

THE SIT REP

September 2022

Department of North Carolina Marine Corps League Newsletter



Commandant's Message

Marines, Associates and Auxiliary,

I hope that you all had a great summer and are ready to head into fall. For some, fall is their favorite time of year.

For this edition of the newsletter, I want to stress the importance of compliance. It is imperative that the Detachment leadership stay on top of the compliance requirements and keep your Detachment in good standing. As I have stated many times, if you are not in compliance and unsure what you need to do to get back on track, reach out to Phil Randall.

For those of you who went to the National Convention in Daytona, thank you for being there and representing our Department so well. We had a great group of representatives, and it was great seeing all of you in the sessions and learning new information to help you within the League. It is my hope that you have already started sharing that information with your fellow Detachment members. Next year should be quite the extravaganza in Oklahoma City when we gather to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Marine Corps League. Hopefully we will have even more NC members there to represent our Department.

One last thing I want to throw out there. We are a fraternity, a brother and sisterhood. Over the past few years, I've seen our organization being torn apart over petty disagreements. We cannot continue to be this way. We have a mission and things that take our attention away from that mission hurts the League and it hurts our Veteran community. Even when we served, there were Marines that for whatever reason we didn't care for. But at the end of the day, we were all part of the same team, and we all had the same goal in mind. The growth and success of our Marine Corps League is the responsibility of all of us. We must refocus ourselves on doing the good of the League and ensuring that we are all doing our part to serve our communities and our Veteran brothers and sisters. Don't forget, our Fall Membership meeting is October 14-15. Make sure you get your room reserved by September 14th. Meeting registrations need to be in by October 5th.

Semper Fidelis

Commandant Ric Ledford



Sr. Vice Commandant's Message

Marine Corps League Members and Associates

The Fall Membership Meeting is fast approaching. It is of the utmost importance that we make our room reservation before September 14, 2022. After this date, you will not be guaranteed the MCL rate. In fact, you may be charged double.

I want everyone to understand that during this time of year is leaf season. People come from all over to enjoy the changing of the foliage of the trees. All hotels in this area will fill up fast. The Fall Membership Meeting will be hosted by the Northwest District. We have a lot of activities planned. Unfortunately, the racetrack will not be open to us. We will be working with the local Country Club for a round of golf on Friday morning. Friday night we will be having karaoke from 2000-2300. This is a locally owned business by a veteran. The Smokehouse will once again cater Saturday's lunch. The menu will be the same as it was for the Spring meeting.

I would like to encourage all Detachments to send at least 2 representatives from your Detachment. I would also encourage each Detachment to help with the cost associated with members coming to the Fall Meeting. I understand this is asking a lot from the Detachments but the Department of NC needs you present for this meeting. The Department of NC is working hard for the Detachments now but we also need your help.

In closing, please make sure you get your reservation for the hotel before September 14th. I cannot stress this enough. Holiday Inn Express (336) 838-1800. For any other information or suggestions, please reach out to me.

Semper Fi

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The links below are the flyer on the left and registration on the right



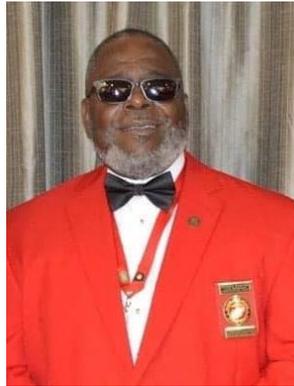
2022 Fall

Membership Meeting



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Jr. Vice Commandant's Message

While September is National Preparedness Month, Hurricane season is upon us here in our STATE. Are you READY????

DO YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR YOUR FAMILY IF A HURRICANE IS COMING YOUR WAY???? Will you be staying put or are you leaving? These are things to think about early, either way you need to have a plan and supplies to implement that plan.

Things you may need for your home

Is your Insurance up to date? Things you can do to help protect your home

High Winds

Reduce flying debris

Direct water away from your home

Reduce water damage risk

Prepare for power loss

Start a digital list of your belongings

Now that you are taken care of, how about that neighbor or the Veteran down the street. As a Detachment you can make some Survival Kits to hand out for those in need. Fill them with Candles, Towels, Blankets, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, canned goods and anything your Detachment thinks that might help in a natural disaster. You can also contact your local businesses to see if they would like to donate items for the kits.

Do not forget to continue your Buddy Checks thru COVID, STILL VERY IMPORTANT, even when a disaster happens, your Veterans Family might be in need help!

ARE YOU READY NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE

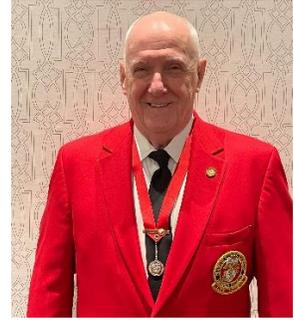
See you all at the DEPARTMENT NORTH CAROLINA FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING!!!!

Semper Fi

Reggie Sawyer

DoNC Jr. Vice Commandant

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Judge Advocate's Message

From the Judge Advocate – Department of North Carolina

DETACHMENT MEETINGS:

Although our Department Bylaws (DBL) and National Bylaws and National Administrative Procedures (NBL/NAP) do not specifically require that we maintain records of attendees at our meetings it should be a matter of practice to have members and guests sign it for each meeting held. If you do not fully follow the League Ritual, and should forget a roll call of officers or a good count of members in attendance in your minutes, then how do you substantiate that you met your requirements for a quorum? It serves as back up for the minutes, and if you track meals, 50/50 raffles, etc., then it satisfies the needs of any audits. Don't forget that the Sergeant-at-Arms is supposed to validate those members attending "are in good standing" and/or collect dues if they are not currently paid. Use the most current roster provided from National/Department to keep your Paymaster or Adjutant/Paymaster apprised of changes.

GRIEVANCES/DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS

We never want to have disagreements or infractions occur within our Detachments or elsewhere, but they do. If there is a grievance or an observed violation of Marine Corps League Bylaws, etc. please remember that your first duty is to see if the matter can be resolved amicably at the lowest level. As stated in Chapter 9 of the NAP – without citing the entire section – key points are:

Grievance. A Grievance is an injustice which gives grounds for complaint because it is harmful or unjust. A Grievance does not subject the Member, Detachment, or Department to punishment. The goal of the grievance is to resolve the injustice. Prior to the written Grievance being filed with the Jurisdictional Judge Advocate, the Grievance must be considered by the Detachment to attempt to mediate the problem.

Disciplinary Charges. A Disciplinary Charge is a formal accusation that a member, Detachment, or Department has violated the Bylaws or Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League and disciplinary punishment is sought. The Charges shall reference the subsection of Section 9040 or section of the National Bylaws violated.

Although presently the NBL/NAP and DBL neither defines what actions constitute or satisfy successful mediation nor do they define records to be maintained if the situation is resolved or is unresolved. If not resolved, it should be documented along with the charges if moved to the Department level for adjudication to clearly show that a reasonable attempt to resolve the matter was made.

I am working on a recommended change to both DBL and NBL/NAP to incorporate documentation to reflect that mediation was or was not successful and any records that might be necessary are maintained to document and/or preclude recurrences of similar actions.

BOTTOM LINE: DO ALL THAT IS POSSIBLE TO RESOLVE AT THE LOWEST LEVEL – YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO FOR THE THROAT AS YOUR ONLY MEANS OF SATISFYING YOUR DISAGREEMENTS.

Semper Fidelis,

William Brown
DoNC Judge Advocate
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Compliance Officer's Message



Why are we pushing Compliance?

Some of you that have reached out to me concerning these new guidelines have been somewhat confused but have learned what we are requesting.

Compliance is the state of being in accordance with established guidelines or specifications, or the process of becoming so.

The Marine Corps League is a huge organization comprised of the following components:

- National
- Divisions
- Departments
- Detachments

These are all being Non-Profit individually yet incorporated separately. Each line of business within the MCL is a corporation governed by a Board of Directors/ Trustees. Each is a Registered within the State as a Non-Profit Organization.

We must govern ourselves within the Guidelines of the State and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Thus, the need for each Detachment to be complying with these guidelines.

As I stated in the last Newsletter, we are attempting to make this as painless as possible for each Detachment. So, if you have the following documents on file, please provide me a copy of each and if you don't, please contact the IRS and the Secretary of State of North Carolina and request what you need.

1. A copy of the Letter from MCL National that authorized the Detachments Charter
2. A copy of the letter from the NC Secretary of State in which you were issued the Detachment's Secretary of State Identification Number (SOSID)
3. A copy of the letter received from the IRS issuing you the Detachment's Employer Identification Number (EIN)
4. If the Detachment has Ceremonial Rifles,
 - A. Qualification Checklist
 - B. Certificate of Arms Storage Form
 - C. Certificate of Compliance Form 10 USC 4683
 - D. Rifle Inventory Form

Once the Detachment has submitted the above to the Department Compliance Officer via email you only have to email the Compliance Officer the dates the Detachment complied with the following.

- A. IRS Form 990
- B. ROI
- C. PLM Audit
- D. Triennial Reports to TCOM (Only for those with Ceremonial Rifles) if you have any questions about this please email them to me or call me please.

“LET'S GET BUSY”



Public Relations Officer's Message

Marine Corps League Members and Associates

Thank you all for a successful premiere issue of our DoNC Newsletter. As we continue to develop this form of communication, we should find that it will have some structure, yet room for flexibility. Feedback is extremely welcome, and the use of email allows me to keep a digital paper trail of concerns and actions. With my background in quality improvement and nursing research, don't be surprised if a survey may pop up in a future issue.

As you can see, we have found a name for our newsletter, "The Sit Rep", and this reflects its purpose. The vision of this form of communication is to fill in the gaps between Department level membership meetings. The structure I'm using mimics the presentation at Department meetings. This would be officer reports, detachment news, upcoming events and other announcements. For now, the plan is to publish in the months that do not have a Department meeting. Therefore, this September issue will be followed by an issue in November. We have our Fall Membership Meeting in October and as informative as a newsletter can be, it cannot replace the networking that face-to-face interaction and open discussion provides.

For the purpose of consistency and planning, submissions are requested to be in my email inbox by the 5th of the publishing month and then be published on the 10th of that month. Another request I have is that for text content, I would greatly appreciate it if those documents could be created in WORD or just straight text in an email. This will streamline the copy/paste process, especially if I must make editorial changes for grammar, spelling, and punctuation. I can edit in a PDF (Portable Document Format), but when I go to format into my draft document, it doesn't always behave the way I would like. GOOGLE docs are even more difficult, and might result in only a link. Of course, PDF flyers, posters, forms, should be sent in PDF. JPG or JPEG (Joint Photographic Experts Group – compressed image format) are never a problem.

Currently, our Department Adjutant distributes the newsletters to leadership and the Detachments. If you are already on her email list, you may receive the newsletter before your Detachment Adjutant distributes to the membership. I do have a concern that the newsletter can get buried down the timeline of an email inbox. I would suggest that if you would like to look back on issues, you could create a folder for that purpose. We have been in discussion of other publishing options that will keep an issue readily accessible. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

The next issue will be published on November 10th, Happy Birthday Marines!! Because the following issue will be December 10th, it is important that submissions include any events that need a response in December. Now for networking, I hope to see many of you at in Wilkesboro.

Semper Fidelis,

Marilyn Bower

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Welcome to Our Department Aide-de-Camp

Chief of Staff

Marines, Associates and Auxiliary,

After careful consideration of 3 candidates for the position of Chief of Staff/Aide de Camp I have decided to appoint AJ Pitts to that position.

AJ is a young hard charger with a fresh set of ideas and eyes. He has carefully considered these positions and what his responsibilities are to fulfill the roles.

We as an organization must look for ways to improve ourselves and give our members an opportunity to help in that process. I feel that AJ brings a fresh outlook and some much-needed zeal for helping our Department move forward.

Semper Fidelis

Commandant Ric Ledford

Chapel of Four Chaplains Liaison

I am honored to have been appointed as the Chapel of Four Chaplains Liaison Officer for the Department. My job is to search for individuals that, to put it bluntly, are the best of the best. The mission statement says it so nicely; "The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundations mission is to tell the story of the "Four Chaplains" to promote Interfaith Cooperation and Selfless Service in individuals and organizations. The mission of the Corporation is to encourage selfless service in the tradition of The Four Chaplains and to teach and promote interfaith understanding and cooperation among all peoples. Accordingly, the motto of the Corporation is "Unity without Uniformity".

We accomplish this mission by recognizing individuals and organizations that do extraordinary things, or go well above the call. These people are outstanding members of society whose lives model the giving spirit and unconditional service to community, nation, and humanity without regard to race, religion, or creed exemplified by the Four Chaplains. The individuals do have to be Marine Corps League members, they can also be first responders (law enforcement, fire, medical staff), or any member of the community that has gone above and beyond.

If you know of such a person, email me at donc.chapelof4chaplains@gmail.com and I will send you the nomination forms and guidelines.

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Semper Fi,

Robert Hare
Chapel of the Four Chaplains Liaison
Department of North Carolina Marine Corps League
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Beyond the Department



Mid East Division Bulletin



MED Bulletin
September 2022.pdf

Message from Commandant Baker

Marine Corps League Members & Auxiliary,

I hope by now that everyone has arrived safely back home. I feel that the Convention week was very productive for all.

Having the U. S. Army Tank-Automotive & Armaments Command (TACOM) there to brief our members on the protocol of requesting, using and storage of the M-1 Rifles is paramount in the Detachment's success in this program. It was an outstanding brief. We will be sharing the Power Point presentation on our National MCL Website.

Also, the briefing by the Veterans Affairs and the Florida National Cemeteries Representative was very informative. Marine John Knapp gave a great presentation that was informative about all National Cemeteries, not just Florida. This is a subject that we all need to think about and do some prior planning. While there, I had the honor of swearing in Marine John Knapp as a member of the Marine Corps League.

All of the Committees gave their reports, and many awards and citations were passed out. Frank Mathers from the First State Detachment in Delaware was the National Marine of the Year. Patricia "Pattie" A. Leib from the Department of West Virginia was the first ever selected as the National Associate of the Year. Congratulations to them both. Also, Joe DeAngelo was selected as the MODD Dog of the Year. Congratulations Joe.

The Marine Corps League Auxiliary had some outstanding meetings and outgoing President Evelyn Joppa performed her duties outstandingly. We all wish her the best and great job Madam President. There were several new Units that were chartered. We all should congratulate Linda Chamberlain who was installed as the new President. I look forward to working with her and the Auxiliary.

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs had a successful year also. The 59th Chief Devil Dog Tom Hazlett presented a check for \$83,000 to a local children's part of the hospital. This was truly a great goodwill gesture by the MODD. The newest Chief Devil Dog and the 60th Chief Devil Dog is Alan Sanning, from Missouri. I wish to congratulate Chief Sanning and wish him the best in his new challenge.

During the Convention, we only had one proposal that was submitted for the 2024 National Committee. The membership voted and approved that the 2024 National Convention will be held in Denver, Colorado. Also, the 2023 National Convention will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and you can make your reservations NOW! This will be the 100th Anniversary of the Marine Corps League.

The Young Marines of the Marine Corps League and the Toys for Tots Foundation gave outstanding briefings.

At the National level Board of Trustees, I was reelected as your National Commandant, Warren Griffin was reelected as your National Senior Vice Commandant, TJ Morgan was reelected as your National Junior Vice Commandant, and Russ Miller from the Rocky Mountain Division was elected as your new National Judge Advocate. Tom Krueger was appointed as the new Rocky Mountain National Vice Commandant; Jim Loorya was elected as the new Southwest National Vice Commandant; and Joe Hughes was elected as the new Midwest National Vice Commandant. All others remained the same. Congratulations and welcome to all the new members of the National Board of Trustees.

And finally on a sad note, we had a few that tested positive for COVID at the Convention and several more have reported that they have tested positive for COVID on their return home. Please be aware and go get tested if you have any of the symptoms of COVID. Our Headquarters and the MODD are aware but the best thing that you can do is seek medical care. I hope that you all are healthy and missed this round of COVID.

Semper Fi,

Johnny Baker
National Commandant / CEO
Marine Corps League

Detachment News

8th and I Drum and Bugle Corps and Silent Drill Team August 1, 2022

On August 1st we had the pleasure of a performance from the 8th and I Drum and Bugle Corps and Silent Drill Team at Cary, High School, Cary, North Carolina. Many Red Covers were in the stands. The event was sponsored by the Marine Corps Recruiting Station, Raleigh, N.C. Capt. Thomas Brown, Exec. Officer served as Master of Ceremonies.

LCpl Jude Smith, a member of the Silent Drill Team and former member of the Young Marine Program in Raleigh, N.C., received recognition from the Raleigh Young Marines for his achievements.

DoNC Jr. Vice Commandant Reggie Sawyer and DoNC Judge Advocate Bill Brown represented the Department for Pass and Review. Below is a link to the FB post on "The Commandant's Own Drum and Bugle Corps" page.

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Thank you ALL Detachments for your presence!

Greater Greensboro Detachment #260

Below is a link to newsletter, "The Grinder", of Greater Greensboro Detachment #260

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Blue Ridge Detachment #848

Blue Ridge Detachment #848 had a very successful fundraising season this year. We started in February and went through to Applefest. We had overlapping raffles on over 20 days and multiple venues for a Cub Cadet Zero Turn Mower and a Springfield 1911 .45 Automatic w/300 rnds of ammo. Some venues were indoors, and others were outside. Some we raffled both items and at some only the mower or pistol. All in all, it was a great opportunity to interact with the public, educate on the mission of the Marine Corps League, share resources to veterans and their families, and raise funds for the veteran and military based programs we support.

We drew for the mower at the end of May and a young couple with Marine Corps ties just moved to an acreage and needed a riding mower. The timing couldn't have been better for them, and it was her birthday the day we called her. We drew for the pistol on Labor Day at the end of Applefest and our call went to a very happy FMF Corpsman!



Swansboro Detachment #1407

On 10 August 2022, members from the Marine Corps League Swansboro Detachment #1407, visited residents of The Cottages of Swansboro Senior and Assisted Living Home. During the hosted luncheon, members were able to talk to the residents and share some amazing stories.



Asheville Detachment #1417

Asheville Detachment #1417 has had a very busy spring and summer. We have set up our Coffee Breaks at the Asheville Outlet Mall during holiday times and most recently at the Craft Festival in Burnsville, NC. We have sold gun raffle tickets for a Springfield Standard MIA M14 at these events and have been most successful. We will continue selling tickets at Thanksgiving and before Christmas at the Outlet Mall. The Drawing will be on December 18, 2022. Many thanks to Commandant Parker, his wife Deanna, Phil and Sally Swartz, for their endless hours of work on this project. We also thank members and Associates who have and will continue to volunteer to raise money to assist our Veterans and families. We are presently planning to have a Marine Corps Birthday Ball at Francy-Burdett Post 70 on November 12th in Asheville, NC. In addition, our members and Associates will be assisting with our Toys for Tots program here helping children have a special Christmas. Our Detachment also has monthly dinners on the second Tuesday of each month at different restaurants to enjoy fellowship and good food. ROMEO (Real Old Men Eating Out) also meets every Thursday at 8am at Ingles on Brevard Road for breakfast and sharing stories. If you live in the Asheville area or visiting and would like to participate in any of our functions or events, please contact our Adjutant Cynthia Ray at cricketray7@aol.com and she will arrange all for you. We would like to thank our State Commandant Ric Ledford, a member of our Detachment, all State Officers for your leadership and dedication. We appreciate you as do our Veterans and families.

Detachment Events



FOOD LION

Calling All Marines, FMF Navy, Marine Families and Friends

**Join
Marine Corps League
Shawn Knisely Detachment 983**

**End of Summer Picnic
September 17, 2022, 12-5pm
Lake Rim Recreation Center
1455 Hoke Loop Rd, Fayetteville**



**SPLASH PAD-FOOD-GAMES
FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER MARINES AND VETERANS**

RSVP 910-502-0311



**Toys-for-Tots Kickoff
Fundraiser**



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

9:00 A.M. Shotgun

4-Man Super Ball
18 Holes/Social Event

\$70 and a Toy

Lunch Included

Location:

Heddingham Golf Club

4801 Harbour Towne Dr. Raleigh, NC 27604

Contact: AJ Pitts/ C: (937) 896-1533

Email: cmdt@rdu-mcl.org



Marine Corps Birthday Events around the DoNC

Corporal Johnny A. Williamson Detachment #1165 **Our Marine Corps League Detachment Birthday Ball**



**We Invite You and Your Guest to Join Us in Celebration of
Our Corps 247th Birthday Saturday November 5th 2022**

Pinewood Country Club
Cost: \$50.00 Per Person
Members and Guest

Any Questions or Suggestions: Contact our Birthday Ball Committee:
Harvey Allred 336-460-0421 hallred56@triad.rr.com
Filmore York 336-212-0223 fyork@triad.rr.com

Our Guest of Honor/Speaker

"Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Jason Williams"

Make Check Payable to: *Marine Corps League*

****Cut off date to purchase Tickets October 18th****

Plan to pay for your tickets at our August 16th, September 20th or October 18th meeting

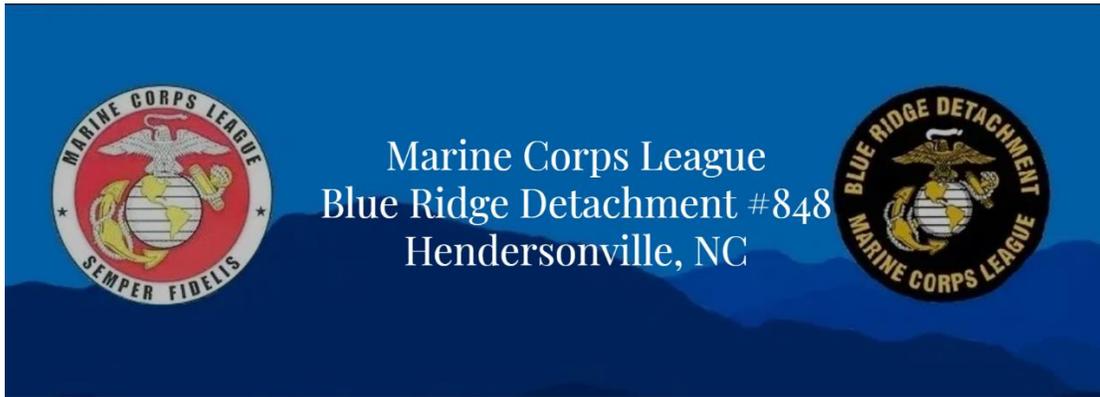
You can mail your payment to:
Marine Corps League
P.O. Box 2431
Asheboro, N.C. 27204-2431



Once a Marine, Always a Marine!

Cpl. Johnny A. Williamson Detachment #1165
Marine Corps League

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of every month.
Place: American Legion Post 45, Lanier St. Asheboro
1800-1900 Camaraderie and meal.
1900-2000 Meeting



Marine Corps League
 Blue Ridge Detachment #848
 Hendersonville, NC

The Blue Ridge Detachment of the Marine Corps League cordially invites all Marines and FMF Navy Personnel who have honorably served with Marine Units to attend the 247th Marine Corps Birthday Dinner to be held on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at the Elks Club, 546 N Justice St, Hendersonville, NC. Guests (family, friends, and other veterans) are welcome to experience the tradition of the Marine Corps Birthday Celebration and Ceremony. We will start with a Social Hour at 1800 hours (6 PM) and dinner will be served at 1900 hours with live music. This venue is near the Pardee Hospital. Our speaker is Rev. Jeremiah Palmer, Chaplain Department of South Carolina, Marine Corps League.

The menu will be Spring Salad Greens, Rolls, Entrées of Lemon Herb Chicken w/ Roasted Red Potatoes and Country Green Beans, or Pot Roast with Vegetables, or Spanakopita w/Tzatziki sauce and Steamed Broccoli with Tomatoes and Onions, Coffee or Tea which will be prepared by the Elks Club. If you have any special dietary requests, please contact Denver Grant (contact information is below). Ice Cream and Cake will be served at the Cake Cutting Ceremony after our speaker.

To attend please fill out the attached reservation and return it to the address noted by November 2, 2022. Please RSVP ASAP because seating will be limited.

- Social: 6 PM Open Bar for beer and wine*
- Opening and Missing Man Ceremony: 6:50 PM*
- Dinner: 7 PM*
- Speaker: 8 PM*
- 247th Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony: 8:45 PM*
- Closing: 9:15 PM*
- Cost: \$25 per person*
- Attire: Red Blazer or Coat and Tie, Semi-formal for Ladies, Dress Uniform optional*

---Cut here and return by November, 2, 2022-----

I _____ and _____ will be attending

Entrée options (indicate number

Grilled Chicken _____ Beef Pot Roast _____ Spanakopita _____

A check for \$ _____ is attached

Please make checks payable to MCL #848 and return them to the Paymaster, Jack Richardson, 179 Sweetwater Hills Dr. Hendersonville, NC 28791-8003.

If further information is needed, check the detachment web page at <https://blueridgedetachment848mcl.com> or contact Commandant Grant at 415-608-4792 or by email at paonegrant@msn.com