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LASKEY'S TELEGRAPH



Newsletter of The New England Division of The Marine Corps League Vol. 3 Issue 6



Message From The Division Commandant



Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. As we all know, the summer comes with a Marine Corps League National convention. This year will be in Palm Springs, California. It should be a good time and those who have spent their entire life living on the east coast will have a chance to see how the west coast lives. If you are headed to the convention, send me an email or text when you're out there. I want to get everyone from New England Division together to do something as a group.

I would like everyone to know New England is unique. We are not like other Division's where you must travel ten hours to get to a neighboring Department meeting. For the most part, we can be there in 3-4 hours. We are unique because we are a small Division in the sense of membership, having six Departments. We are unique because attending different League events, it's like walking into the bar Cheers, where everyone knows your name. Those who have attended the mid-winter conferences or national conventions have heard many times, me included, New England is such a tight, friendly, enjoyable area to visit. Those comments are not made because of me or any one individual. They are made because of what so many League members have built this Division to be. This Division had six strong Departments with members participating, helping at events, filling positions as officers of their respective Detachments/Departments. They wanted to keep the tradition alive and continue



to help and support local veterans and their families. They were doing it because they knew that those same veterans and/or families would not get the support they needed if they weren't there. They didn't do it for a title or to wear a particular cover. To a certain extent we have lost that. It's an issue that needs to be addressed to get New England Division back to where we once were. Now more than ever we need to get back to our grass roots of the League to get the Division where it needs to be. I am not saying that everyone needs to commit one hundred percent of their time and effort. What I do know is that we

have Detachment and Department officers that have taken on all (most) of the responsibility, it's difficult to get any cooperation and support from other members.

There will always be personality conflicts, you have that with any organization. We all dealt with different personalities in the units we served with. At the end of the day, we as Marines, had each other's six. As Marines of the Marine Corps League, we need to continue to have each other's six. We can't sit back and watch one of our own fail. I am respectfully asking that everyone reach out, lend a hand and help each other out. Let's not forget, we are all still part of the same team.

Patrick Maguire
National Vice Commandant
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IMPORTANT

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FEBRUARY. APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST, OCTOBER AND DECEMBER.

The cut off date for submitting material is the last week of the following months. JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, JULY, SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER.. If there is a special circumstance please call to make arrangements.

Send submissions to:

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Send pictures, please include names and what you and your detachment is doing.

WHAT SHOULD I SUBMIT?

This is your Newsletter, so anything you think others might be interested in. Look at the categories, Departments, Toy for Tots, Devil Dogs, Taps, Birthdays, Sick and I Need. Upcoming Events, Help Wanted, History, League and Marine Corps, Birthdays, Awards and Recognition. Community Events, Scholarships, Conventions, Meetings and Grand Growls, and ongoing projects. What are we doing for recruiting? What are we doing for Marines for Life? What can we do to bring back the Auxiliary? Think of some of the programs we have expanded and can you think of any others you want to create or expand? We expanded the Dogs to include donations to provide help to animal shelters, what about other groups? What about donations for women's shelters for women and children of these women? Toys For Tots expanded there program to allow year round help to children in distress. Someone had an idea and this grew from it, you could start your idea here. I am sure there is more but this is a good start

Walt Benson



FROM THE NATIONAL COMMANDANT



Marine Corps League members all,

The country is now in full campaign mode. It is all around us in various forms: phone calls, tv commercials, campaign rallies, mailings, etc. This is what

democracy is all about and many of us will join in with some of these activities in one form or another. Candidates will be running for national, state, county, city, or town political offices. They will be seeking as much support from as many

people and places as they can muster.

Many Leaguers will be taking part in any number of campaigns in various capacities. This is their right and the League respects that. This can lead to a conflict/problem that we need to address up front. The League is under legal obligation as a Veterans Service Organization not to support any candidate or political party. Support includes any website, Facebook site, podcast site or any other entity designated as having a Marine Corps League affiliation. This also obviously would include attending a political rally or fund raiser wearing any Marine Corps League apparel.

I encourage anyone to take part in any form in this democratic process. Your Marine Corps League side just cannot join you. As a Marine or as a Veteran is fine. Thank you all for being understanding in this important restriction we all must live by.

**Semper Fi,
Warren Griffin
National Commandant
Marine Corps League**



FROM THE EDITOR



Hello Marines,

Summer is here and we are in full speed ahead mode for celebrations and all types of events. All of our local conventions are over and only National remains. The time has not passed without the loss of many in our ranks. Cheryl Griffin wife of our National Commandant passed after a long battle with Cancer as well as our PNC Jack Ryan who also passed away. We pause to remember them and reflect on their contribution to the League. We also lost many members in our local detachments as well, please take time at your next meeting or Growl to note their passing and moving on to their final post.

There are many changes in this issue as we strive to make this publication better and coordinate with the different organizations we work with and expand the partnerships we share with them. We are trying to build our relationships with the Young Marines, wherever we can. We are looking to work closer with Marine 4 Life in helping transitioning Marines as well as Marines in need. We want to work with the Youth Physical Fitness program and the Boy Scouts. We want to create more events to bring younger Marines with families to join us and participate with us. We want to celebrate the Birthdays of all of our Marines and offer praise and honor to those Marines who have

passed.

We want to garner more support and participation in events, Conventions and meetings as well as GROWLS. We want to showcase the achievements and awards that our Marines are given. And we want to encourage all Marines to take an active part in our League. Come to meetings, attend Growls. Take part in Toys for Tots, it could be as little as putting out one box and monitoring the box

Start a calling campaign in your De-

tachment to remind Marines we have a Meeting and ask them if they want to ride together. We are more than a Birthday Ball, we are more than a rose fundraiser. We are more than a Breakfast once a year.

I said this at the CT convention and it is worth repeating, "We are not a Club" we are a veterans service organization, that is here to serve our fellow Marines and veterans. Bring yourself to the next meeting and when you get there be part of the mission we are trying to accomplish. Take a position in the Detachment or Department or Division. Support something we are doing. Send pictures, ideas, an article or most importantly serve as an officer, it's easier than you think.

Walt Benson





FROM THE EDITOR



FUN, FUN, FUN, WE ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO PLAY!!

We used to have an activities activities for the membership to do. I met in at least six years. There used don't know what group set them up want to go but it seems to me that fun. The younger members we have their families. Rhode Island did a nic in some detachments and at other activities, Hatchet Throwing, for this we can do it for ourselves.



committee, and they used to talk about know in Connecticut this group hasn't to be bus trips offered each summer, I with us and if that is even the way we we should try to do some things that are want and need to do things that involve Family Fun Day, CT has an annual pic-some of the Conventions we have had tours, and extra dinner. If we can do it Fun Days and Picnics can be held at

State Parks and offer Bouncy houses, corn hole, wiffle ball, swimming, card games, magic shows. All of these can be subsidized by the detachment or the Department to keep the cost down to the Membership, Family Fun Day was \$5 or \$20 a carload. These activities should be for FUN because we deserve the Break. No fund raising, no recruiting, just Marines and their Families having a good time, decompressing, and enjoying the comradery. If your detachment or Department has a good idea lets share it, and don't stop there if someone has an event lets go and support it. Maybe your detachment or all of our detachments can plan one event each year. It could be summer or fall or winter. If we want or can find a company that offers day trips, to Historical places or a casino, or an amusement park. We work hard all year so lets celebrate what we do and have our families join us in the activity

Walt Benson

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& MCL AUXILIARY**

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





LET'S HEAR FROM WRITERS



Writers Are Dangerous People

**Never take a writer
For Granted.**

**They are snipers
armed with words.**

**They know
how to aim
with sentences,
how to fire
with paragraphs,
and
how to immortalise
their Kills
in verse.**

Nikita Gill

Since the middle ages poets and writers have been the keepers of history and legends. They immortalize those who have died and paint pictures of history so that all may realize what has happened here. There are many writers within the Marine Corps some published some not but all have a story to tell. They tell of their experience in war and in life. They tell of Fear, of Heroism, of Success and Failures or to over simplify it they tell of life. Warriors feel passion at the highest levels. They love harder and stronger, as well as fight and sacrifice more than others. In the middle ages the term was coined, "The Warrior Poet" as they demonstrated through words all of the great deeds these warriors have displayed. I know many of you have books, poems, and thoughts both published and not, Pick a passage that is meaningful; to you, that tells your story or sends your message. If it is published give us the link to where it is for sale in case anyone wants more of it. If not send it anyway even if you choose to publish it anonymously.



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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

Thank you to all the Marines who selected me as Department of Connecticut Commandant for 2024 – 2025. It is an honor to serve in this capacity, especially with the fine men and women who make up this Department.

We have several open positions. The most important one is Paymaster. Marine Walt Benson has been trying to step down for about three years. For that to happen, someone else must step up. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.** I know Walt would be willing to guide a new Paymaster, as would former Paymaster Jack Dougherty.

There are a few positions that absolutely must be filled for the Department to operate. A Paymaster is critical.

We also need people, Regular or Associate Members, to fill the following:

Sergeant-at-Arms (Ray Burrington needs to step down.)

Boy Scout Liaison (Vacant)

Historian (Vacant)

Legislative Officer (Vacant)

Public Relations (Sal Sena needs to step down.)

Scholarship Chair (Sal Sena needs to step down.)

Weapons Compliance Officer (Sal Sena needs to step down.)

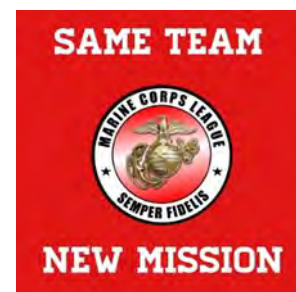
Youth Physical Fitness Officer (Vacant)

Most of our members are Marines. We were either drafted or we enlisted, but we all stood on the yellow footprints. I did over 50 years ago. In any case, we did our jobs because we had to. Now we're all volunteers, but we still have jobs to do in the Marine Corps League.

The strength of the League is in its members. Please think about that as you consider taking on a new task.

Semper Fidelis.

Rich Daigle
Commandant





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NEWS & PHOTOS OF IWO JIMA MEMORIAL PARADE IN MADISON CT



The Iwo Jima Memorial Foundation participated in the Independence Day Parade in Madison CT. I think it is the largest 4th of July parade in the state. The parade lasted almost an hour. There were thousands of people along the parade route.





What Happened to the Signers of the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British and brutally tortured as traitors. Nine fought in the War for Independence and died from wounds or from hardships they suffered. Two lost their sons in the Continental Army. Another two had sons captured. At least a dozen of the fifty-six had their homes pillaged and burned.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-five were lawyers or jurists. Eleven were merchants. Nine were farmers or large plantation owners. One was a teacher, one a musician, and one a printer. These were men of means and education, yet they signed the Declaration of Independence, knowing full well that the penalty could be death if they were captured.

In the face of the advancing British Army, the Continental Congress fled from Philadelphia to Baltimore on December 12, 1776. It was an especially anxious time for John Hancock, the President, as his wife had just given birth to a baby girl. Due to the complications stemming from the trip to Baltimore, the child lived only a few months.

William Ellery's signing at the risk of his fortune proved only too realistic. In December 1776, during three days of British occupation of Newport, Rhode Island, Ellery's house was burned, and all his property destroyed.

Richard Stockton, a New Jersey State Supreme Court Justice, had rushed back to his estate near Princeton after signing the Declaration of Independence to find that his wife and children were living like refugees with friends. They had been betrayed by a Tory sympathizer who also revealed Stockton's own whereabouts. British troops pulled him from his bed one night, beat him and threw him in jail where he almost starved to death. When he was finally released, he went home to find his estate had been looted, his possessions burned, and his horses stolen. Judge Stockton had been so badly treated in prison that his health was ruined and he died before the war's end. His surviving family had to live the remainder of their lives off charity.

Carter Braxton was a wealthy planter and trader. One by one his ships were captured by the British navy. He loaned a large sum of money to the American cause; it was never paid back. He was forced to sell his plantations and mortgage his other properties to pay his debts.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he had to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Continental Congress without pay, and kept his family in hiding.

Vandals or soldiers or both looted the properties of Clymer, Hall, Harrison, Hopkinson and Livingston. Seventeen lost everything they owned.

Thomas Heyward, Jr., Edward Rutledge and Arthur Middleton, all of South Carolina, were captured by the British during the Charleston Campaign in 1780. They were kept in dungeons at the St. Augustine Prison until exchanged a year later.

At the Battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr. noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the family home for his headquarters. Nelson urged General George Washington to open fire on his own home. This was done, and the home was destroyed. Nelson later died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis also had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife for two months, and that and other hardships from the war so affected her health that she died only two years later.

"Honest John" Hart, a New Jersey farmer, was driven from his wife's bedside when she was near death. Their thirteen children fled for their lives. Hart's fields and his grist mill were laid waste. For over a year he eluded capture by hiding in nearby forests. He never knew where his bed would be the next night and often slept in caves.

When he finally returned home, he found that his wife had died, his children disappeared, and his farm and stock were completely destroyed. Hart himself died in 1779 without ever seeing any of his family again.

Such were the stories and sacrifices typical of those who risked everything to sign the Declaration of Independence. These men were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged:

"For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."



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THE CONNECTICUT CONVENTION

The Convention started off with dinner at Maggie McFly's in Glastonbury.



Lynn Maguire, Pat McMahon, Tom Jackson, Ray Burrington, Ellen Timms, Teri Benson, Jack Dougherty, Rich Daigle, Walt Benson, Liz Anderson, David Porter, Gregg Timms, Bill Lamb, Dave Rosa, and Mike Hinds, taking the picture Pat Maguire.

THE GRAND GROWL SWEARING IN OFFICERS



Bill Lamb, Pat, McMahon, Jim Lauber, Rich Daigle, Walt Benson, Jack Dougherty, and Bill Lee.
The Pack Dog of The Year is Rich Daigle and a new twist, The pack dog of the year will bring the above dog to our Growls all year



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THE CONNECTICUT CONVENTION



Left top: Charise Hewitt Associate Member of the Yr. 2022, Jack Dougherty National Marine of The Yr. Steve Pocaro , Associate Member of the Yr.2024 and his wife Sue, Rich Daigle MOY 2024.

Above. National Vice Commandant Pat Maguire presents Commandant Pat McMahon, Distinguished Citizen Award Bronze.

Left: Our Substitute Guest Speaker SgtMaj. John Ploskonka, Commandant of Peter P. Monaco Jr. Detachment. The SgtMaj was among one of the best speakers I have heard. He was funny, informative and did not bore anyone in the least. I have never been to one of these where we needed a substitute, but in addition to doing an excellent job of filling in, he showed us how much talent we actually have within our organization without going outside. Thank You SgtMaj Oh-rah!!





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Lake at the picnic site



Quilting Associate member and
Paymaster Susie Lee



Chef for the Day
Leann Jean



NEVC Pat Maguire &
Det Commandant Bill Lee



Susies Brother & sister in law
Joe and April Kling



Denise And Cooper
Dalton



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Elizabeth Buzalski



Det Adjutant
Elizabeth Sears



Sergeant –at- Arms
Steven Sears



Malcolm and
NanRhines



Sr. Vice Commandant
Kevin Houghton



Jacob Houghton
Leann Jean



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FROM THE CHAPLAIN



MCL Dept. of Connecticut Chaplain

(copy for detachment records.

It is my honor and privilege to follow in the footsteps of Marine Jack Dougherty and be appointed as Chaplain for the Department of Connecticut. Jack has been in this position for many years and has done an outstanding job.

Thank you, Jack, for your tireless dedication to serving the League members in our state.



2) Department Chaplain sends a copy to the Marine Corps League National Headquarters and the MCL National Chaplain

(MCLnationalchaplain@gmail.com) retaining a copy for department records.

3) Detachment Paymaster must attach this form when submitting a Notice of Death

via Transmittal Also, be sure to

The first lesson I learned was the importance of timely and accurate reporting of our deceased members. Responding to the passing of a fellow League member is a high priority for each of us. One way we can help each other is to ensure our personal information is current and accurate. Just like our active-duty days, any change in status should be reported to the Detachment or Department. These include changes in marital status, new address/email/phone, or a change to next of kin. I encourage members to check with their adjutant and paymaster to confirm their personal data is correct.

When a League member passes, it is our duty as chaplains to complete the Notice of Death (NOD), which is a pdf fillable form. The following is the sequence for submitting the NOD.

1) Detachment Chaplain fills out the form then sends a copy to the Department Chaplain

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check on any member, or member's family, who may be sick or in distress. Many of us are stubborn and try to keep our health issues to ourselves but we are here for each other. Wellness checks and buddy checks are important tools for physical health and mental health. Let us share and care for each other.

) In closing I offer this scripture from Joshua 1:9 – "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

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- 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)*

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LCPL JOHN J. VAN GYZEN DET. 1285 MCL



Top left: Det 1285 Paymaster Robinson and Family

Top Right: Rhode Island Gold Star Families Float - Det 1285 Members with - Chaplain Carvalloh holding boot John J VanGyzen Boots

Left: Det 1285 Members with - Chaplain Carvalloh holding boot John J VanGyzen Boots



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Marc Connolly, Adjutant

Adjutant from the

William R. Caddy Detachment #12

Met with Matthew Edwards at the Brockton VA Hospital Campus on Monday, June 17th and delivered the four (4) donation checks (Brockton, Jamaica Plain, Huntington House & West Roxbury).

Mission Accomplished!



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FROM THE CHAPLAIN



Meet the New Incoming Department Chaplain Oorah Marines, From the Department Chaplain:
I pray this newsletter finds you all well.

My name is Ed Yung,

I am honored to represent you as the new incoming Department Chaplain, replacing Roger Hoffman. I am a member of the Worcester #144 Detachment, where I serve as Detachment Chaplain as well.

I continue to assimilate into my new role...Please, always feel welcome to reach out to me for anything that I may be able to serve.

Honoring and Remembering Those Who Served

Roger Hoffman:

What a noteworthy job Roger has done for nearly 2 decades, serving as our Department Chaplain. Well done Devil Dog. I certainly have big boots to fill. Over the years, Roger has laid the Department Chaplain groundwork that has made my transition smooth. Roger took his time and was patient transitioning the role over to me. Feeding me bite size oppose to a fire hose. I never felt overwhelmed or the proverbial "what did I just get myself into". Thank you Roger for your long served commitment and easy transition.

I wish him well and know he will transfer all that extra FREE time into RIDE time. Be Well Devil Dog and safe travels.

Paul Manna:

An icon figure around the Worcester #144 Detachment. I am honored to have meet this Marine both at his tribute and later at his home prior to his passing. Paul was before my time joining the Detachment, so we did not know each other. When visiting his home, there was a moment where he opened his eyes, turned his face towards me and looked into my eyes. I took the moment to thank him for his service to the Corps and the Detachment. Afterwards, he turned his head back away and closed his eyes. As Department Chaplain, I attended and participated in his funeral ritual and firing. Marine Paul G Manna received full military honors...Color Guard Commander Richard Duffy officiated the ritual and firing and did a noteworthy job! Thank you Marine Manna for ALL you did for our Detachment. Marines, like me, benefit from your labor of love and commitment. Rest in peace Dog.

Cheryl Griffin:

Friday, July 5th I attended Cheryl Griffin's Funeral Mass. Cheryl is our National Commandant Warren Griffin's wife. We all are sorry for your loss...What an incredible turn out to honor and support our National Commandant during this painful time. When Marines hurt - we ALL hurt. I am reminded..."Behind every successful Marine is a strong woman who held it all together".

While you did not serve in our beloved Corps or League - you served one of ours; for this, we Thank you Cheryl Griffin
Rest in Peace

I trust our National Commandant will reach out to any one of us for any support he needs.

PNC John "Jack" Ryan: Saturday, July 5th I attended the funeral mass of Marine and PNC John "Jack" Ryan. I did not know Marine Ryan or any of his family. But once again, I saw the outpouring of Marine support from those who did. You can read his full obituary here at this link <https://www.keohane.com/obituaries/john-ryan-jr>
But for this Newsletter I wanted to cut and paste the following accolades:

In 1956, Jack joined the Marine Reserves as a junior in high school, beginning a remarkable 30-year journey of service to his country. His time in the Marines and the Army took him through the Cold War in Germany, where he honed not only his military skills but also his eye for a good story.

After retiring from the Marine Corps, Jack's leadership journey continued as he was elected Commandant of the Marine Corps League. He proudly led over 70,000 Marines, both active duty and retired, and used his position to help Marines overseas return home. He was instrumental in the Toys for Tots program and worked tirelessly to support Marine families in need.

Marine Hoffman, Marine Manna, Cheryl Griffin and Marine Ryan...Thank you all for a Noteworthy job. Thank you for your service to our beloved Corps and to the Marine Corps League.

Semper Fidelis...

Always Faithful...

Always Remembered

Thank you

Ed Yung

Chaplain

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MAINE



July 4th Shaw's fund raiser. We did well, community was very receptive to our being there. It is always a wonderful experience talking to veterans, family of veterans, or families who have a love one currently serving in the military. A huge Thank You to all who participated in the event. We are successful because we have a Detachment who cares about our veteran community.





MAINE



Our small community had a Thank a Veteran parade in our community today. It was such a fun idea, great community activity. Car, golf carts and riding mowers - awesome!





NEW HAMPSHIRE



GRANITE STATE DETACHMENT #542

FROM THE COMMANDANT

I am happy to report that we had a successful fundraising campaign last weekend June 29-30th at Bass Pro Shop and Market Basket in Hooksett and Bedford. Thank you to all those that volunteered to man the tables. Our next fundraiser will be at the end of August, watch for emails with more information and to volunteer.

I am looking forward to the booth we will have at the car show on Elm Street in Manchester during Labor Day weekend. We are working out all the details now and I think it is really going to be a fun event to get the word out on the best kept secret in NH, who is the Marine Corps League! Watch for more details to come out in emails from us looking for volunteers and information to come out and enjoy the event. am looking forward to the booth we will have at the car show on Elm Street in Manchester during Labor Day weekend. We are working out all the details now and I think it is really going to be a fun event to get the word out on the best kept secret in NH, who is the Marine Corps League! Watch for more details to come out in emails from us looking for volunteers and information to come out and enjoy the event.

We are also planning a detachment picnic at the end of the summer. A couple of our members are working on making it a fun day. As soon as the location and plan for the day is nailed down, we will let everyone know the details.

Alieni Semel, Saepius Exertus, Semper Fidelis, Fratres et Sorores in Aeternum!
Strangers Once, Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers and Sisters Forever
Quidam Dedit Omnibus
All Gave Some, Some Gave All
Commandant - Gary Gahan



FROM THE CHAPLAIN

"Duty"

We Marines who served in Vietnam did our duty, for our country. We did so much hiking, we never complained. We did our duty, as we were trained to do. Sometimes in 120° heat. During the monsoon season it was 50°, we were often wet and cold and dealing with jungle rot (athlete's feet).

So many of us, 18 - 19 year olds died. Those Marines who lived dealt with guilt & suicide. There was no help for PTSD formerly called shell shock, in those days. We heard North Vietnamese bugles during the night. Asians dying in front of us. Wave after wave of young soldiers, many who looked 15 - 16 years old. We were all praying for morning light.

When we returned home, we were unpopular & told not to wear our uniforms, some did so anyway. We did our duty and never complained. As the years have gone by, there are less Vietnam Veterans. Remember us in your prayers & remember a war that happened a long time ago.



Rest In Peace

Gerard "Gerry" B. Tanguay, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away on June 3rd, 2024, after a long illness.



Born on December 12th, 1931, in Manchester, NH, Gerry was the fourth of eleven children to Ernest and Aurore (Gagnon) Tanguay. He attended Mount St. Mary's Elementary School and Central High School.

God Bless,
Joe Duquette, Chaplain



NEW HAMPSHIRE



GRANITE STATE DETACHMENT #542

NEW GSD BOARD ELECTED & SWORN IN

At the May 14th monthly meeting, GSD held their election for the officers of the detachment; Commandant, Sr. Vice Commandant, Jr. Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate.

Pictured below is the newly elected officers, Gary Gahan - Commandant, Michelle Van Valkenburg - Sr. Vice Commandant, and Chris Pierce - Judge Advocate; as they were sworn in by the National Vice Commandant Patrick Maguire. No Jr. Vice Commandant was elected.



WELCOME TO GSD NEW MEMBERS



Left to right: Suzanna Rak, Kayley Bass, Bill Rogers, and Gary Gahan

New England Division Conference & Quad State Convention April 19 - 21, 2024



For those that joined us, and for those that were not able to attend the Quad State in April of this year, we hope that you enjoy these pictures from the days of the convention



NEW HAMPSHIRE

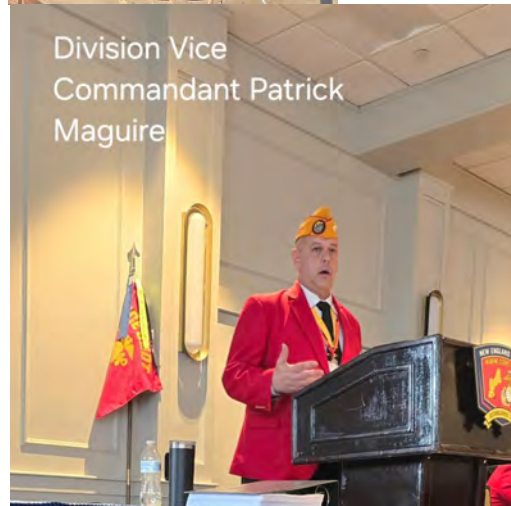


QUAD STATE CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION



Quad State memorial service for those members who have passed and gone to their final post since we last met.

Division Vice
Commandant Patrick
Maguire



Division Vice Commandant Pat Maguire opens the conference left. Above, The six Department Commandants receive a Plaque for the Conference with the new Division Logo.



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QUAD STATE CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION



Chief Devil Dog Alan Sanning, spoke on Efforts for the Children's Hospital, Operation Chowhound and the upcoming Supreme Growl in Palm Springs in August



Col. Bill Davis
Young Marines

Col. Bill Davis gave a presentation on the Young Marines and the ongoing effort for the Marine Corps League and the Young Marines to work on projects together. To some this may seem like a difficult task to accomplish as some detachments are older and have difficulty in doing physical events but not every event requires physical effort. The Rose Program, Recruiting, Toy4Tots all can be accomplished with a table and sitting in chairs. There have been many success stories

of the two organizations working together and having success in recruiting for both organizations as the parent signing up their child for the Young Marines is in fact a Marine. In addition to that we could just show support by simply attending the event.



Brian Gillespie
Help A Marine Save A
Life
H.A.M.S.A.L

Brian Gillespie, who has a program, H.A.M.S.A.L. Help A Marine Save A Life, which deals with Mental health in Veterans. There is a Power-Point Presentation on the National website that can be used by your Department or Detachment to educate Marines how to help other Marines in crisis.



David J Ulbrich, Ph.D
Norwich University
Military History
Associate Professor

Professor David Ulbrich gave a presentation on the Battle of Cuzco Wells which he presented at Guantanamo Bay Cuba when he traveled there with Pat Maguire.



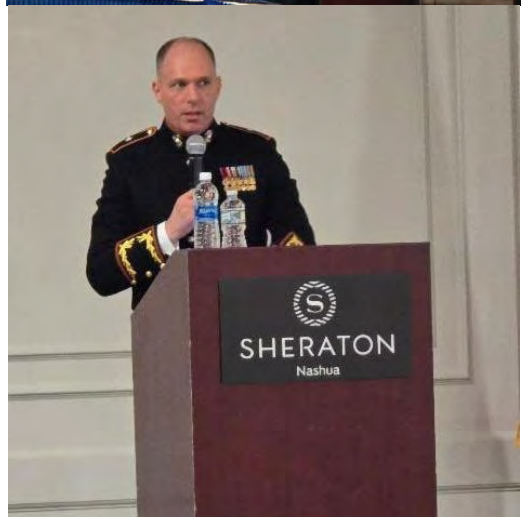
NEW HAMPSHIRE



QUAD STATE CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION



Our National Chaplain Howard Schaeffer, spoke about his ongoing efforts with the Chapel of the Four Chaplains and his efforts on behalf of the Marine Corps League Association



National Judge Advocate David Porter, spoke on his work as the NJA, and it would be more beneficial to work things out between disagreeing parties rather than going to Article IX.

Brigadier General Raymond L. Adams
Commanding General
Force Headquarters Group



Marine of the year
Charlie Paul



Young Marine Of The
Year

RHODE ISLAND

BUCCI-ATWOOD DETACHMENT



RHODE ISLAND

BUCCI-ATWOOD DETACHMENT

The above event was scheduled for July 20th a Christmas in July themed Toys4Tots event. It was a great day with exceptional weather and as you can see by the picture the support was amazing. Great job by Dave Creamer and all those who helped with the event. In the past few years Toys 4 Tots has continued to grow and has now extended to donating toys and books to at risk children who have been identified through local police agencies..

There is also a Golf tournament scheduled for July 28th which is postponed from June due to inclement weather. Golf can be a very successful way to raise funds for your detachment and many people are into playing it, maybe I should try it, it could be easy. If you would like to learn about the game or to put it in plainer language, there is a program called PGA HOPE, <https://www.pgareach.org/services/military>, where you can get 6 to 8 lessons FREE from a PGA Professional. The Program is available in 47 States, details are available at the above web-site.

COMING EVENTS

Bucci Atwood is planning a Christmas Dance to collect Toys4Tots at the Valley Country Club in Warwick and will feature Marine Sergeant Dan Clark who is a Massachusetts State Trooper and is known as the Singing Trooper who will sing The National Anthem and a patriotic Medley and there is a 10 piece band "The NAKEDS",. Last year this event was a huge success. Last years pic below





YOUNG MARINES



The Young Marines is a national youth program for boys and girls, ages eight through high school graduation, focused on leadership, citizenship through community service, self-discipline, and living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

JOIN TODAY!

Find a unit near you



To find a young Marine unit in your hometown visit our locator and enter your zip code. A list of Young Marine Units in your area will appear. Click on the unit or units closest to you and information regarding that unit and their contact information will appear.

[UNIT LOCATOR](#)

Start a Young Marines Unit in Your Community



Since the program's beginnings, we have tried to provide a structured and disciplined environment for youngsters who will eventually make up the nucleus of your organization.

[START A UNIT](#)



YOUNG MARINES



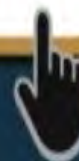
September 13, 2024

Join us for a day of fun and friendly competition on the greens as we raise funds and awareness for the Young Marines Program!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE YOUNG MARINES PROGRAM



REGISTER HERE





YOUNG MARINES



DIVISION 1 SENIOR LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Bruce Katz via FaceBook

Training Day 1 is in the books at [Division 1 Young Marines](#) Senior Leadership School. I am so proud of our YM students for their efforts and enthusiasm in the Physical Fitness Test and academic instruction led by our quality YM cadre. There was a great deal of positive feedback from all participants and staff members. We even received compliments and praise from several personnel at [Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island](#).

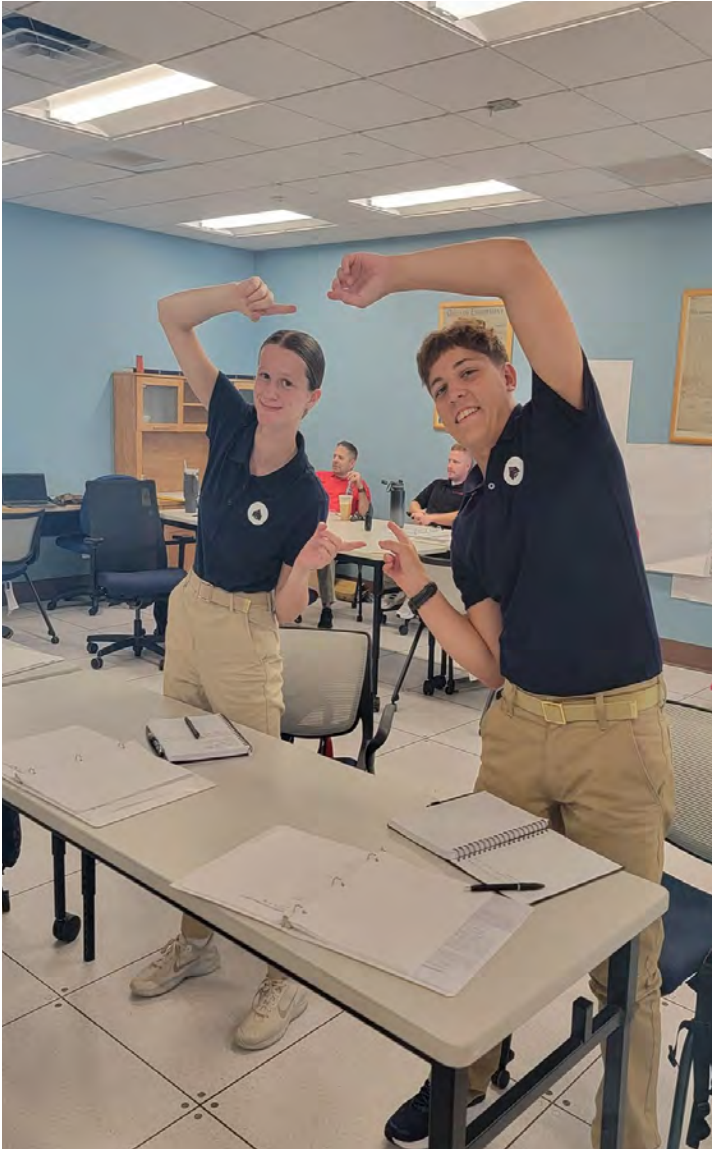




YOUNG MARINES



Day 3 at [Division 1 Young Marines](#) Senior Leadership School was completed yesterday. Students had the opportunity to meet and speak with [Young Marines](#) National Young Marine of the Year, YM SgtMaj. Susan Suber the evening prior and complete some fun and entertaining classroom assignments and activities. Then, the group took part in a Military Appreciation Night hosted by the Newport Gulls. They joined the [Fall River Young Marines](#) in carrying out a large American Flag for the National Anthem and opening ceremonies.





YOUNG MARINES



Training Day 4 featured final drill evaluation at [Division 1 Young Marines](#) Senior Leadership School. All the [Young Marines](#) did well, even though the test was something most were anxious about. There are only two items left to complete the academic portion of the school. Tonight is Mess Night and final graduation preps.

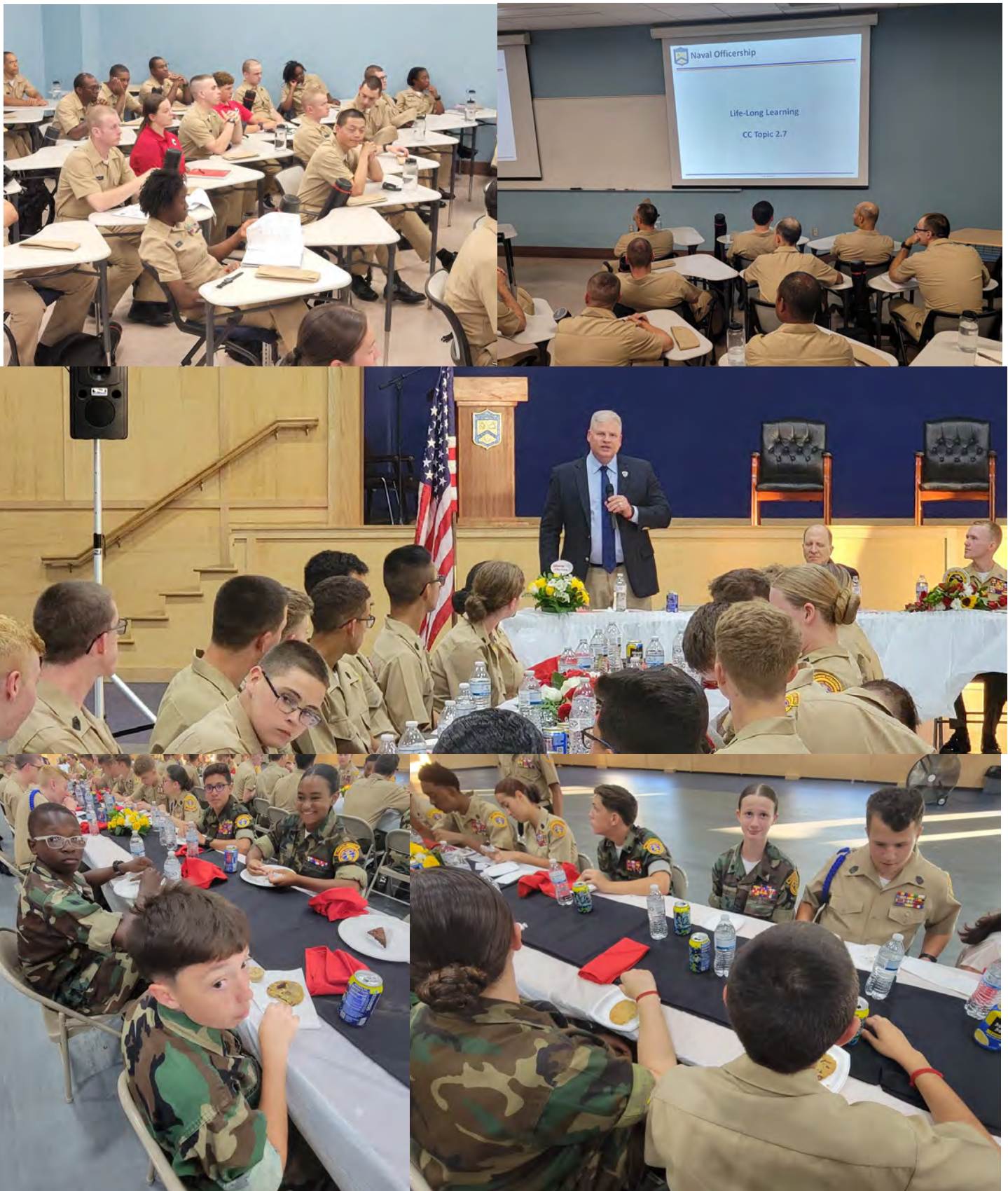




YOUNG MARINES



The last day of [Division 1 Young Marines Senior Leadership School](#) included final grading, an opportunity to sit in on [Officer Training Command Newport](#) class with candidates, and a Mess Night. Rehearsal for graduation and final administration is now complete. Tomorrow features the motivation run and then graduation.





YOUNG MARINES



At the close of the program Sgt. Major Ruiz was the guest speaker at the Young Marines Leadership school. I have heard the Sgt.Maj. Speak before and he speaks with both passion and conviction, two qualities that I would look for in todays youth. These plus other qualities derived from the Young Marine Program are what we need from the future leaders of tomorrow. Who is Gen. X, or Gen. Z or Millennials, doesn't matter, what matters is who are the leaders.





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





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-

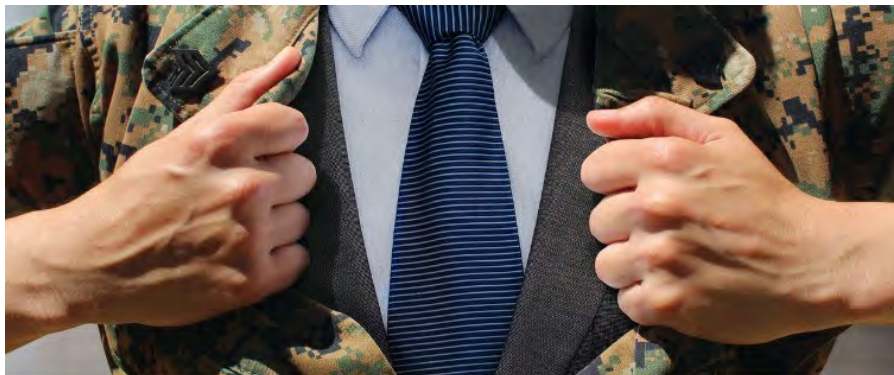
work group.

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



BOSTON IRR MUSTER



Zachary Bennet, Brendan Tallon, Members of The Marine Corps League, Wounded Warrior Regiment, along with IIR Staff, Medical personal, and Employers Attended The Individual Ready Reserve, in Boston Massachusetts.





BOSTON IRR MUSTER



It has been two years since we had the opportunity to participate in an IRR Muster, but going forward it is somewhere we want to be and Marines can benefit from us being a participant in this event. Recently I have come in contact with many parents of Marines and I always engage in a conversation with them and they are all willing to share their story. When I got out of the Marine Corps I never knew anything about the Marine Corps League and I really wish I had found it, but it took me 40 years to find it. But let's talk about their stories. I spoke to a woman a few weeks ago about her son who did four years in the Marine Corps and wanted to get out and start off in life. He quickly realized the big difference between the Corps and civilian life.

In the Corp he had a very structured and organized life. He ate three times a day worked a set schedule had friends who lived with him and were available to go out every night to do things. Then one day when you get home it's all gone. You have to think about and plan your meals. If you want to go out at night or on the weekend you need to find someone who is free and wants to do the same thing you do. He quickly discovered that this was easier said than done. He decided he wanted to go back to Military life but this time he went to the National Guard, got hurt and was discharged. I gave his mother my contact information but I know he will try other thing first because the conversation is second hand. Marines who leave active duty still want part of the structure

and feeling of contributing and they will keep that for their entire life. We crave the comradery we have always embraced and the satisfaction from completing our mission, no matter what that new mission is.

The Marine Corps League serves Veterans and Veteran Families in many ways. We are the proudest Veterans on the Planet. If you go into a neighborhood you will find more Flags, bumper stickers, clothing for Marines, more than any other



David Porter, National Judge Advocate and Colonel Reyes Rivas, Director, Marine Corps Individual Reserve Support Activity, Marine Forces Reserve

service. You will always know where the Marines live. What do we do with this? Everyone is different and we need to nurture the Marines we get from events like this. We are all Marines but we are all slightly different. When I went to boot camp it was eight weeks. There was no crucible, there was Elliot's Beach. No one gave us an EGA, instead on the last night before graduation our Drill Instructors sat us down and told us "you are no longer hogs, you are now part of my Marine Corps", different but the same.

Marines fit in here and belong here because in this group the brother or sister to our right or to our left is the same. Our lives have changed our uniform is different as is our mission but we are all Ma-

rines. We are the Few, The Proud and Semper Fidelis are not just words or a motto, it is our way of life.

Walt Benson

WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT

WWR Fact Sheet

District Injured Support Coordinators & Field Support Representatives

District Injured Support Coordinators (DISCs) and Field Support Representatives (FSRs) are an integral part of the Wounded Warrior Regiment's (WWR) support structure. They act as a conduit to Marine Corps, Veterans Affairs (VA), and civilian resources for Marines recovering away from a military installation or transitioning to veteran status. DISCs are Marine reservists and FSRs are contract support geographically dispersed to provide assistance and community liaison where needed.

The goal of DISCs and FSRs is to return well adjusted wounded, ill, or injured (WII) Marine veterans to their communities with the knowledge and skills to self-advocate and assist other WII Marines.

What Services do DISCs and FSRs offer?

- Outreach through calls or face-to-face contact with WII Marines and their families requiring assistance.
- Assistance with accessing VA and community resources.
- Facilitate veteran medical care through VA patient advocates or OIF/OEF Coordinators.
- Information on family and caregiver support services (i.e. respite care, scholarship opportunities, counseling support).
- Access to education and employment resources in their local communities (i.e. resume development, interview skills, network/employment opportunities, and application completion).
- Support in working with representatives from medical facilities, the VA, legal authorities, businesses, and non-profit organizations.
- Immediate access to the WWR's medical section and VA for psychological health resources and support, including referrals to local resources to ensure WII Marines receive timely and appropriate care.

Who They Support

- Marines transitioning to veteran status
- Reserve Marines
- Marines recovering in remote locations away from military or federal resources
- TDRL/PDRL Marines

Where They are Located

DISCs and FSRs are geographically dispersed across the country and are generally collocated with VA-operated medical centers, vet centers, and outpatient clinics offering primary and specialized care.

Related Fact Sheets

- Wounded Warrior Regiment Call Center
- Medical Section
- Transition
- Recovery Care Coordinator

MSgt Charles You
District Injured Support
Coordinator (DSC)

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Fact Sheet: Transition
Released: 03012018v2



MARINES SERVING MARINES MARINES SERVING COMMUNITY



It's never too early, When we are out in the community doing roses, Flags and recruiting ask for dates to collect Toy For Tots or to leave collection boxes. The needs we fill grows larger each year. For help or information contact Larry Chretien.



CALLING ALL CHAPLAINS

All Detachment and Department Chaplains should forward the names and contact information to the newsletter so that we can reach out to our Marines and Associates by phone and Mail while they

are on the mend

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY

I want to try this again please send in your Birthday we want to acknowledge you on your birthday. Send it directly to me and I will put it in. I actually send Happy Birthdays on FaceBook even if I don't know you. So send it to me.

THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY

Where are you? In New England this group has disappeared and we need someone who is strong-willed and determined to bring it back. Some have become associate members which is great but we had a need and purpose for this already can we bring it back. We don't want them back to do cooking and cleaning we want them to participate in the same type of activities we do. Reaching out to women's shelters and working with veterans and children of veterans. Some of these women are not doing anything right now but the need is still there.



**SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS
ARE OUT
CONTACT YOUR
DEPARTMENT**



HUMOR AROUND THE DIVISION



New Marine Corps League

Word of The Day:

“**FOCUS**”

Fuck Off Cause

U're Stupid



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.

- [The MARINE Shop](#) is our retail store that assists Marines with their uniform requirements regardless of rank and offers many Marine Corps themed gifts and apparel.

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:

[Term Life Insurance](#)

[TRICARE Supplement](#)

[Dental Insurance](#)

[Vision Insurance](#)

[Pet Insurance](#)

[Long-Term Care Insurance](#)

[Medicare Insurance Plans](#)

[Individual and Family Health Insurance Plans](#)



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

Networking Opportunities:

Discounted [Professional Events](#): Our members receive discounted rates for our MCA professional dinners and events held annually throughout the Corps. Our dinners provide members with access to senior leaders of the Marine Corps, Department of Defense, and industry. Active-duty members can attend for free.

Professional Development:

[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.

[MCA Decision-Making Exercises](#): Members can practice solving issues to increase their ability to make decisions through dozens of tactical and ethical decision games

[MCA Corps Voices](#): Hear the Corps' icons from Chesty Puller to Alexander Vandegrift to Al Gray discuss issues, challenges, and battlefield tactics in these audio excerpts recorded over the last one hundred years.





RECRUITING "IT'S JOB ONE"!!

Walt Benson



The Marine Corps League is Looking for a Few Good Marines

In December of 2023 I created instructions on how to create a PatchAd. If you don't know, The Patch is an on-line publication where you can run an ad for your organization, it's FREE, and this publication is sent out I think 4 to 6 times a day with little news bits and if you open it and look further community news like the Ad you create. The sample below is to join the League but you could adapt it to anything you like, meeting, events, or celebrations.

Neighborhood | Local Events

On-Line Registration To Join The Marine Corps League

Walt Benson, Neighbor



Event Details

Edit

Thu, Dec 21, 2023 at 9:00 AM [Add to calendar](#)
Follow the link below or Call Walt Benson 203-768-8435
[More info here](#)

Hello Marine,
Do you want to know where your Brothers and Sisters are? Well, when we got back home, we realized that there was still a mission, and the need was greater than ever. There are veterans and families in Need in many ways. There are Veteran dependents who need scholarships. There are children who need Toys for Tots. There are brothers and sisters who are called to their final post that need to be honored at their funerals. We are all Marines and that is forever, and as Marines we fight. Although it is different, we still fight for those on the left and those on the right, so join us and let's continue the mission. If you are not a Marine, you are still welcome to come serve with us.
Click the link (for more info to register)

Semper Fidelis



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-attachment.html)



You can create the Ad and then once a month you can go in and change the date to address the upcoming meeting. This process will accomplish several things. First, it will help with recognition, who and what is the Marine Corps League? It may get one or two new members. It may get more people to come out and support your event. I have created a PowerPoint on how to create an ad and with that the possibilities are endless. All you need to do is create an account and all you need to do that is have an e-mail. If you would like the material, just e-mail me and I will send it to you and of course be available for any questions you may have while using it.

Walt Benson

Are You Ready?



Mike & Kay Ross
Alber E. Stuckey Detachment #900
Kokomo, Indiana



Tribe@MCLLeague.org
www.mclnational.org

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.

This edition does not have a person to put in the Spotlight, but when all else fails we move to Pan B, and will put a Position or job in the spotlight. This edition the Chaplains have impressed me. I have always included the Chaplains in a request for information for our Newsletter. Two new chaplains have stepped up and submitted information for our Newsletter.

The information I would hope to see from a chaplain would be who in the Division is sick or in distress, a fellow Marine who we should reach out to by phone or e-mail, to show our concern and cheer up that Marine while they convalesce. Also, provide us with information on those who have gone on to their final post. What I have seen in this issue is all of that as well as some spiritual passages as well to inspire us all.

In fairness to our chaplains they can only fulfill their mission if we supply them with the information. Please do not assume that if you know, everyone does because that rarely happens. Please pass on all vital information to the Chaplain, such as those who have passed, as it is the Chaplain that fills out the required paperwork to remove those members from the active

rolls and to move them to the list of those who have passed to include them in our next memorial. We as an organization should be more aware of the things that happen around us such as members that stop showing up for meetings and Growls. We should call to find out why the members stopped coming and if it is for sickness or distress then the members name should be passed on to the Chaplain so that the Chaplain could maintain a list and follow

up with that member as well as pass the members contact information on to us, so that we may do the same.

I can't stress this enough, that each job in our organization is important. Each one helps us achieve our goals and complete our mission. As we struggle with reduced attendance, and members not wanting to step up and fill open positions, think about what that means and who is served by these positions. The people you help or serve are our brothers and sisters. I cannot stress to you enough how moved I was when I found e-mails from Chaplains this week, stating this is my contribution to the Division Newsletter, Semper Fi Chaplains, well done.

Walt Benson





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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>.





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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	



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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		



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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	



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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. The Paymaster is one of most important positions in the Department. 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. You will learn more about how things work in the league than in any other job

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 Sergeant-at-Arms.

Department of CT– Is seeking a Boy scout Liaison

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.

Department of CT– Is seeking a Historian

Department of CT– Is seeking a Legislative Officer

Department of CT– Is seeking a Public Relations Officer

Department of CT– Is seeking a Scholarship Chair

Department of CT– Is seeking a Weapons Compliance Officer

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.

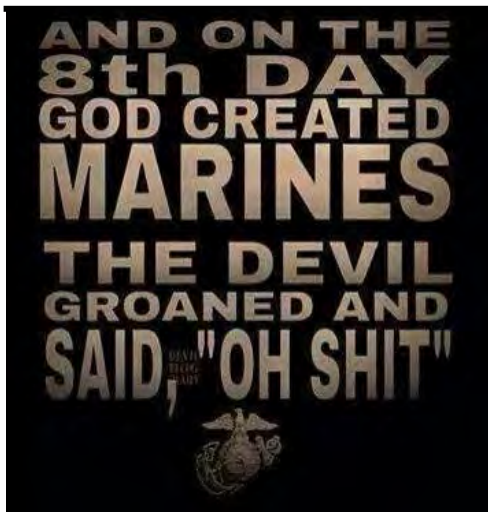
New England Division– is seeking a seeking a Youth Physical Fitness liaison to make contact with schools to set up the program and help out wherever needed.

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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Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

August 12th through August 16th
Banquet is Friday August 16th

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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