

August 2023



Detachment 60 Gouge

The PFC Paul E. Ison Det #60 Newsletter

MEETING LOCATION

BROTHERHOOD OF HEROES
4522 DEL PRADO BLVD. S.
CAPE CORAL, FL 33904

COMMANDANT

OSCAR RAUDA



UPCOMING MEETINGS

MONDAYS - 7:30 PM

- ✓ AUGUST 14
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 11
- ✓ OCTOBER 9



ACE DETAIL

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

- ✓ AUGUST 5
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 2
- ✓ OCTOBER 7
- **DETAILS ON PAGE**

Editor: Ariel Montero

Marine Corps Birthday

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

VENUE CHANGE

We've got some incredible news to share! Prepare for an exhilarating Marine Corps Ball experience at our new location. This place is beyond amazing, with top-notch facilities that will blow your mind. We've created a super informative flyer to address any doubts or queries about the change. Don't worry, though – the heart and soul of the event remain unchanged, and we can't wait for you to join us in creating memories that will last a lifetime!



Crowne Plaza Ft. Myers Gulf Coast
9931 Interstate Commerce Drive,
Fort Myers, Florida 33913

Friday, November 10, 2023

5 pm – 10 pm

Prices on the flyer

Where do I get tickets?

Buy tickets in person at detachment meetings or by mail by noting your meals of choice and making the checks payable to **MCL PFC Paul E. Ison Detachment 60** and mail to:



MCL PFC Paul E. Ison Detachment 60
PO BOX 100841,
Cape Coral, FL 33910-0841



Or buy tickets online by clicking the link.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE PFC PAUL E. ISON DETACHMENT 60

PRESENTS

The 248th Annual

MARINE



CORPS

Birthday Ball

Friday, November 10, 2023

At 1700-2200 (5pm-10pm)

Crowne Plaza Fort Myers Gulf Coast

9931 Interstate Commerce Drive,

Fort Myers, Florida 33913

Tickets* available at

www.eventbrite.com, search: United States Marine Corps Birthday Ball
Fort Myers, Florida

Make Checks payable to MCL PFC Paul E. Ison Detachment 60

PO BOX 100841, Cape Coral, FL 33910-0841

In the amount of \$65 per person(until 09/30/2023)

\$70 per person from 10/01-10/31

\$75 per person from 11/01-11/03

Must include meal choice, otherwise will be defaulted to Chicken

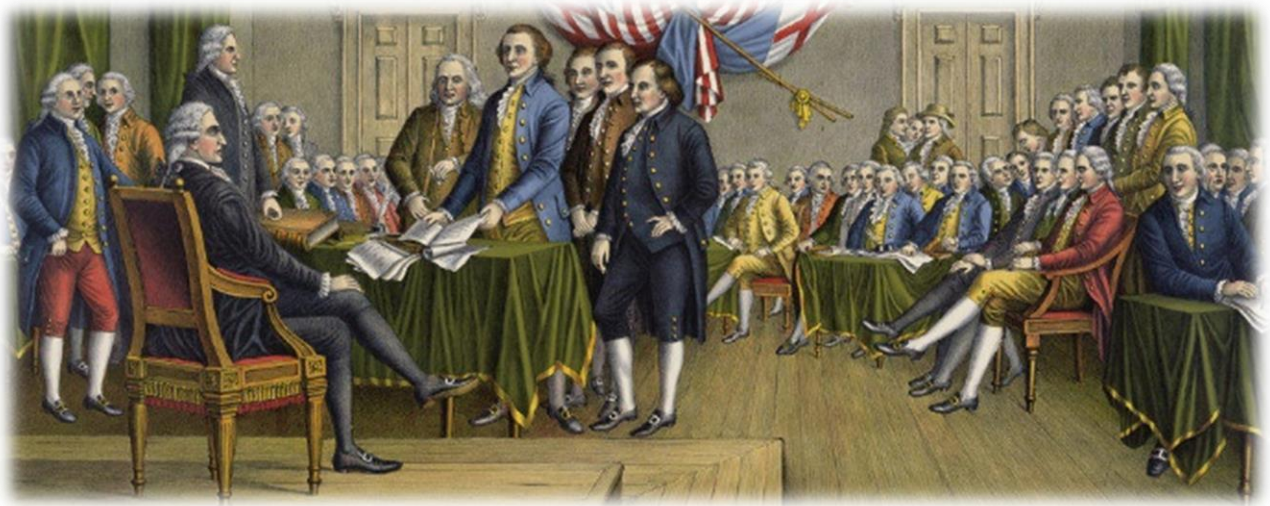
1-Roasted Chicken Breast. 2-Pan Seared Salmon.

3-Grilled Filet Mignon. 4-Portobello Mushroom(Vegetarian).

*Tickets are a "quid pro quo" donation(is a non-refundable, non-tax deductible donation to the Detachment in which you get something in return...E.g. The meal, The cake, The fun, The dancing, etc.)

Historical Article

Explore important moments in American history that occurred in August. Discover how these events have shaped our nation.



August 2, 1776: Declaration of Independence Signing

The signing of the Declaration of Independence marked America's separation from British rule and laid the foundation for a new country based on liberty, democracy, and personal rights.



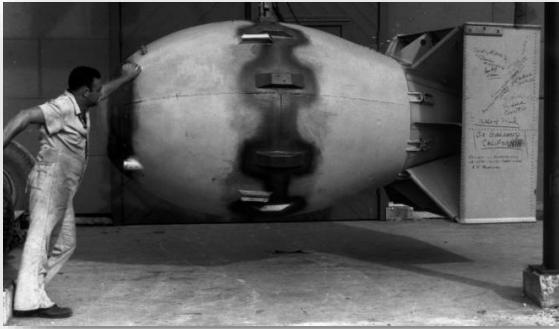
August 24-25, 1814: Burning of Washington

In 1812, the British burned down government buildings in Washington, D.C., including the White House and the Capitol. It highlighted our young country's struggles and determination to protect its independence.



August 18-21, 1920: Women's Suffrage Ratification

The 19th Amendment was ratified in August 1920, granting women the right to vote after decades of advocacy and struggle.



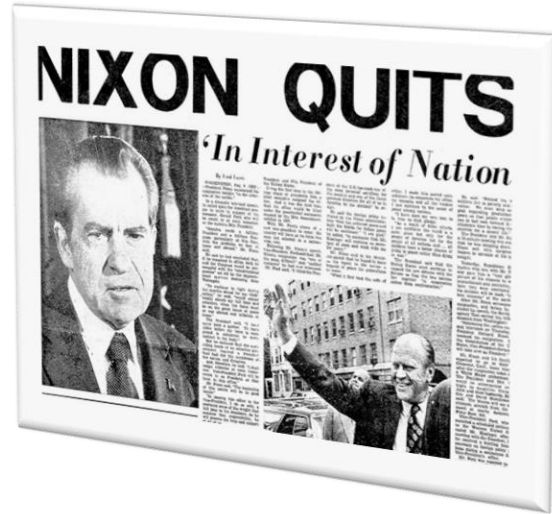
August 6-9, 1945: Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

In a tragic turn of events during World War II, the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan. These devastating attacks resulted in immense loss of life and forever changed the course of warfare and international relations.



August 28, 1963: March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on August 28, 1963, calling for racial equality and justice for all Americans.



August 9, 1974: Richard Nixon's Resignation

President Nixon resigned in 1974 due to the Watergate scandal, highlighting the importance of transparency and accountability in American democracy.

August has significant historical events that shape America's values. The Marine Corps League pays tribute to these moments and honors those who have fought for our freedoms. Stay tuned for more stories in upcoming newsletters.

By the way, are you a history buff who loves reading about fascinating historical events? Well, we've got some exciting news for you! We're inviting you to share your favorite historical event with us and have it featured in our awesome newsletter. How cool is that?



To get your article published, all you need to do is email it to marines@pfcison.com or click on the Super Abe link. Don't forget to include the subject line "historical event - month" to make sure your submission gets noticed.

So, what are you waiting for? Dive into history and let your passion shine through by sharing your favorite historical event with us. We can't wait to read all about it!

Detachment Events

Monday Meetings



Join us at the monthly Marine Corps League PFC Paul E. Ison meetings at the Brotherhood of Heroes Resource Center & Museum in Cape Coral, FL. Connect with Marine Corps enthusiasts, veterans, and supporters, and admire the exhibits that pay homage to those who have served in the military. The next meeting is on the second Monday of next month. Take advantage of this chance to celebrate the legacy of PFC Paul E. Ison and all who have proudly served.



Brotherhood of Heroes Resource Center & Museum

4522 Del Prado Blvd S,
Cape Coral, FL

Monday, August 14 at 7:30 pm

Post-Meeting Gathering

Join us for our post-meeting gathering at BackStreets Sports Bar located on 915 SE 47th Ter, Cape Coral, FL! Indulge in delicious comfort food and enjoy live music in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Everyone is invited, so show up and have fun. See you there!



BackStreets Sports Bar
915 SE 47th Ter,
Cape Coral, FL

Monday, August 14 – Post-Meeting

Why did the Marine bring a ladder to the bar?
Because he heard that drinks were on the house!



MANDATORY
FUN
TIME

ACE Detail



Join us in making a difference at Vision Ace Hardware!



Vision Ace Hardware

1004 Cape Coral Pkwy E,
Cape Coral, FL

Saturday, August 5

We are excited to announce that Vision Ace Hardware, conveniently located at 1004 Cape Coral Pkwy E, Cape Coral, FL, allows our detachment to collect donations on the first Saturday of every month.

If you're passionate about giving back and want to get involved, we invite you to join us as a volunteer. It's a beautiful opportunity to impact and connect with like-minded individuals positively.

For more information on how to become a volunteer, please email us at marines@pfcision.com. We'll happily provide all the details you need to get started.

Thank you for your generosity and support. Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most.

August Luncheon



FRD Sports Bar & Grille
(formerly known as First Round Draft)
1217 Del Prado Blvd S
Cape Coral, FL.

Tuesday, August 29, at 1 pm

Join us for our monthly luncheon, a gathering that brings together former and current Marines and Navy Corpsmen to connect with like-minded individuals who share a common bond and celebrate the principles and customs of the United States Marine Corps.

Our August monthly luncheon will be held at FRD Sports Bar & Grille (formerly known as First Round Draft), conveniently located at 1217 Del Prado Blvd S. in Cape Coral, FL. Mark your calendars for the last Tuesday of the month, August 29, at 1 pm.



Leaving the office for lunch is the
new vacation day.



Member Recruiting & New Members

Join the Marine Corps League and Make a Difference!



Join the Marine Corps League to uphold the values and traditions of the United States Marine Corps. As a member, you'll connect with fellow Marines, engage in meaningful activities, and positively impact your community. Expanding our membership strengthens our organization and empowers us to support veterans and their families. Join us in honoring our past and shaping a brighter future.

Why Join the Marine Corps League?

The Marine Corps League is a prestigious organization that provides a unique opportunity for Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and Navy Chaplains who have served with Marines to continue their service beyond active duty. By joining our ranks, you become part of a brotherhood/sisterhood that shares a common bond forged through sacrifice, dedication, and love for our country.

Benefits of Membership:

Comradery: The Marine Corps League offers a strong camaraderie among its members. You will have the chance to connect with fellow Marines who understand your experiences and share your values. The friendships formed within the League often last a lifetime.

Community Engagement: As a member of the Marine Corps League, you will have numerous opportunities to give back to your community. We actively support veterans in need through various programs and initiatives, provide scholarships to deserving students, participate in patriotic events, and much more.

Advocacy: The Marine Corps League serves as a powerful voice for veterans' rights and benefits locally and nationally. By joining us, you contribute to our collective efforts in advocating for legislation that supports veterans' well-being and ensures they receive the recognition they deserve.

How Can You Help?

We encourage all current members to participate in our membership recruiting efforts actively. Here are some ways you can contribute:

Spread the Word: Share your positive experiences as a member of the Marine Corps League with friends, family, and colleagues who may be interested in joining. Personal testimonials can be incredibly influential in attracting new members.

Attend Events: Participate in local community events, parades, and ceremonies where you can proudly represent the Marine Corps League. Engage with attendees and share information about our organization's mission and membership benefits.

Utilize Social Media: Leverage the power of social media platforms to promote the Marine Corps League. Please share our posts, create engaging content, and encourage others to follow our pages. By increasing our online presence, we can reach a wider audience and attract potential new members.

How to Join:

Joining the Marine Corps League is a straightforward process. Please fill out the online application form, submit the necessary documentation, and pay the annual membership fee to our paymaster Michael Dewar at our monthly meeting. Once your application is processed, you will officially become a member of the Marine Corps League.

We look forward to welcoming new members into our ranks and continuing our mission of serving veterans and their communities. Together, we can make a lasting impact and honor the legacy of the United States Marine Corps.

Message from our Paymaster:

Dues are due Attention Marines!

As a friendly reminder, dues for the upcoming year are due by August 31st. The annual fee is \$37, which can be conveniently paid during our meetings or by mailing a check. Your timely payment ensures we can continue supporting our programs and initiatives that benefit veterans, their families, and the community.



We are thrilled to announce that our esteemed Marine Corps League membership stands strong today at an impressive count of 70 dedicated individuals. We share this news with great pride, especially considering that most of our members have chosen to become Life Members, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to our beloved Corps.

To put this achievement into perspective, imagine a platoon or even a company of Marines standing shoulder to shoulder, ready to face any challenge that comes their way. That's the size of our incredible Marine Corps League family! Each member brings unique skills, experiences, and unwavering dedication to the table, making our organization a force to be reckoned with.



But we're not stopping here! We encourage all Marines, active duty and veterans alike, to join our ranks and become part of this exceptional community. By joining the Marine

Corps League, you will find camaraderie, support, and opportunities to continue serving your country and fellow Marines. Together, we can make an even more significant impact on the lives of our brothers and sisters in arms.

Let us stand united as Marines and continue to uphold the values instilled in us by the Marine Corps. Semper Fidelis!



Yearly dues of \$37 must be paid by August 31, 2023!



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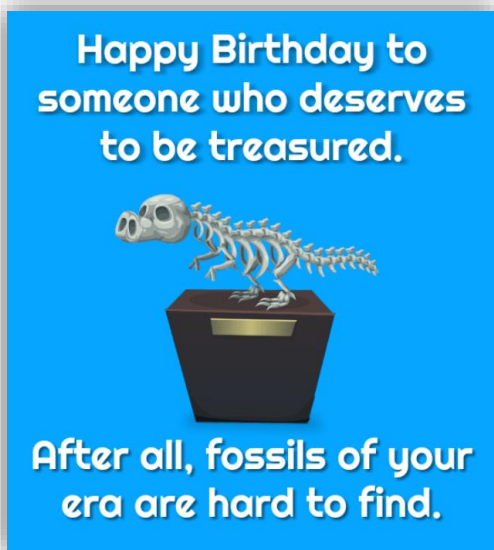


Member's Birthdays &/or Detachment Membership Anniversary

August Anniversaries

We are delighted to extend our heartfelt congratulations and express our deepest gratitude to the new individuals who joined the Marine Corps League in August. Your decision to become a part of this esteemed organization is commendable, and we feel privileged to have you as a valued member of our community. We take this opportunity to recognize:

- ✓ Tommy Anderson
- ✓ Anthony Mercado
- ✓ Al Paraldi
- ✓



- ✓ Laura Henry
- ✓ Margaret Kenny
- ✓ Al Paradi
- ✓ Robert Raybuck
- ✓ Charles Reardon
- ✓ Chuck Tidwell

August Birthdays

We extend our warmest wishes on your birthdays to all the August-born Marines! Your dedication, courage, and commitment to serving our country make us immensely proud. As you continue to shine in your endeavors within the Marine Corps and beyond, know that you have our unwavering support and admiration. May your birthdays be filled with joy, love, and cherished moments with your loved ones. Happy birthday!

Let us take a moment to recognize and honor the August-born Marines who have contributed their skills and talents to our beloved Corps:

- ✓ Michael Hamilton



Officer Listing



Commandant Oscar Rauda ensures the detachment runs smoothly and efficiently with his guidance while adhering to the MCL's bylaws and policies. He presides over meetings, makes important decisions, and oversees plans with a sense of purpose. As a representative of the detachment, he acts as a liaison with MCL leadership at official functions. Commandant Rauda's dedication ensures that the detachment operates effectively and with honor, upholding the values and mission of the Marine Corps League.



Senior Vice Commandant Ariel Montero provides unwavering support and assistance to the Commandant to ensure that the detachment operates seamlessly and effectively. In times of absence, Montero takes on the responsibilities of the Commandant with grace and skill, upholding the League's high standards. Assigned tasks or projects are taken on with dedication and expertise, resulting in successful community outreach programs and membership recruitment efforts. Senior Vice Commandant Ariel Montero truly embodies the mission and values of the Marine Corps League.



Junior Vice Commandant Jackleen Hurd works closely with the Commandant and Senior Vice Commandant to support them in various tasks, such as delegating responsibilities for fundraising, public relations, and other essential areas. Her expertise and dedication are invaluable in organizing events and activities that foster camaraderie among detachment members and contribute to the MCL's mission.



The Judge Advocate ensures that the detachment operates per relevant laws, regulations, and MCL policies. Their knowledge and guidance can be precious when dealing with complicated legal issues such as contracts, liability problems, and disputes. The Judge Advocate is prepared to represent the detachment with expertise and professionalism if legal action is required.



Adjutant Dick Scriber ensures the smooth running of administrative tasks and helps interested individuals learn more about the Marine Corps League. His dedication and skills significantly influence the detachment's growth and success.



Mike Dewars is the Paymaster responsible for managing our detachment's finances. He handles tasks such as collecting membership dues, maintaining financial records, and ensuring that established procedures are followed, all of which assure us that our organization's finances are secure. In addition to these duties, Mike can offer us valuable financial reports and budgets, allowing us to evaluate our organization's financial health and stability.



Chaplain Patricia Smith provides a guiding light for the members and their loved ones, providing spiritual support and counsel whenever needed. Her leadership in prayer and religious services during detachment meetings and events creates a vital connection to the organization's spiritual resources and support systems. With her compassionate presence, Chaplain Smith helps members navigate personal and emotional challenges, ensuring that everyone feels strengthened and uplifted.



Sergeant-at-Arms Ernest Grecsek maintains order and discipline during meetings by ensuring that all members follow established rules and protocols. He handles disruptions with decorum and enforces proper procedures to ensure that meetings run smoothly. He is highly committed to the safety and welfare of all participants and takes necessary measures to arrange security during events.



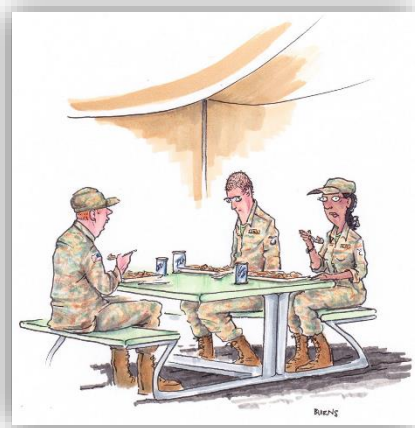
The role of the Historian is to safeguard the history and customs of the detachment. They are responsible for gathering and upkeeping records, pictures, and other items associated with the detachment's accomplishments and undertakings. Additionally, the Historian may capture noteworthy occasions or landmarks in the detachment's past.

Conventions & Conferences

Marine Corps League Fall Conference 2023

The Department of Florida Marine Corps League is pleased to announce that the MODD Florida Pack will host the 2023 Fall Conference. The event will occur at the Holiday Inn Resort in Orlando, Florida, from October 12 to 15, 2023.

The Department, MODD, MCLA, and MODDF will provide informative meetings and programs, and the Banquet promises to be a memorable evening. It will be a Marine Corps Dining-Out Function with guests. Attendees can also enjoy the comfortable Hospitality Room, where they can mingle, share their sea stories and bring home new ideas for their Detachment.



All Department of Florida MCL, MODD, MCLA, and MODDF members are invited to attend. The Holiday Inn Resort in Orlando/Lake Buena Vista has secured a special guestroom rate of \$109 per night + tax. This rate is suitable for three days prior and three days post-event and includes a \$10 Breakfast coupon.

Please note that a Resort Fee may appear on your confirmation but will be waived at check-out. Make your reservation to take advantage of the discounted room rate.

The deadline is September 12, 2023. Contact the Holiday Inn today to make your reservation by calling 877.394.5765 and mentioning the Group Code MCL.



**Holiday Inn Resort Orlando
Lake Buena Vista, an IHG Hotel**

13351 State Road 535
Orlando, FL 32821

October 12 to 15, 2023

Click the box of
Crayons for more info



Community Events



**AMERICA'S 13
TRIBUTE**

**REMEMBERING & HONORING
THE 13 FALLEN**

May they never be forgotten!

Keynote speaker: Mjr Gen James "Hammer" Hartsell - USMC Ret.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 2023
TIME: 10:00AM TO 12:00PM
LOCATION: MY WARRIOR'S PLACE
32020 OIL WELL ROAD
PUNTA GORDA, FL 33955



MY WARRIOR'S PLACE

My Warriors Place is hosting a tribute event to honor the 13 service members who died in Afghanistan at their new location in Punta Gorda. The event will provide veterans and their families with a safe and healing environment. The tribute serves as a reminder of the importance of supporting veterans and their families. My Warriors Place aims to create unity and healing by bringing people together from different backgrounds and communities. It is a powerful event allowing the community to unite in solidarity. Click the link for more information on My Warriors Place.



Important Dates:

Saturday, August 5

- ACE Detail

Monday, August 14 at 7:30 pm

- MCL Meeting
 - PFC Paul E. Ison Detachment

Saturday, August 26 at 1 pm

- America's 13 Tribute
 - See flyer for more information

Tuesday, August 29 at 10 am – 2 pm

- Detachment Luncheon
 - First Round Draft

Thursday, August 31

- Membership dues
 - Must be paid by this date

October 12 - 15

- Marine Corps League Fall Conference
 - Read above for more information

Friday, November 10

- Marine Corps 248th Birthday Ball
 - Read above for more information



Spotlight

Alright, buckle up and prepare for smooth sailing as we shine the spotlight on the Coast Guard! Why, you may ask? Well, because even the little guys need some recognition too! It's like that saying, "Good things come in small packages," except in this case, it's more like, "Awesome things come in tiny boats."

Coast Guard

USMC, Air Force, Army, Navy



Now, let's talk about their birthday. Picture this: a bunch of brave souls gathered around a cake shaped like a buoy, blowing out candles while trying not to capsize. Yes, that's right, the Coast Guard celebrates its birthday just like the rest of us mere mortals. They were officially established on ****August 4th, 1790****, meaning they've kept our seas safe for over two centuries. Talk about commitment!

But seriously, folks, let's give credit where credit is due. The Coast Guard may not

have the flashy reputation of other military branches, but they are the unsung heroes of our waters. They're like the lifeguards of the ocean, rescuing stranded sailors and battling treacherous storms while rocking those stylish uniforms. Do you know what else is impressive? The Coast Guard's versatility. They're not just about saving lives at sea; they also handle maritime law enforcement, environmental protection, and even icebreaking operations. Yep, you heard that right – they break the ice! Forget Elsa from Frozen; these guys are the real deal regarding freezing temperatures.

And let's not forget their trusty sidekick – the adorable search and rescue dogs! These furry heroes are trained to sniff trouble and lend a paw whenever needed. They're like the canine version of Batman and Robin, always ready to save the day.

So next time you see a Coast Guard member or catch a glimpse of their iconic orange and white striped boats, give them a wave, a big thumbs up, and your best pirate, "Argh!!" They may be the little guys, but they pack a punch when it comes to keeping our waters safe. Happy birthday, Coast Guard! Keep doing what you do best – being the unsung sea heroes!



Resources & Benefits



The VA is here to help with any questions regarding VA accounts, burials, appeals, disability, education, healthcare, life insurance, and pensions. Click the link below for more information on the topic of your choice:

Veterans and military personnel! We've got great news if you're looking for your DD214 certificate. Also, might we offer free and discounted theme park tickets and caregiver and survivor benefits information? Click the link for more info, and start your adventure today!



Are you a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one?

You're not alone—the Veterans Crisis Line is here for you. You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to call.

For more information click the link below.



Facebook Live focusing on the PACT Act: Social Media Promotional Posts, VSO Partners and VA – Please Share!



f LIVE

Newly Expanded Eligibility for Veterans Exposed to Toxins


August 2, at 3:30 p.m. ET



STEVEN MISKA
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PACT ACT

KATE HOYT
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
PACT ACT EPMO COMMUNICATIONS AND
OUTREACH LEAD

August 24, 2023
(or soon afterwards)



Join VFW, VVA, and VA experts on August 2 at 3:30 pm EST to learn about new benefits for Veterans exposed to toxins during their military service.

#ChooseVA

[Click Here To Learn More!](#)

August 24, 2023
(or soon afterwards)



Attention veterans, join VA specialists and fellow veterans to explore benefits you may be eligible for due to #ToxicExposure during service. Event on Wednesday, August 2, at 3:30 PM ET. Contact @DeptVetAffairs for assistance.

#ChooseVA

[Click Here To Learn More!](#)

August 24, 2023
(or soon afterwards)



Instagram

Attention veterans, join VA specialists and fellow veterans to explore benefits you may be eligible for due to #ToxicExposure during service. Event on Wednesday, August 2, at 3:30 PM ET. Contact @DeptVetAffairs for assistance.

#ChooseVA

August 31, 2023

or

September 1, 2023

facebook

Learn about expanded eligibility for Veterans benefits due to #ToxicExposure in a Facebook Live event hosted by VFW and VVA on August 2 at 3:30 p.m. ET. Head to VVA's Facebook page to join and learn how to file for these benefits.

[Click Here To Learn More!](#)

August 31, 2023

or

September 1, 2023



Instagram

Veterans! Join a Facebook Live on Wed. Aug. 2 at 3:30 pm ET with @DeptVetAffairs, @VFWHQ, and @VietnamVeteransOfAmerica to learn about eligibility criteria for exposure to toxic substances. Visit VFW or VVA's Facebook page to participate. Take advantage of this chance to learn more about your options. #ChooseVA

August 31, 2023 or September 1, 2023



Join @DeptVetAffairs, @VFWHQ, and @VVAmerica for a conversation about #ToxicExposure and #Veterans' benefits on August 2 at 3:30 pm ET. Take advantage of the discussion!

[Click Here To Learn More!](#)

About the Author

Ariel Montero



Meet your author, Ariel Montero, the man who went from being a tough Marine Corps infantry veteran to a writer against his will (or as he likes to call it, being "voluntold"). This guy has a knack for finding anxiety in the most challenging situations, and he's turned that talent into a unique blend of military humor and relatable stories. Believe it or not, his writing has gathered a following among two of his three household pets. That's right, even two out of the three furry creatures can't resist his charm!

When Ariel isn't busy putting words on paper or pretending to work, he loves nothing more than evading responsibilities, avoiding friends, and escaping from family gatherings with elaborate excuses. And let's not forget about those occasional tummy aches that conveniently pop up when he needs an excuse to disappear. It's an art form, really.

But hey, don't let his shenanigans fool you. Ariel's work serves as a reminder that sometimes laughter needs a little push, especially during challenging and uncomfortable times. So if you're feeling down in the dumps, just give his writing a shot and prepare to force those chuckles out! And if you don't like it, please email your ideas.



S *STAY TUNED...*