meeting and a banquet but there is a lot of fun and entertainment built into three days. Moving on we go to the Connecticut Convention located in Central Connecticut. Then the final piece of the Convention series The 100th National Marine

WHEN YOU FEEL YOU HAVE MORE TO GIVE

This years election for National Judge Advocate seems to be a very sought after position, with four candidates running for the position. They all have about the same amount of time in the league. They all have similar experiences, but what is their vision? Their vision has to be in alignment with your vision as that person will someday become the National Commandant. So what does the candidate of your choice offer you that the others do not. I watched the Commandants Council where we got all four candidates side by side and listened to what their visions and goals were.

and good, but when you feel you have more to give, what do you do? The simple answer is that you take your message and implement it in as many places as you can. What you gave to a Division you now look to give to more people. We all look at recruiting and growth as something we do not achieve as many or as much as we would like but everyone wins by getting one member, one goal, or one score at a time. And we as Marines, Improve, adapt and Overcome, Impossible is not a reality it's only an opinion, and it only becomes a reality if you allow it.

If you don't think there is an upside to this philosophy on negativity, I will give you an example. In all I have written, not once did I write Candidate 1, said or didn't say this. Candidate 2 & 3, said or didn't say this. I said they were in the League about the same time and had similar experience and I told you why I felt David was a better choice. I have taken this philosophy to work and my outside life and it works. It is more productive than complaining or dwelling on the negatives. Is it all he has to offer? Not by a long shot he promotes and is involved in all the organizations we support. If you attend a National or Mid-Winter convention he will constantly get up to donate or pledge support to that cause. If you think it's not important it is, New England is well know in the league and now at the end of his tour he has left the Division in Great shape to grow in the future.



I think the one element that Dave Porter brings to the table that the others do not, is to leave the negativity at the door. Sounds simple right but its not. The one thing that all of the new members have in common and I hear over and over again is that there is too much bickering and we waste all of our time on that. We are trying to build our ranks and being positive, open to new ideas, and comradery is what will get us there. Everyone knows we need training so that our leadership is better equipped to build on what we have and lead us in a positive direction but that is only part of it.

I see leadership here that puts forth the effort in everything being done and its done with the unity and brotherhood of a Family. The man lives the Marine Corps league and especially the New England Division in everything we do. If there is an event, we are there, we are constantly a presence in everything we do and that drive and attitude spreads throughout the Departments and Detachments as well. I have learned this and used this in everything I do since I have been a part of this team. Imagine what it would be like to have this spirit and attitude throughout the entire organization.

In the past Newsletters I have covered many of the places Dave has campaigned and that is all well



CAMPAIGNING BUILDS A STRONG RESUME'

With four Candidates seeking office Campaigning is a big part of the strategy. Traveling the country North, South, East, and West. Along that long and winding road sometimes you pick up some additional Accolades. Our NE Vice Commandant David M. Porter was selected as Patrol Officer of the Year for the City of Cambridge Massachusetts. Well done sir, Semper Fi. Here is a facsimile of the Award he will receive later this month.

Here are some Campaign Photos from that long and winding road.



*Ruth & Carl Barron
Employee of the Year Award*

These Awards are given by Ruth & Carl Barron who have been staunch supporters of the Cambridge Police Department, and who have given so much of themselves to the city of Cambridge they serve as role models of what exemplifies devotion to community and public service. These awards are bestowed upon those members of the Cambridge Police Department who have continuously distinguished themselves in their devotion to service within the Police Department. This Award of Patrol Officer of The Year recognizes the Superior Officer of the Year and the Employee of the Year

David M. Porter JR.





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.Reflections and Opportunities

Greetings my fellow CT MC Leaguers. I hope this Newsletter edition finds you and yours well. It is extremely hard for me to wrap my head around the fact that it has been nearly a year since I was elected as your Department Commandant.

As such, I thought it appropriate to first reflect on the past year, then to look at opportunities to improve upon the things that need improving upon, and at the same time ensuring that we keep doing the things that we are doing right. I, individually and you all as an organization have been blessed with such a competent and motivated Board of Trustees. As I reflect upon their significant contributions to the success we have enjoyed over this past year, I encourage you as a body to re-elect the same slate of officers who wish to continue in their current positions.

So specifically, some things we as a group can improve upon in the coming year.



- Conduct our Detachment Installations of Officers in a timely fashion and then submit the completed ROI's
- Complete our annual CT Secretary of State Incorporation filings on time
- Complete our annual 1990's on time
- For those that have them, complete our TachCom rifle reports on time

As I close, I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming annual convention {Hilton Garden Inn Glastonbury 30JUN-1JULY}. I look forward to serving as your commandant for another term if that is your wish. I look forward to the opportunities to better our Department, but must of all, I look forward to seeing many of you continuing to be involved and more of you getting involved.

Semper Fi
Patrick T. McMahon
Commandant
Department of Connecticut
Marine Corps League



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AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



Armed Forces Luncheon Aqua Turf Southington



Seymour Memorial Day Parade



Valley Detachment Memorial Day Parade



Top Lee Paul C. Houghton Memorial Day Parade



Peter P. Monaco Jr. Memorial Day Parade



Housatonic Detachment Car Show



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SO YOU'RE 100 YEARS OLD AND YOU'RE A MARINE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – June 13, 2023: CT Department of Veterans Affairs and the Military Women’s Memorial celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Women’s Armed Services Integration Act and honor Corporal Dottie Dee, 100-year-old WWII Marine Corps veteran, who received the “Living Legend Award” from the Military Women’s Memorial.

Women’s Armed Services Integration Act, signed into law on June 12, 1948, granting women the right to serve as regular, permanent members of the Armed Services for the first time. Merging the two events together was memorable and meaningful since it was military women, like Cpl Dottie Dee, who helped lead the way to get this bill to pass three years after the end of WWII.



DVA Commissioner Ron Welch, BG, U.S. Army (Ret), and Colonel Lesbia Nieves, CTANG, DVA Director partnered with retired Marine Corps Sergeant Major Jamie DePaola to organize the ceremony. Specialist Alexis Ficeto, CTANG sang the National Anthem, Marines from 25th Marine Regiment provided an all-female Color Guard and six female Marines from Newport Naval Base, RI, made the trip to CT to be part of this celebration to honor a legend. There were members from all the branches of service who came to celebrate this milestone anniversary with Cpl Dottie Dee.

Dottie Dee stood proud in her original WWII uniform as she received her award from the Military Women’s Memorial, among a few other Proclamations from CT Lt Governor Susan Bysiewicz and CT State Senator Cathy Osten. Dottie enjoyed meeting several generations of women warriors who came to meet a true trailblazer and to celebrate the day with her. She shared her words of wisdom about serving this great country that she loves, and for peace in the world. Sergeant Major DePaola, MCL Member-at-Large, closed the ceremony by saying, “We were once ordinary women who chose to do something extraordinary by serving in the United States Armed Forces.”



On Monday, June 12th, over 100 guests gathered at the Gold Star Families Auditorium at the CT Department of Veterans Affairs Rocky Hill Campus to celebrate and honor 100-year-old WWII Marine Corps Veteran, Corporal Dottie Dee, from Farmington, CT, for being selected by the Military Women’s Memorial in Arlington, VA, as a “Living Legend Award” recipient.

Veterans and active-duty members joined in the celebration on the milestone anniversary of the





Hike To Remember XI

South Glastonbury, CT

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When & Where

Sep 16, 2023
Saturday
4:00 AM
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Event Schedule

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Glastonbury, CT
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Veterans of Peter P Monaco Jr Detachment 40, Marine Corps League - MCL
19 hours ago

Hike to Remember XI
Registration is now open!
UNITING VETERANS TO BUILD AWARENESS, BUILD COMRADERY AND PREVENT SUICIDE

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Why 22 kilometers? In the hearts and minds of these military veterans, it is simply a reminder that they lose 22 veteran and/or active duty brothers and sisters from suicide every day.

MCL Det. 40's mission is to unite veterans and service members from all branches and walks of life to enjoy the camaraderie they had shared while serving. Together, they integrate their passion with purpose to combat suicide in the veteran community. Each year's hike is designed to join these forces to support the fight to end veteran suicide and to support veterans and their families as they transition back to civilian life.

We hope you'll give it a share to help spread awareness about this important cause. God bless America!

PLEASE NOTE: The Hike portion of this event is open to Veterans and Active Duty Service Members only.
Registration is currently OPEN

MASSACHUSETTS

THE DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION

The Massachusetts 86th Department Convention, in Sturbridge Massachusetts was a spectacular event. It started a little earlier than most as we kicked off 07:30 Friday morning at the range for pistol and rifle fire, at



Hamilton Rod and Gun Club, which was a fantastic time even though it was a little hot at



90 degrees. There was a rumor that we got a visit from some sand fleas, please remember if you kill one we have to stop to have a burial.

The afternoon was the golf tournament, a 9-hole version of the Jim Laskey Memorial Golf Tournament, which encountered a severe intervention by the Supreme Commandant with hail and a torrential downpour, putting an end to the good, the bad, and the ugly.

We had a great buffet at the hotel, followed by a Grand Growl where the laughs just kept on coming. Some of us followed the Growl with a trip to a distillery tasting and Ax throwing and a local Marine Veteran's business. The ladies did much better than the guys at this event, clearly having a better handle in this activity.



The Convention opened on Saturday Morning at 08:00 with the Role call of officers and some housekeeping items and the adjourned to prepare and move to the memorial service.



The Convention resumed after lunch with the regular order of business, a by-law change on the Marine of The year selection process which was voted on and passed. Some awards were given out from Commandant Brian Brooks to the officers in his staff, before moving on to the election of officers.

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The NE Vice Commandant David Porter presided over the election of officers and National SR. Vice Commandant Warren Griffin administered the oath to the new officers.

The Convention was closed until the Attitude Adjustment Hour prior to the Banquet. The food was great and the company even better. We proceeded to our guest speaker, SgtMaj. Tracy Lynch, who fulfilled all the rules of being a Great Guest Speaker as he was a Marine, he had great and pertinent material to speak on and he was brief, Thank You SgtMa



The Banquet concluded with the presentation of Awards. The first award was the Young Marine of The Year to

Once the officers were sworn in he proceeded to give instructions and guidance to the new Commandant, presenting him with his gavel.



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YM Of The Yr., GySgt. Emily Carrcira, with Commandant Jon Zwirblia, NE Div. Liaison Bruce Katz and YM Deputy Director Wilson Lee



Young Marine Of The Year, GySgt. Emily Carrcira gives her acceptance speech.



**Associate Members of The Year
Tabitha Marsden &
Latrice Cheney
With SR. Vice
Commandant Mike Hinds**

**And Last Years
Associate Member
Of The Year
Elizabeth Anderson**

**Marine of The Year
Frank Serra
with
NE Vice Commandant
David Porter
And**

**3 Prior
Marines of The
Year**



MAINE

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AT EVERGREEN CEMETERY



Above Tom Roche and David Close attend ceremonies at Evergreen Cemetery Maine for a Memorial Day Service.

Left: Larry Chretien and Drew Robertson at his promotion to M/Sgt. Drew lives in Rhode Island and is in charge of Recruiting in Massachusetts.



RHODE ISLAND

LAZY WITH THE LEAGUE

The Department wanted to come up with a different way to help Veterans. We partnered with an organization to receive La – Z – Boy recliners. We received 5 of them and then reached out to the community to find Veterans who needed a recliner. Once we got five, we scheduled a day to make the deliveries, which was the 23 rd of May. We met for breakfast, loaded up our trailer and headed out. Our first stop was an 83-year-old Coast Guardsman,



he was very happy to be receiving a new recliner, he was having difficulty getting out of his old one he received, he had to push a button and it would just have to rise to make it easier for him to get up. The next one being a Corpsman, he had to be elevated to handle the leg issue he had a hard time getting



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“Lazy with the League” - Ending the day at Newport Naval Base



recliner was a push of a button to raise/lower his legs and to get up. The Corpsman was mobile and in need of a chair for his home. The third Navy Veteran was mobile, didn't have income to purchase a chair so he was happy that we were able to make that addition to his home. The last Veteran is Army and served in the Vietnam War, “welcome home”. He was just amazed that he was chosen to receive a chair, with his wife commenting, “this is amazing that someone is doing something nice for you, no one has done anything nice like this for you in a very long time.”

Although, we are an organization of Marines, we are here to help all Veterans. All the recipients were grateful to receive the recliners as well as their family members. There were even some tears shed of joy. Being the first

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time, the Department has done something like this, we weren't sure how it was going to play out. The League members that participated on this day all commented how gratifying it was for them as much as the recipients. Due to the success, we are planning on receiving more recliners to put smiles on more Veterans faces in Rhode Island.

RHODE ISLAND

AQUIDNICK ISLAND POLICE PARADE



RIMCL & RIYM'S lining up for the parade



Nearing the end of the parade



East Providence (RI) Police Dept. recognizing all branches of the military



Portsmouth (RI) Police Dept. comfort dog

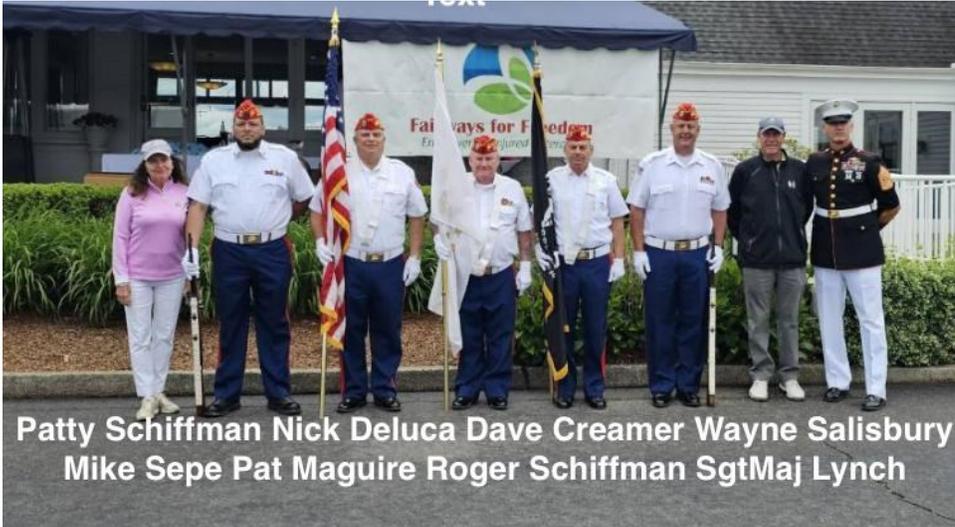


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RHODE ISLAND

COLOR GUARD FAIRWAYS FOR FREEDOM

Over the last few months, I have attended multiple events and I have met and spoken to SgtMaj Tracy Lynch (USMC/RET). The most recent event was the Department of Massachusetts convention. SgtMaj Lynch was their guest speaker, in speaking with him after-



wards he explained to me a situation where a color guard was needed. There was a golf tournament coming up on Monday and he was going to speak before the golfers were to tee off and then golf himself. I told SgtMaj, If he could give me the location and the time that it was needed The Department of Rhode Island would have a color guard present. I reached out to the members about the situation,

Patty Schiffman Nick Deluca Dave Creamer Wayne Salisbury
Mike Sepe Pat Maguire Roger Schiffman SgtMaj Lynch

and these dedicated Marines and associate members stepped up to the plate to ensure that there was a color guard. In

the pictures you will find Nick Deluca, Dave Creamer, Wayne Salisbury, Mike Sepe and



SgtMaj Lynch speaking to the golfers before they tee off



Patty was happy about the donation from RIMCL

myself. Behind the scenes, there were associate members, Carol Salisbury and Wayne

Hamilton. SgtMaj Lynch, Patty and Roger Schiffman, cofounders of Fairways for

Freedom were very appreciative that we were able to help them out. They were also

happy that the Department of Rhode Island made a \$250 donation to their cause. Keep

up the good work supporting Veterans.

Semper Fidelis!!

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RHODE ISLAND

I would like to thank all who came out to support our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at the Hillside Country Club. The staff at Hillside Country Club were great to work with and extremely accommodating. To all the business' that made such generous donations, we would not have been successful without your kindness. Finally, to the Marine Corps League Department of Rhode Island members, associate members, family and friends that came together to facilitate this event flawlessly and made it a great success, Thank You!



RHODE ISLAND

Family Fun Day

Hosted By

CORNHOLE



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BOUNCY
HOUSE

WHEN: 22 JULY 2023 (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: _____



YOUNG MARINES



Friday, September 22, 2023 | 0700 EDT

Medal of Honor Golf Course

Quantico, VA

Schedule of Events

Check-in Opens
7:00 am

Warm-Up on the Range
7:00-8:00 am

Report to Golf Carts
8:15 am

Post-Tournament Reception
3:00pm

Scoring and Results
3:30 pm-4:00 pm

Prizes
4:00 pm

Departures
5:00 pm



Located At:
Medal of Honor Golf Course
3313 Fuller Heights Rd., Quantico, VA

Can't Make It?

You can still help Young Marines create strong leaders of tomorrow by:
--Making a Tax Exempt Donation
OR
--Purchasing a Sign with Your Company Logo to display on the course



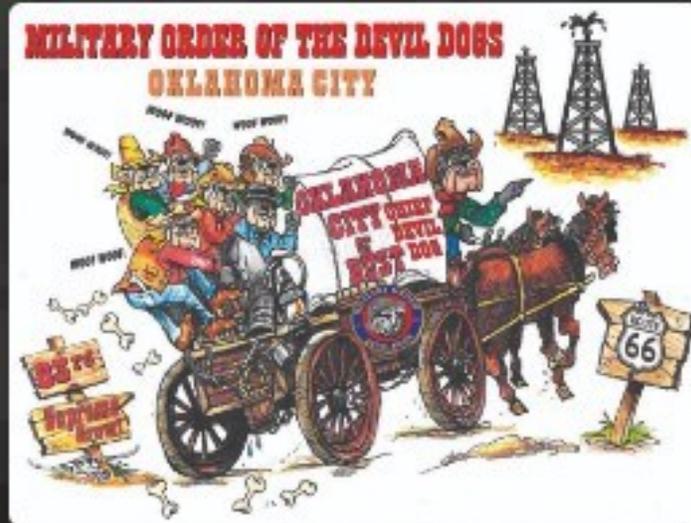
Register Today or if you cannot attend Consider a donation or a sponsorship for the tournament.

There are many ways to participate and help The Young Marines. Sponsor a hole or golf Carts, or even purchase a sign





SCRATCHINGS FROM THE DOGS



83RD SUPREME GROWL

Wednesday, 16 August 2023

Registration Schedule will be posted when available!

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 2023 [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 OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

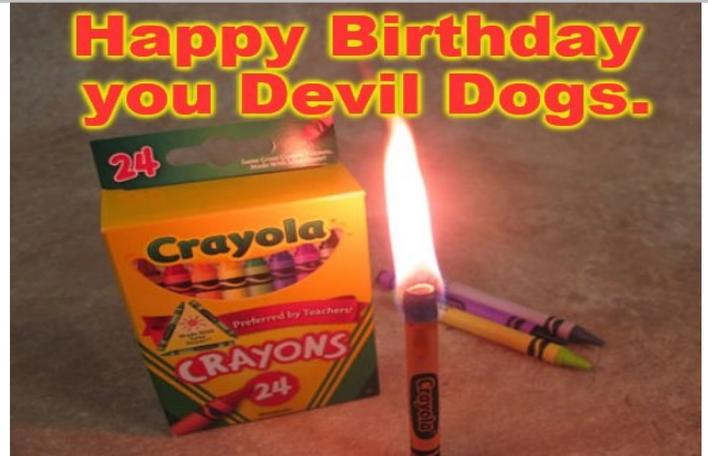
2023 SUPREME GROWL REGISTRATIONS

Online registrations will all be through the MCL Registration for the 2023 National Convention.

Below is the link to the National Convention page with all the links and information.

<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/>

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Marine For Life Network (M4L) connects transitioning Marines and their family members to education resources, employment opportunities, and other Veterans services that aid in their career and life goals outside of military service. The Marine For Life Network offers Marines and family members connections to military-friendly employment, education, and other Veteran and community resources. <http://www.usmc-mccs.org/services/career/marine-for-life-network/>

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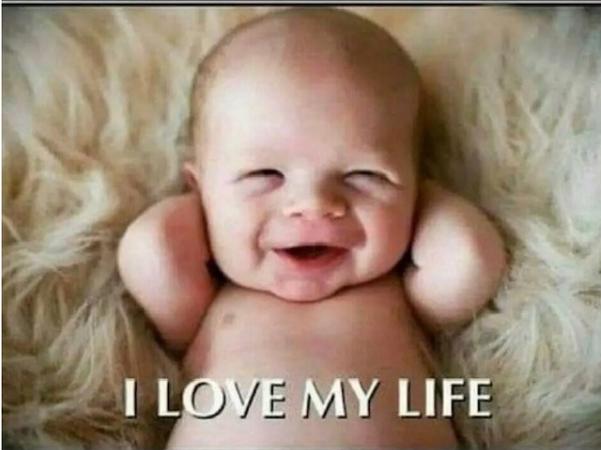
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HUMOR AROUND THE DIVISION



Every time I cry they stick a boob in my mouth



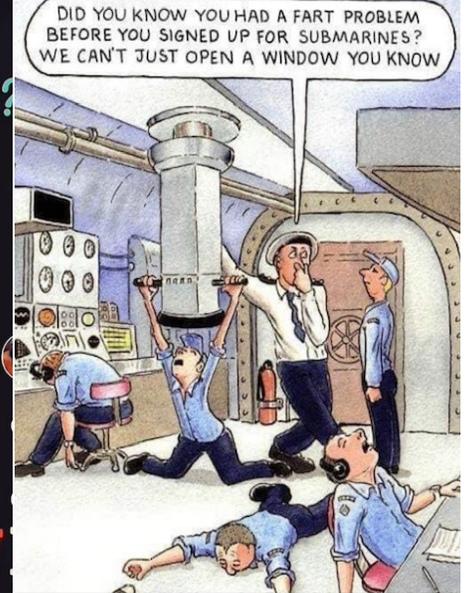
I LOVE MY LIFE

WAIT? WHAT?
I Have An Attitude?



No! Really?

WHO KNEW



THE DEFINITION OF BULLSHIT

WHEN THE VA SAYS YOUR FEET, KNEE OR BACK PROBLEMS ARE NOT SERVICE RELATED





DIVISION RECRUITING



I WILL SERVE UNTIL VALHALLA

We all have our own reasons for being in the Marine Corps League, and rather than put anyone on the spot or attempt to speak for anyone else, I just want to speak about why I think I do it. I say why I think I do it because I have never been able to define it. I found my current employer and the Marine Corps League at the same time. My boss was a member of the League and he convinced me to come to a meeting. Now when I came it wasn't rainbows and lollipops, I was bored to death I used to watch the clock to see when I could get out of there, but one night someone said, "Walt, do you want to shoot at the monuments with us"? That was the beginning of my journey into what it meant to serve. I had a rifle in my hands again and was part of a detail rendering honors for those who were no longer there. I continued on and did Roses to raise money for scholarships and more, and then I found something that was very meaningful, Funeral Honors. It was a humbling experience, showing the families of these veterans that their loved ones service was not over at the time their enlistment was up, and that their brothers and sisters would be there to render honors at the time of death was something I felt honored to be a part of.

The call to serve is constantly changing for many reasons, the needs of those requiring it and the abilities of those serving. It feels good to serve others. It kind of brings you back to the old days when you saw yourself in the mirror as a superhero, after all weren't all Marines superhero's? What I do and what I put into it is really something we all have to gauge, for me it's in my DNA, I put the same effort into my job at work. But my goal is to be able to pass that dedication and spirit on to others. We all have skills and ambitions we would like to pass on, but how are we going to do that?

It has been discussed many times that



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there is more to getting new members than getting them to come to a meeting. We have to be willing to put in the time to get that new member involved. Invite them for coffee after the meeting, invite them to volunteer to do Roses, do Parades or participate in ceremonies at monuments on holidays. Ask them why they came to the meeting and what are they looking to get out of it, but be prepared for the I just want to get out of the house answer.

Lastly, we have to be aware that things change. I cannot do Funeral Honors anymore, I cannot march in parades, but I can do other things. My legs may not be what they used to be but the other parts of me work. My mind works, my hands work and if there is a job I can do sitting down, count me in. Some of the greatest things we can do is just to show up. People are conscience of numbers, success is measured in numbers and those numbers support others. So for me and those that are like me, we will continue to show up, continue to ask what can I do to help? And since I live by those words Once a Marine Always a Marine, I will continue to serve until Valhalla, whose with me?

Walt Benson

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.



Dave Porter, I just want to begin with Sgt.Maj. Overstreet will be proud. This is my third year in the Division and I have known Dave a little longer than that and in that time he

has taught me a lot, not only things that I have used in the League but in my work outside as well. We are lucky in that Pat Maguire will take his place as he moves on but there is no doubt that he will be missed. The attitude and dedication that he has brought to the New England Division, the family atmosphere, I think have contributed to making us an example to be followed. Each year I have seen the number of people attending and participating in events. That is not just an opinion we have pictures of all the New England attendees at every convention.

Two years ago he asked that we develop a newsletter for the Division to write about all the great work that is being done in the Division and we did that as we are completing our second year of publishing it. I was surprised to find out last year at the Convention that we are the only Division with a Newsletter. He has constantly sought ways to recognize those Marines that are going out there and doing good work for the community and the League. I think as he goes forward in his journey he will continue to do Great Work, continue to promote the spirit that has been prominent in the New England Division and spread that throughout the League. Lastly, Well Done, Sir Commandant, Well Done.

Semper Fi, David Porter, Sir



Warren Griffin, Can't say enough about our soon to be new National Commandant. Always a smile, always a handshake, and he always has a story to go with his speech, you can't get any more Irish than that. Since I have

known him Warren has always been not only a staunch supporter of the league but he cares about what we do here. He has always encouraged our reaching out to returning veterans with not the common come join our League but with Welcome Home these are the things you are entitled to for serving our country to help you get back into your civilian life. If you need more please reach out we can help with many things. By the way this is but one of the things we do in the Marine Corps League, maybe it's something you would like to check out.

Warren is dedicated and hard working and will make an outstanding National Commandant. I think we will benefit from his experience in the League as well as his past background in education. There are three types of leaders, the first is a placeholder, the person who is not really sure they want the position, but they do it for what they can get out of it. The second is a Good leader, they want the job but they want to win and achieve at any cost, they need to be number one. The last is a Great Leader. This person elevates all those under them to become better so that they also become leaders in their individual Groups. They are great because they make everyone more valuable. Warren will bring that Greatness to the position.

Semper Fi, Warren Griffin, Sir



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June

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Marine Corps History



JUNE

2 June 1918: At dawn on this date, the crack German 28th Division attacked along the axis of the Paris-Metz road hitting the American 2d Division, including the 4th Marine Brigade. The Marines opened with deadly rifle fire and helped hand the German troops a setback which set the stage for Marine victory at Belleau Wood which would soon follow, although at great cost.

8 June 1995: A Marine tactical recovery team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit stationed on board the USS Kearsarge rescued a downed U.S. pilot, Captain Scott O'Grady, USAF, from Bosnian-Serb territory in Bosnia.

10 June 1898: The First Marine Battalion, commanded by LtCol Robert W. Huntington, landed on the eastern side of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The next day, Lt Herbert L. Draper hoisted the American flag on a flag pole at Camp McCalla where it flew during the next eleven days. LtCol Huntington later sent the flag with an accompanying letter to Colonel Commandant Charles Heywood noting that "when bullets were flying, ...the sight of the flag upon the midnight sky has thrilled our hearts."

12 June 1961: President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, "at all times during the day and night." Discussions between the Attorney General's office and Marine Corps officials earlier in 1961 on improving the visibility and appearance of the monument led to the proposal to fly the Flag continuously, which by law could only be done by Congressional legislation or by Presidential proclamation.

15 June 1944: Preceded by naval gunfire and carrier air strikes, the V Amphibious Corps assaulted the west coast of Saipan, Marianas Islands. By nightfall, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions, moving against heavy opposition, had established a beachhead 10,000 yards wide and 1,500 yards deep

20 June 1993: The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit returned to Mogadishu, Somalia, to stand ready to assist United Nations forces in maintaining peace in the war-torn country. Earlier that month, the 24th MEU had been ordered to cut short Exercise Eager Mace 93-2 in Kuwait to respond to possible contingency operations in Somalia.

25 June 1950: Shortly before dawn, eight divisions of the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th Parallel and invaded the Republic of Korea. Within three days, the South Korean capital city of Seoul had been captured. On 30 June, President Harry S. Truman ordered a naval blockade of the Korean coast and authorized the sending of U.S. ground troops to Korea. Two days later, General Douglas MacArthur, the Commander in Chief Far East, formally requested that a Marine regimental combat team be deployed to the Far East.

25 June 1966: In Vietnam, Operation Jay began about 30 kilometers northwest of Hue, and lasted nine days. The 2d Battalion, 4th Marines landed north of the North Vietnamese 812th Main Force Battalion, and the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines landed south of the enemy's position. Caught in between the two Marine units,

JULY

4 July 1801: President Thomas Jefferson reviewed the Marines, led by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, LtCol William W. Burrows and the Marine Band, on the White House grounds. The smartly uniformed Marines performed drills and fired various salutes in observance of the new nation's 25th anniversary.

6 July 1990: One of the oldest and most versatile attack aircraft in Marine Corps history, the A-4 Skyhawk, retired from the Corps' active aviation structure after over 30 years of service. The last two Skyhawks from MAG-32 flew their initial flight from Cherry Point to NAS Patuxent River on this date.

7 July 1941: The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing was activated at Quantico, Virginia. Within a year of activation, the Wing would participate in the Marine Corps offensive at Guadalcanal. That bitter campaign would be the first in a series of legendary battles in which the Wing would add luster to its reputation. The 1stMAW would earn five Presidential Unit Citations for gallantry in campaigns spanning World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

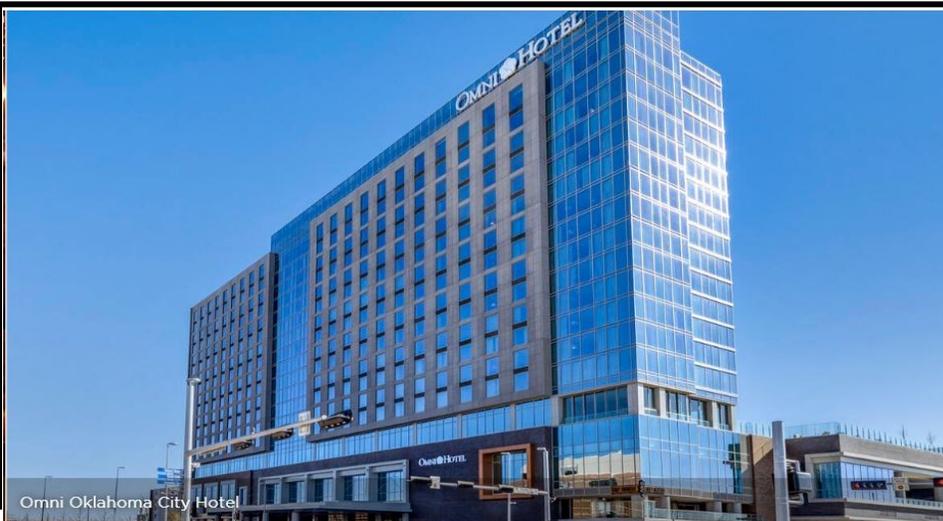
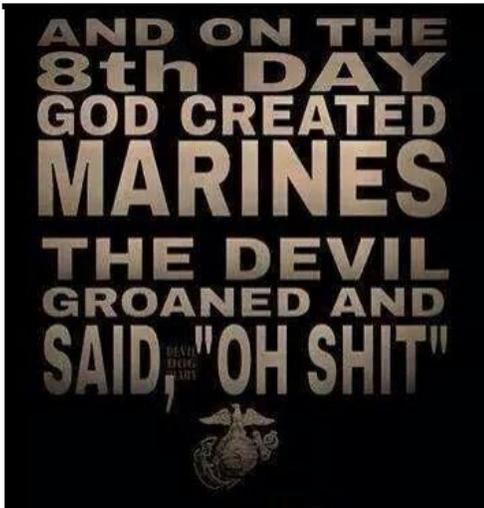
11 July 1798: President John Adams approved "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps", and it became law. The following day, the President appointed William Ward Burrows the Major Commandant of the new Corps. In August, Major Burrows opened his headquarters in Philadelphia, at that time still the capital of the new nation.

14 July 1993: The USS IWO JIMA was decommissioned after over 30 years of service in a ceremony at Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia. The ship was named for the World War II battle during which three Marine divisions ousted 20,000 entrenched Japanese troops. The Iwo Jima was commissioned 26 August 1961, and it was the first ship specifically designed as an amphibious assault ship from the keel up.

18 July 1918: The 4th Brigade of Marines began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counter-attack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.

24 July 1944: The V Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Harry Schmidt, landed on Tinian, in the Mariana Islands. The following morning, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions began a shoulder-to-shoulder southward sweep of the island. Organized enemy resistance faded within a week, and on 1 August, Maj Gen Schmidt declared the island secure.

26 July 1947: The National Security Act of 1947 became effective, reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy.



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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