

September 2023



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The PFC Paul E. Ison Det #60 Newsletter

MEETING LOCATION

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

COMMANDANT

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

MONDAYS - 7:30 PM

- ✓ SEPTEMBER 11
- ✓ OCTOBER 9
- ✓ NOVEMBER 13

ACE DETAIL

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

- ✓ SEPTEMBER 2
- ✓ OCTOBER 7
- ✓ NOVEMBER 4
- ➔ **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?

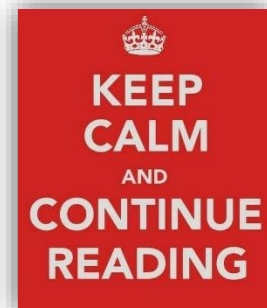
Buy tickets in person at detachment meetings or by mail by noting your meals of choice and making the checks payable to **MCL PFC Paul E. Ison Detachment 60** and mail to:



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



buy tickets online by clicking the link.





Need a room? Please follow these reservation instructions to snag your hotel room before they're all snatched up! The venue has kindly blocked off some rooms for our event, but let me tell you, those outside the block are selling like hotcakes. So, if you want to take advantage of the group rate and stay at the venue's hotel, you better reserve your spot ASAP. Don't dilly-dally because the hotel will release any unclaimed rooms on October 10th.

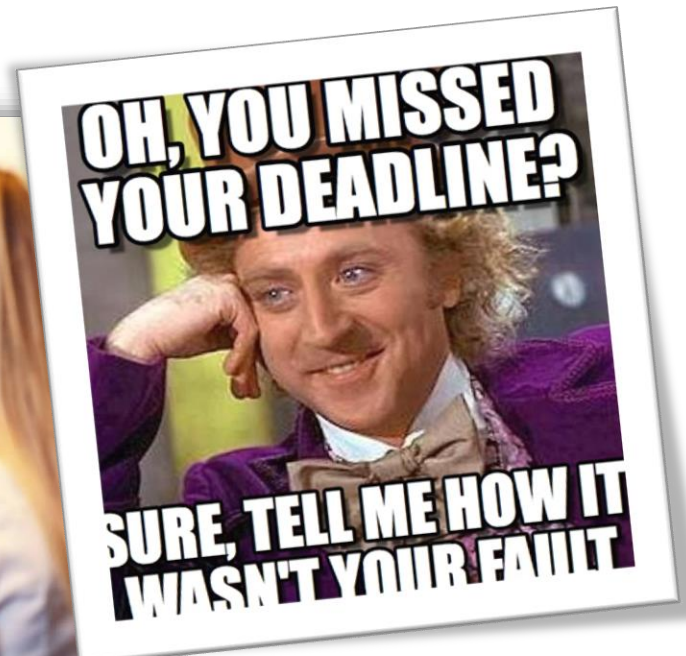


Oh, and guess what? They've even thrown in a few upgraded room types for those who fancy a little extra space. Sure, there's a slight upcharge, but bigger is better, right?

Now go on and secure your cozy abode before it's too late! We don't want you sleeping on the streets or crashing on someone's couch (unless that's your thing). Get booking!



Reserve your spot for the Marine Corps Ball at Crowne Plaza Ft. Myers Gulf Coast by booking online before 10/10/23 using the provided link and entering your dates. Alternatively, call reservations at 855-639-8440 and mention the group code MCB or ask for the Marine Corps Ball group



rate.

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

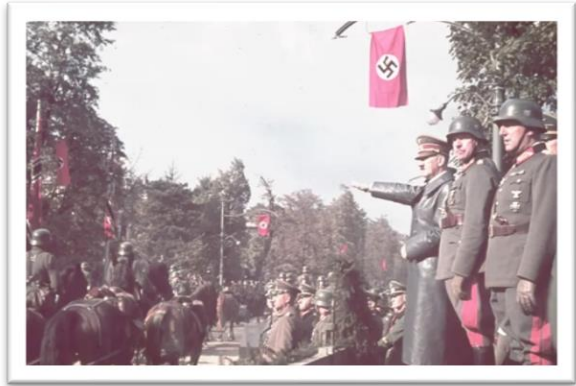
1-Roasted Chicken Breast. 2-Pan Seared Salmon.

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

September has been a significant historical month, with political landmarks, scientific discoveries, cultural transformations, and natural calamities.



September 1, 1939: Commencement of World War II



Marked by the Invasion of Poland by Nazi Germany, the conflict lasted for six years and resulted in the loss of millions of lives.



September 3, 1945: Conclusion of World War II

On September 3, 1945, Japan formally surrendered, signifying the conclusion of World War II and opening up opportunities for post-war reconstruction.



September 4, 1957: Little Rock Nine

Federal troops escorted African American students, known as the Little Rock Nine, into Little Rock Central High School, in a courageous move to challenge segregation in public schools.



September 9, 1971: Prison Riot

A riot occurred at Attica Correctional Facility, which lasted four days and led to the deaths of 43 individuals, including inmates and officers. The riot resulted from the inmates' demand for better conditions and rights.



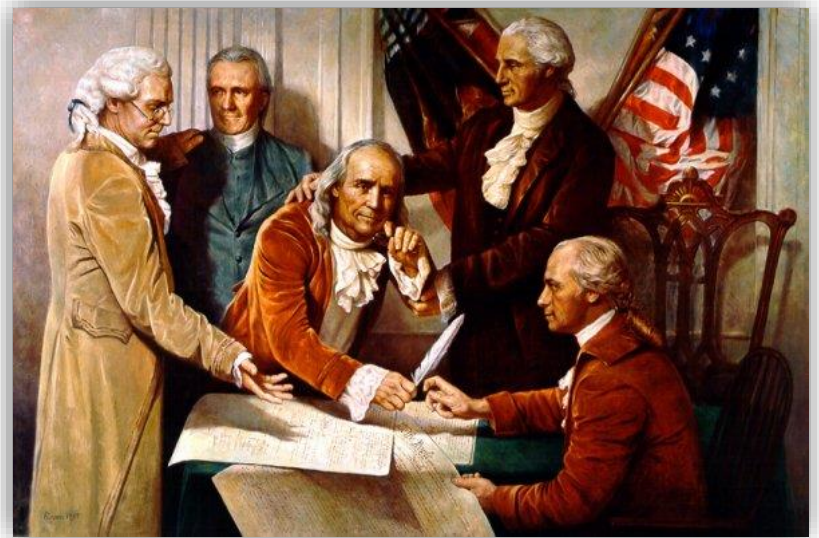
September 11, 2001: 9/11

The 9/11 attack profoundly impacted history, as Al-Qaeda's coordinated assault caused significant loss of life and property. This event triggered major changes in global security measures and politics, serving as a reminder of the ongoing threat of terrorism.



September 17, 1787: Signing of the US Constitution

On September 17, 1787, the US Constitution was signed in Philadelphia during the Constitutional Convention. This important legal document was responsible for establishing the American government.



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

the first museum



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!



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

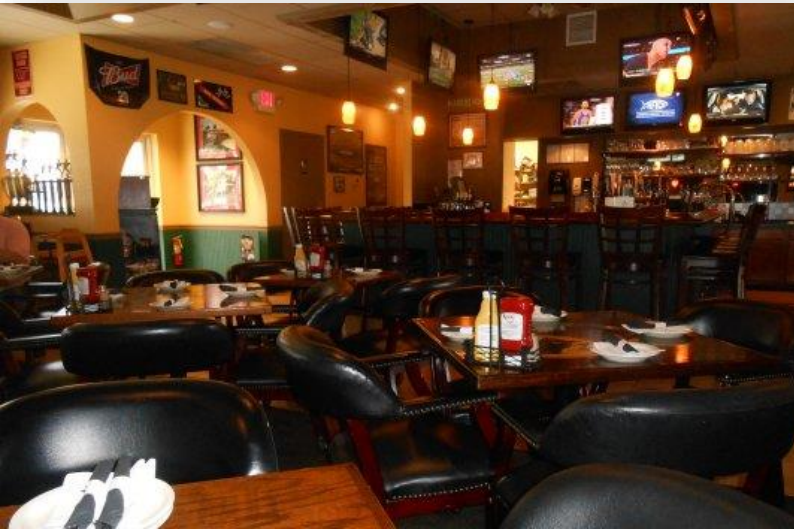
We are excited to announce that Vision Ace Hardware, conveniently located at 1004 Cape Coral Pkwy E, Cape Coral, FL, allows our detachment to collect donations on the first Saturday of every month.

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.

September Luncheon



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

Tuesday, September 26, 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.



We need your help with the Young Marines!

Now, I know what you're thinking. "Why should we lend a hand to those young whippersnappers?" Many reasons! It would help if you considered joining forces with the Young Marines.



First and foremost, think about all the wisdom and experience you have accumulated over the years. You've seen it all – from the days of typewriters to smartphones, from cassette tapes to streaming services. Your knowledge is a treasure trove waiting to be shared! By getting involved with the Young Marines, you can pass on your wisdom and guide these youngsters through the maze of life.

**Volunteers
needed!**

Think back to your days as a young Marine. Remember how lost and clueless you felt at times? Well, now is your chance to be the guiding light for these young future recruits. Imagine the satisfaction of seeing them grow and develop under your mentorship. You can be their hero, role model, and Major Payne!

And let's remember the fun factor. Yes, you heard me right – FUN! The Young Marines program is not just about discipline and training; it's also about building camaraderie and having a good laugh along the way. Picture yourself cracking jokes during training sessions or sharing hilarious stories from your service. Laughter is contagious, my friends, and by injecting some humor into their lives, you'll be creating memories that will last a lifetime.

I understand that life can get busy, and commitments pile up faster than a stack of pancakes at Sunday brunch. But remember, lending a hand doesn't mean you must dedicate every waking moment to the cause. Even a small contribution can make a big difference. Whether volunteering for a few hours during their drill session or sharing your expertise during special events, your involvement will be greatly appreciated.



So, my dear MCL detachment members, I implore you to consider joining forces with the Young Marines. Together, we can create a community where laughter and mentorship go hand in hand. Let's show these youngsters that the Marine Corps spirit is not just about toughness and discipline; it's also about having a good chuckle and enjoying the journey.

Your SVC will give you the lowdown during the upcoming meeting! He just hopped on board as an adult volunteer for these young marines.

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



Ladies and gentlemen gather 'round for a truly momentous occasion - the anniversary of your join date! *Cue confetti cannons and marching band* you heard it right; we're here to celebrate another year of your incredible journey with the Marine Corps League. Pat yourselves on the back because reaching this milestone is no small feat!

Ah, let's take a moment to indulge in some delightful nostalgia, shall we? Cast your mind back to the days of yore, when life was filled with laughter, camaraderie, and the occasional mishap. Picture this: Private Johnson, bless his soul, in a moment of utter confusion, mistook his trusty boot for a fashionable hat during drill practice. Oh, the hilarity that ensued! The poor lad must have felt like quite the fashion-forward soldier, rather than Marine, while the rest of us struggled to contain our mirth (sorry, Johnson!). And who could forget that unforgettable bonding experience during survival training? We all came to the profound realization that moving sandbags from nowhere to nowhere was actually not as pointless as it seemed. Ah, the wisdom gained from such endeavors as mopping up the rainwater from the parking lot in the middle of a thunderstorm! Truly priceless memories have shaped us into the unique individuals we are today.

So, here's to you, brave souls! Raise your glasses (or canteens) high and toast to another year of dedication, resilience, and unwavering commitment to sarcasm. May your journey with the Marine Corps League continue to be filled with laughter, camaraderie, and adventures that will make even Indiana Jones jealous.



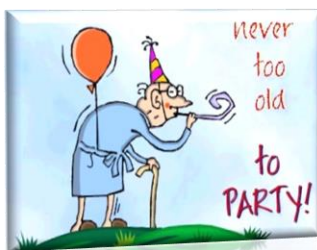
-  Ernest Grecsek
-  Patrick Mulligan
-  Oscar RaudaAl Paraldi



August Birthdays



Hey there, party animals! Guess what? September isn't just about birthdays and cake; it's also National Self-Improvement Month! Yeah, who would've thought? It's like a month dedicated to becoming the most tolerable version of ourselves. So put on your thinking caps and get ready for some serious self-reflection!



I'm not saying you need to go all zen and start meditating on mountain tops (we're in Florida), but it's a great time to take stock of your personal growth. And hey, if you're one of those humans who always seems "detached" from reality, this is your chance to attend those Detachment meetings you keep reading about in the Newsletters. You know who you are!

Devils, listen up! It's time to set some goals you'll soon forget a few months into the coming year. Sure, winning the lottery might be a bit ambitious, but dream big! How about aiming for a day without back pain? That's a victory in itself. Maybe you want to master a new skill, like juggling chainsaws (just kidding, please don't do that), or perhaps it's finally time to give up your old skill that no one cares about.

Education is vital, my friends! Consider pursuing further education and expanding your knowledge. And while you're at it, work on your mispronunciation skills. We all have that one word we can't say right; mine is "stethoscope." Imagine the satisfaction of finally nailing it!

But wait, there's more! Becoming an even better version of yourself is totally within reach. Or, if that sounds too daunting, aim to be a more tolerable version of yourself. Baby steps, people!



Remember, the sky's the limit! You can accomplish anything you set your mind to. Well, maybe not anything... I mean, I don't think you can become a unicorn overnight. Seriously, it takes many awkward conversations, but you get the idea. So, go out there, embrace National Self-Improvement Month, and show the world what you're made of!

Now and without further ado, it's time to give a big shout out to all the September babies in the Marine Corps League! Drum roll, please! *insert drum roll sound effect* Happy Birthday to everyone (listed below)! May your special day be filled with more laughs than a stand-up comedy show, more naps than a sloth convention, and no kids ruining your lawns!

- ✚ Betty Capron
- ✚ Michael Dewar

- ✚ John Faragoi
- ✚ Patrick Mulligan

- ✚ Oscar Rauda
- ✚ Charles Unger



Officer Listing



Commandant Oscar Rauda, the superhero of MCL, is a force to be reckoned with. With his gable at his side, he fearlessly enforces MCL bylaws and policies, ensuring no rule goes unnoticed. His focus and determination are unmatched as he leads meetings with a lion tamer's authority and a kindergarten teacher's fairness. With every decision he makes, he ensures that the detachment operates with integrity, leaving no room for mischief or shenanigans. Commandant Oscar Rauda embodies what it means to be an exceptional leader in the world of MCL.



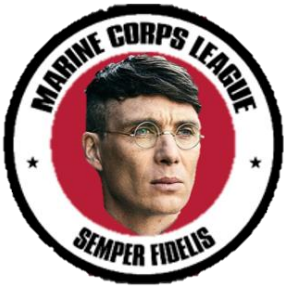
Senior Vice Commandant Ariel Montero is the ultimate sidekick to the Commandant, always ready to swoop in and save the day. With insanity close behind him, Montero steps up to the plate when the Commandant is off on his secret missions, handling everything with the finesse of an under-seasoned pro. He tackles tasks and projects with the precision of a mystery chef lightly seasoning a dish, ensuring that everything runs as smoothly as butter. With his dedication and expertise, Montero has successfully procrastinated community outreach programs and recruitment efforts, making him a fictional anti-hero in the Marine Corps League's mission.



Junior Vice Commandant Jackleen Hurd is the right-hand person to the Commandant and Senior Vice Commandant. She's the one who helps them with all the important stuff, like deciding who has to do the boring fundraising and PR tasks. She's the master organizer, ensuring all detachment members get together for fun events and activities that make them feel like a big, happy family. Without her expertise and dedication, things would be a hot mess.



The Judge Advocate, also known as the legal superhero of the detachment, is like a walking encyclopedia of laws, regulations, and MCL policies. They are the ones who make sure that the party doesn't accidentally break any rules and end up in hot water. Their knowledge and guidance are worth their weight in gold when dealing with complicated legal issues like contracts, liability problems, or disputes. And if things hit the fan and legal action is required, fear not! The Judge Advocate will swoop in with their expertise and professionalism to represent the detachment.



Adjutant Dick Scriber, the superhero of administrative tasks and Marine Corps League enthusiast, is the secret ingredient behind the smooth operation and success of the detachment. His unwavering dedication and impressive skills ensure that paperwork is filed, meetings are scheduled, and chaos is kept at bay. Not only does he keep things running like a well-oiled machine, but he also serves as a knowledgeable resource for those curious about the MCL. Whether you need to know about membership requirements or the league's history, Dick

Scriber is your go-to guy. His influence on the detachment's growth and triumph cannot be overstated. Without him, it would be like navigating a minefield blindfolded while juggling flaming torches – a disaster waiting to happen.



Mike Dewars, the financial superhero of our detachment, is the Paymaster extraordinaire! With his calculator not far behind him, he fearlessly manages our organization's finances, ensuring every penny is accounted for. From collecting membership dues to maintaining meticulous financial records, Mike is the guardian of our financial security. He's like a financial Sherlock Holmes, ensuring all established procedures are followed, and no money goes astray. But wait, there's more! Mike also can provide us with invaluable financial reports and

budgets, allowing us to assess the health and stability of our organization's finances. And if that wasn't enough, he even moonlights as a notary, ready to assist anyone in the detachment free of charge.



Chaplain Patricia Smith is like a superhero in a robe, armed with compassion and spiritual wisdom. She swoops in to save the day, offering guidance and powerful prayers to those in need. Whether you're facing personal challenges or feeling down, Chaplain Patricia is there to help you navigate the stormy seas of life and come out on top. You'll survive and thrive with her by your side, feeling your absolute best. So, if you need divine intervention, don't hesitate to call upon the incredible Chaplain Patricia Smith!



Sergeant-at-Arms Ernest Grecsek, the ultimate meeting superhero, is the guardian of order and discipline in the chaotic realm of meetings. Armed with a rulebook thicker than a phone directory, he fearlessly ensures that all members toe the line and follow established protocols. With a stern yet graceful demeanor, he gracefully handles disruptions like a seasoned ballerina twirling through a minefield. His mission? To make meetings run smoother than spreading cream cheese on your bagel. Not only does he keep things in check,

but he also takes the safety and well-being of all participants seriously. He covertly arranges security measures like a secret agent to protect everyone from potential meeting mayhem.



The Historian, the unsung hero of the detachment, is like a time-traveling superhero whose mission is to protect and preserve the group's history and quirky traditions. Armed with a camera and a pen, they diligently gather and maintain records, photos, and other artifacts that tell the tales of the detachment's triumphs and adventures. They are also the official chroniclers of epic moments and significant milestones in the detachment's past.

Future Marine Corps League Detachment Paymaster

**HELP
WANTED**

Are you brave enough to face the treacherous waters of Marine Corps League detachment finances? Are you a master of money management and record-keeping wizardry? Well, hold onto your hats because we've got a thrilling opportunity just for you! Get ready to dive into our financial challenges and become our Paymaster!

Our current Paymaster is preparing to sail off into the sunset of retirement once his term ends. But fear not; he is more than willing to pass on his knowledge and train his replacement. So, if you're up for the challenge and ready to dive into our financial affairs, keep reading!



Responsibilities:

You'll be bestowed with the prestigious title of the detachment's money magician. Your mission, should you accept it, is to handle all those precious funds with the grace and finesse of a seasoned mathematician. Need someone to manage the finances? Ta-da! You're the go-to person! You'll captain the exhilarating journey into the captivating world of numbers and spreadsheets!

Attention to detail is crucial when it comes to handling finances. It's like playing a high-stakes game of financial Tetris, where you must meticulously fit all the numbers and figures into their proper places. With your trusty calculator, you'll organize those transactions like a pro!

You'll keep our detachment on the straight and narrow, following all those fancy financial do's and don'ts. Your participation is crucial because, let's face it, without you, we might end up doing the economic equivalent of wearing socks with sandals or using a selfie stick in public.

Now, let's talk about the perks of this position. Since this is a volunteer role, we can't offer you a hefty paycheck. However, we believe in compensating our volunteers in other ways:

❖ **Unheard-of Benefits:** At Unheard-of Benefits, we take pride in offering perks that are so amazing they'll make your head spin faster than a rollercoaster ride! You'll get to rub shoulders with the Marines at their top-secret events, like the annual "Who Can't Do the Most Push-ups" competition. And if that's not enough, you'll also have the chance to network with other veterans who have mastered the art of swapping war stories over coffee. It's like being part of a super exclusive club where everyone has your back.



❖ **Camaraderie:** This benefit is available without taking on the position. You'll always be part of this quirky yet lovable family with a bunch of formidable, battle-hardened uncles who will always have your back.

❖ **Personal Growth:** As the Paymaster, you'll have the thrilling opportunity to become a financial wizard and a master of leadership. This role will be like a personal growth boot camp, where you'll be pushed to your limits and forced to level up your penny-counting skills in ways that will make your routing numbers spin. You will discover talents you never knew you had on this epic financial management journey. So, buckle up because this odyssey of growth will take you on the wildest adventure of your life!



So, are you ready to plunge into the thrilling world of finance and become our next Paymaster? Save time and apply now! We're eagerly waiting to welcome you aboard this financial abyss. Just send your resume and a short cover letter explaining why you're the ultimate match for this position to marines@pfcison.com. Get ready to set sail on a voyage of financial excitement!

**NOW
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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

LABOR DAY



JOIN US AT THE

Kayak TOURNAMENT



MON, SEP 4, 2023



8:00 AM

DEPARTURE FROM:

MONARCA'S RESTAURANT
1604 SE 46TH ST, CAPE CORAL, FL 33904

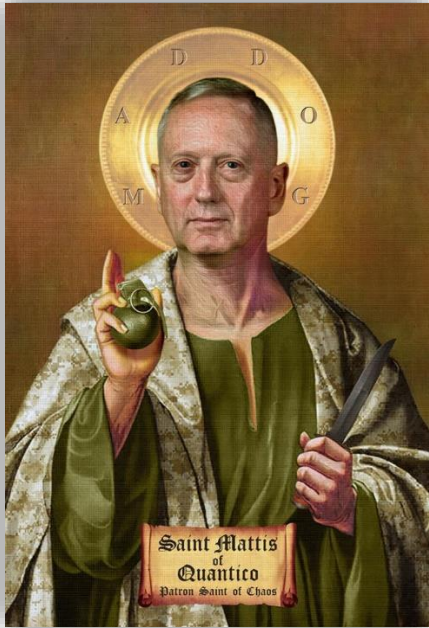
FIRST ROUND DRAFT

1217 DEL PRADO BLVD S S, CAPE CORAL, FL 33990

THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BENEFIT:
CAPE CORAL ANIMAL SHELTER



General James Mattis



General James Mattis, also known as "Mad Dog Mattis," is the United States Marine Corps Chuck Norris. This Marine is so respected and revered that if he had a mustache, it would have its fan. Born on September 8, 1950, in Pullman, Washington (probably the only thing that didn't tremble in fear at his arrival), Mattis has had a military career that makes Rambo look like a boot. This Marine has been kicking butt and taking names for over four decades. His leadership skills are so legendary that they should make a movie about him starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. And remember his strategic acumen - he can outsmart a chess grandmaster while juggling grenades while blindfolded. His dedication to the Marine Corps is so unwavering that he probably dreams about it. General Mattis is the kind of Marine you want on your side when the zombie apocalypse hits.

Mattis, the history buff extraordinaire! This Marine graduated from Central Washington University in 1971 with a fancy Bachelor of Arts degree in History. Talk about dedication to the past! But wait, there's more! Mattis enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve shortly after donning his graduation cap. Oh boy, what a choice! He even attended Officer Candidate School and emerged as a shiny butter bar new second lieutenant in 1972. And thus, began his epic journey that would forever change his life and make the Marine Corps go, "Rhaa!" This machine left such an indelible mark on the Corps that they had to invent a new category just for him. Way to go, Mattis!



Let me tell you another little story about our brother Mattis. This Marine was all about command positions! He started as a rifle platoon commander in the 3rd Marine Division, and boy, did he know how to handle those rifles. But that wasn't enough for him, oh no! He became a weapons platoon commander because just one type of platoon wasn't challenging enough. Talk about overachieving! His leadership skills were off the charts, and everyone

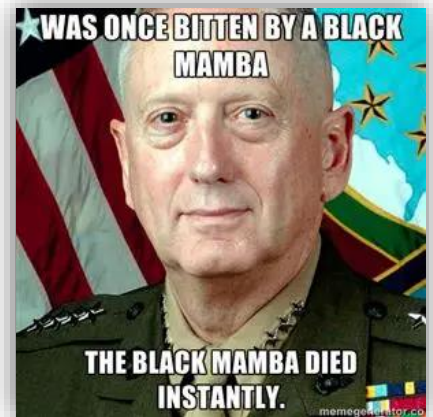
knew it. They couldn't help but promote him faster than a POG NCO on roller skates.

Amid the desert chaos known as Operation Desert Storm back in 1991, a man stood out among the sand and camels. His name was Mattis, and he commanded the mighty 7th Marine Regiment with such finesse that even the scorpions were in awe. With his tactical brilliance and knack for inspiring his troops, he led them to victory and played a pivotal role in liberating Kuwait. The Marines couldn't help but admire this man, whispering tales of his greatness around campfires and passing on his legendary status from one generation of Marines to the next as they scarfed their MREs. Mattis, the desert conqueror, is forever etched in the annals of Marine Corps history.



In his illustrious career, Mattis wore many hats, not just because he had a thing for fashionable headgear. From leading the 1st Marine Division during the Iraq invasion to being a strategic mastermind, this guy knew how to get things done. His meticulous planning was so on point that it could put your grandma's knitting skills to shame. His strategic vision paved the way for victory in the critical conflict phase. It's safe to say that Mattis was the ultimate boss, not just because he had an excellent military title.

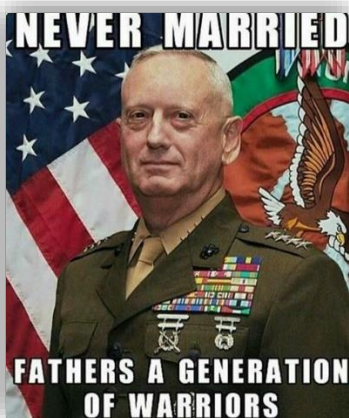
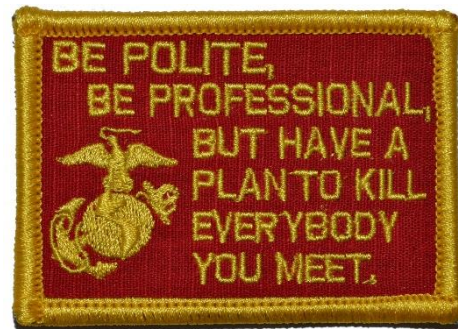
Mattis's leadership skills! This Marine was a total rockstar when he served as the U.S. Joint Forces Command commander from 2007 to 2010. He was like the ultimate trainer for our forces, getting them all pumped up and ready for combat operations worldwide. And you know what his secret weapon was? Jointness and interoperability! Yeah, he ensured that all our military branches worked together seamlessly, like a well-oiled machine. It was like watching a superhero team-up movie but in real life. Thanks to Mattis, our military operations became super effective. Way to go, General Mattis!



In 2010, Mattis was bestowed with the prestigious title of commander of U.S. Central Command, which meant he was in charge of all the military enthrallment in the Middle East, Central Asia, and North Africa. Talk about a big responsibility! But fear not, Mattis had a superpower - an uncanny understanding of the region's complexities and a knack for navigating tricky geopolitical landscapes, which made him the go-to guy for international partners and allies who couldn't help but be in awe of his

expertise. This Marine was nothing like a Second Lieutenant lost in his backyard with a moonbeam and a compass but more like a walking GPS for military operations!

Throughout his illustrious career, Mattis became quite the legend with his no-nonsense attitude and unwavering commitment to the well-being of his troops. This Marine was serious business! He wasn't one to sit back and bark orders from behind a desk; oh no, he led from the front like a true warrior. Setting the bar sky-high for himself and his subordinates, Mattis was all about excellence. And let's not forget his infamous quote perfectly captures his unique approach: "Be polite, be professional, but have a plan to kill everybody you meet." That's some serious dedication to ensuring the Marine Corps was always ready and effective. You definitely wouldn't want to mess with this Marine!



Move over, Einstein! Not only is Mattis a master of military operations, but he's also a total brainiac regarding military history and strategy. This Marine knows his stuff! He's all about digging into the past to figure out how to handle the present (with better tact than a hangry spouse). It's like he's got a crystal ball that tells him precisely what moves to make. With his brainpower and knowledge of warfare, it's no wonder everyone wants him as their mentor. He's like the Yoda of the military world, dropping wisdom bombs left and right. So if you need some fierce military advice, Mattis is your go-to guy!

After hanging up his military boots in 2013, Mattis put his two cents into national security discussions as a "civilian." And guess what? In 2017, he got the ultimate promotion and became the 26th Secretary of Defense under none other than President Donald Trump. Talk about climbing the ladder! During his time in office, Mattis was all about strengthening alliances, giving the military a makeover, and ensuring those U.S. forces were ready to kick some serious butt. Now that's what I call a retirement plan!



General James Mattis, also known as the "Warrior Monk," has a legendary legacy that puts Hercules to shame. With his exceptional leadership skills, strategic brilliance, and unwavering dedication to duty, he's the superhero we all wish we could be. His contributions have left such a lasting impression on the Marine Corps community that they might as well build a statue of him entirely out of recycled ammo brass and pure awesomeness. And let me tell you, that statue would inspire future generations of Marines to be just as formidable as Mattis himself. So yeah, you could say he's a big deal. Happy Birthday, Marine!

Resources & Benefits

PACT ACT VA HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY

Message from your trusted Bay Pines VA Healthcare System! If you're a post-9/11 combat Veteran, hurry up and enroll in their particular healthcare program before it's too late! But wait, there's more! You will receive top-notch care (or so they say) and be part of an exclusive club that no one wants to join. So, what are you waiting for? Willingly read my version of their message below, sign up now, and get ready for some bureaucratic fun!



Hey there, post-9/11 combat Veterans! Listen up because the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System has a message for you: the clock is ticking! The one-year healthcare enrollment period is coming to an end on September 30, 2023. Yeah, they're trying to make it as dramatic as possible. It's all because of the PACT Act, which decided to broaden healthcare eligibility for many Veterans. If you fall into the post-9/11 category, you might be eligible for some sweet extended benefits. But here's the

catch – you have to act fast! Stay on top of this enrollment period like your life depends on it (well, maybe not that dramatic, but close). Don't let this opportunity slip through your fingers like a greased-up watermelon. Enroll in VA health care before October 1, 2023, or forever hold your peace and your ailments. To qualify for this magical healthcare goodness, you must meet one of those pesky-specific eligibility requirements below:

You're a brave soul who has served your country in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War. Or, if that's not enough action for you, you've also engaged in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after November 11, 1998. Here's the catch: you need to meet two more criteria to qualify for some benefits. First, you must have been discharged or released between September 11, 2001, and October 1, 2013. We don't want any stragglers here! And secondly, you must be a VA health care newbie. That's right, no previous enrollment is allowed! So if you fit the bill and are ready to claim your well-deserved perks, fill out some paperwork and embark on your journey toward the ever-elusive mystical world of VA healthcare greatness!





If you were discharged or released on or after October 1, 2013, you don't have to worry about any particular enrollment period. You have ten years from your separation or discharge date to enroll. That's right, ten whole years! Don't stress too much about it (just kidding... START NOW!). The VA wants all veterans to apply, regardless of when they separated (thus contradicting the above). Your eligibility depends on your service history and other factors we won't bore you with. If you want all the details, head to VA.gov and check out the

eligibility requirements. Oh, and we've got an attachment for you, too, so look at that. And hey, if you're feeling social (unlike me), connect with them on Facebook and Twitter to stay in the loop about what's happening in our super awesome healthcare system. Trust them when they say it's way more exciting than it sounds!

Click here for more information:



Veterans Living with Cancer Meeting

Cancer survivors and fighters! Your best friends at the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System have a special message just for you. They want you to know that you're not alone in this battle against the big C, and they're inviting you to join them, along with their buddies and colleagues, for an event that's chock-full of resources and information to support all you brave Veterans. Best part? It's free! So, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 23rd, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and head to 4860 W Kennedy Blvd. in Tampa, FL 33609. Remember to wear your snazziest socks because it's time to learn, laugh, and connect with others who truly get what you're going through. Trust them when they say that it'll be a blast!



They've got a team of oncologists from Bay Pines, VA, ready to join forces with other specialists across the sunny state of Florida to give you the ultimate cancer-fighting dream team that the VA could assemble. They have all the resources and care you could need to kick cancer's butt and send it packing. It's like a superhero squad, but they wear lab coats and wield stethoscopes instead of capes. So, if you're ready to take on this villainous disease, click below for more details. And remember, with this dream team by your side, cancer doesn't stand a chance!



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.

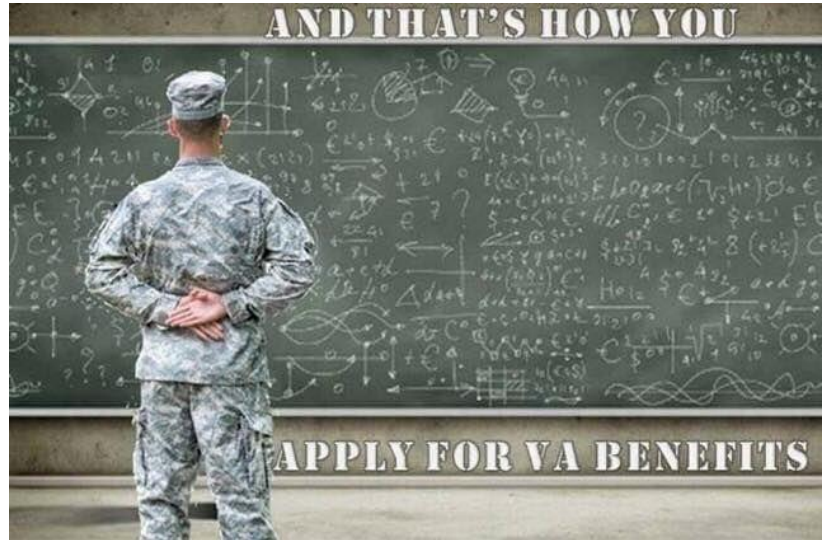


Facebook Live focusing on the PACT Act: Social Media Promotional Posts, VSO Partners and VA – Please Share!

Discover the Abundance of Resources at VA.gov!

Hold onto your hats because they've got a virtual treasure trove of goodies waiting for you at VA.gov! This official website of the US Department of Veterans Affairs is like a magical gateway to a world of resources that will have veterans, family members, and caregivers jumping for joy. It's like stumbling upon a secret stash of support and empowerment just for you. So, whether you're a veteran looking for guidance, a family member seeking assistance, or a caregiver needing superhero-level resources, VA.gov has your back!

1. Benefits and Services: Dive into the beautiful world of benefits and services for veterans! VA.gov is your one-stop shop for all things veteran-related, offering an array of goodies like healthcare, education and training opportunities, disability compensation, pension programs, home loans, insurance options, and so much more. It's like a buffet of awesomeness designed to cater to our brave men and women who have served their country. So, whether you need

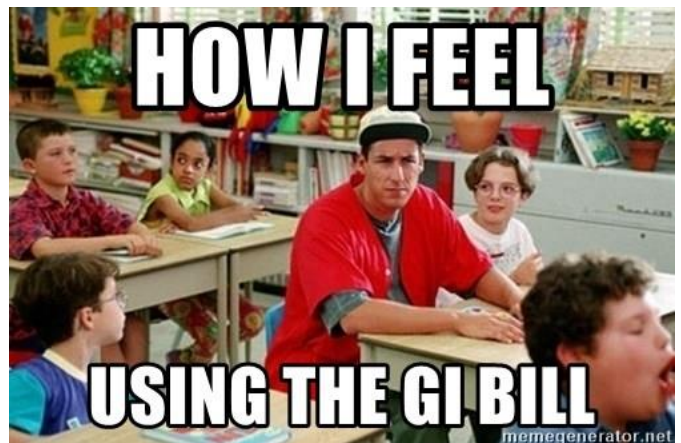


medical assistance or are looking to further your education, VA.gov has your back. They've even got detailed information on eligibility requirements and application processes, so you will know how to access these vital resources. It's like having a personal assistant who knows all the ins and outs of veteran benefits. So go ahead, check out VA.gov, and discover the treasure trove of perks waiting for you!



2. Health Care: Are you a veteran needing top-notch healthcare? Well, look no further than the Veterans Health Administration (VHA)! They've got it all - primary care, mental health support, specialized medical treatments, telehealth options, pharmacy services, and other essential healthcare programs. And guess what? VA.gov is here to save the day with its nifty tools that help you locate VA medical facilities near you. So go ahead and get the care you deserve because the VHA has got your back!

3. Education and Employment: Are you tired of living that military life and ready to transition into the civilian world? Well, look no further than VA.gov! This magical website provides all the information you need to enhance your skills and make that smooth transition. They've got everything from the GI Bill® to vocational rehabilitation and employment services. Need some



career counseling? They've got that too! And if you're looking to start your own business, they even have resources for entrepreneurship. So, don't waste another minute in uniform; head to VA.gov and let them help you kickstart your civilian life!



4. Disability Claims: If you find yourself having a service-connected disability or needing help filing a claim, fear not! VA.gov is here to save the day with its comprehensive guidance on how to navigate the treacherous claims process. It's like having a superhero sidekick, but instead of fighting crime, they're fighting bureaucracy. On this magical website, you can access all the forms you need, check the status of your claim updates (because waiting is so much fun), learn about disability ratings (because who doesn't love being rated?), and even find resources for appealing decisions (because

sometimes the universe just doesn't get it right). So, strap on your virtual cape and get ready to conquer the world of VA claims with VA.gov!

5. Mental Health Support: Are you feeling overwhelmed, anxious, or stuck? Well, you're not alone! And guess what? The VA has got your back! That's right, folks. The Department of Veterans Affairs offers many mental health resources to help you navigate those tough times. From counseling services to suicide prevention initiatives, plenty of programs are designed to support you and your family in times of need. So why not take advantage of these resources and get the help you deserve? After all, your mental health is just as important as your physical health, right?

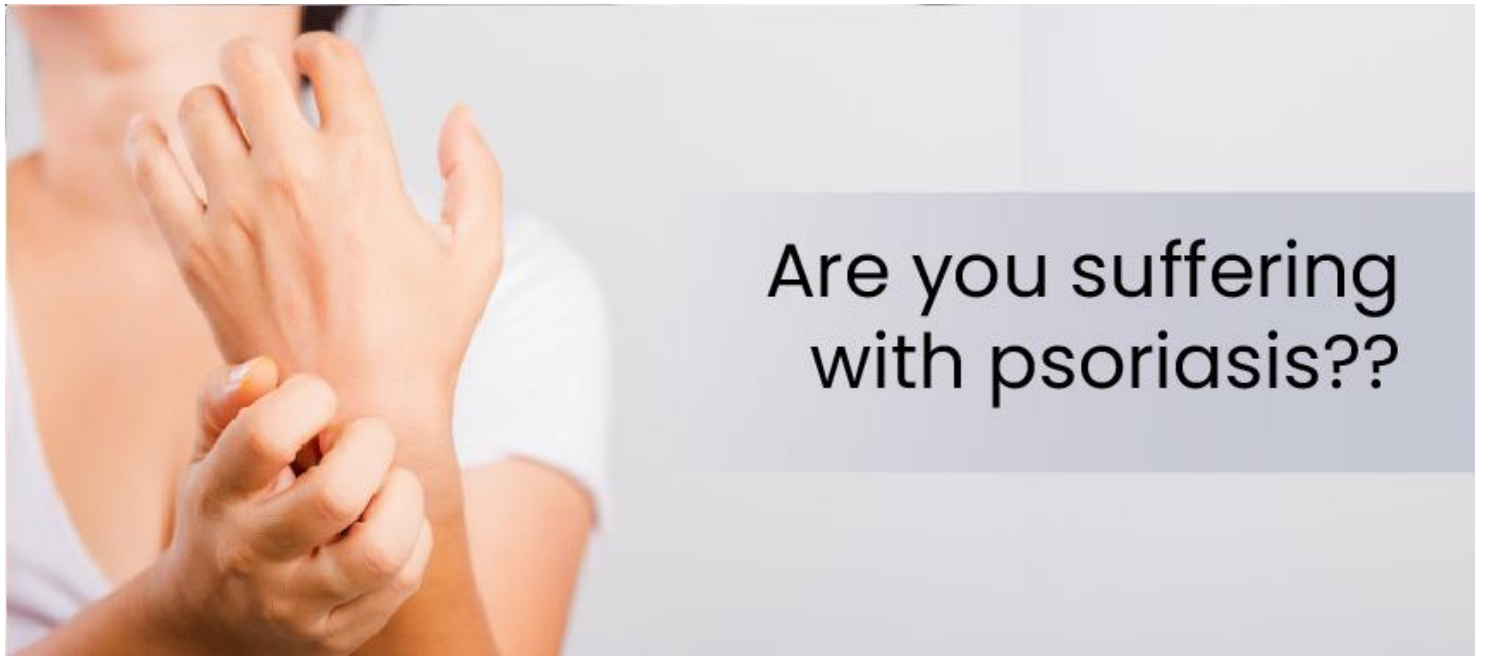


So, what kind of resources are we talking about here? Well, let me tell you! The VA offers various counseling services, including individual, group, and family therapy. They also have programs specifically designed for combat, women, and LGBTQ+ vets. And if you're struggling with thoughts of suicide, don't worry – the VA has got you covered there too! They offer a Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which is staffed by trained professionals ready to listen and provide support 24/7.

But wait, there's more! The VA also offers online resources, such as the Veterans Crisis Line, which provides confidential support via chat, text, or phone. And suppose you're looking for more info on managing stress, anxiety, or other mental health issues. In that case, the VA has a wealth of educational materials and self-help tools at your disposal.

So, what are you waiting for? Don't suffer in silence! Take advantage of these fantastic resources today and start living the life you deserve. Your mental health is worth it, my friends!

Seriously, this website is jam-packed with resources that will blow your mind. We're discussing benefits and services that can turn your frown upside down and make unicorns dance in your backyard. So, go ahead and dive into the magical world of VA.gov. It's like stepping into Willy Wonka's chocolate factory, but you'll find many life-changing opportunities instead of candy. And guess what? Accessing all these fantastic resources is as easy as pie! Just visit VA.gov today and prepare to have your socks knocked off!





The Combat Action Ribbon (CAR) is an admirably respected military decoration bestowed upon United States Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps warriors who have actively engaged in ground or surface combat. It's like a badge of honor for those who bravely locate, close with, and destroy the enemy by utilizing fire and maneuver to achieve the objectives of the higher command. But don't worry; it's not just for the super Spartan warriors. Even if you're just a lowly butter bar lieutenant or Lance Criminal like myself, you can still earn this prestigious award—only for individuals, not military units, stations, or groups (sorry, keyboard warriors).

Here is the Tale of how I earned my CAR in 2006.

It was a warm, lovely September afternoon in the mystical land of Fallujah, where the sun shone brightly, and the temperature was just right for insurgents playing hide and seek with US forces! I'm not talking about your typical childhood game of hide and seek; no, my friends. For those jokesters, it was more like "IED hide and seek" – the kind where you must dodge explosives while trying to find the perfect hiding spot. At least the weather was nice, right?

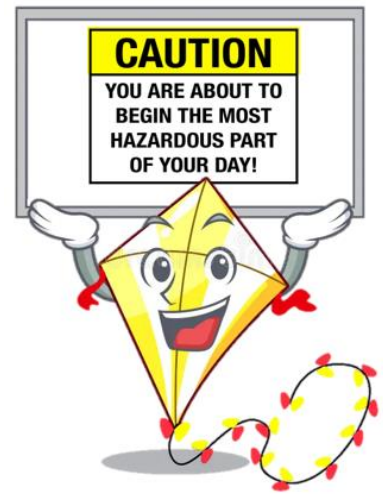


So, there I was a young handsome, yet salty Marine on my second deployment, surrounded by the beauty of the Iraqi desert and the constant threat of Pew Pews and Kabooms. It was a bit like playing a "Pin the Tail on the Donkey" game, but we were dealing with explosives instead of a donkey. And let me tell you, there was no cake. The locals had an exceptional talent for hiding these things in the most unlikely places, like inside a goat or under a pile of rocks. It was so exciting!



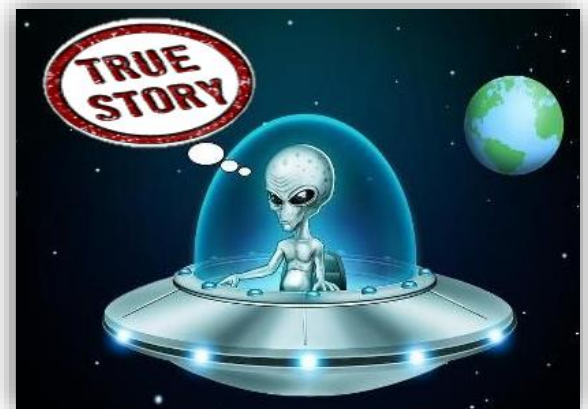
Oh, the glamour of it all! During my stint at the five-star resort known as Camp Fallujah, the Marines were so gung-ho that they had to wrap the whole joint in barbed wire to keep those wild and crazy kids contained. But don't worry, the place was still Instagrammable, thanks to the captivating graffiti that adorned every surface. Who needs a spa day when you can have a Banksy-style masterpiece screaming "Complacency Kills" at you everywhere you go? It was like a twisted game of "find the irony" – and trust me, it was irony overload. Just another day in paradise!

Before each mission, we would discuss our objective of resupplying forward operating bases and being vigilant for potential threats. But one time, we were surprised to learn that the enemy had found a new way to communicate - through kites! Yes, you read that right; the insurgents were using kites as their latest method of espionage. Who needs drones when you can use a kite to gather intel? They were trying to give us a bird's-eye view of their plans. We couldn't help but chuckle at the absurdity of it all. Come on, kites? Really? At least they were getting some exercise while plotting against us. So, we kept a close eye on the skies during our missions, just in case any of those kites came our way. But seriously, I was seething with rage on the inside. I was perched on top of the turret like a giant hamster, dehydrating on empty Gatorade bottles while they got to soar through the sky like birds with their kites. It was like they were taunting me with their carefree joy, daring me to try and reach their lofty heights with the limited range of my caliber; 556. The injustice! The sheer audacity! How could they do this to me?!



Skip the part about the never-ending desert ride, the sand-blasted helmet, and the eerie green landscape that looked like someone spilled a bottle of chartreuse all over the dunes. Let's say it was a natural "dune" -er. And don't even get me started on the smell of rotting flesh wafting from the slaughterhouse we passed. It was like someone poured a bottle of hot sauce into a dumpster full of dead bodies. At least the wild dogs were making bank selling their puppies for MREs. They were the real MVPs of that dumpster fire.

Let's move on to the good stuff—my stargazing experience. It was like looking up at the universe and saying, "Hey, you. I just want you to know that if pretty is handsome to the eye, then beautiful must be unique, which still doesn't come close to describing how I see you!" the universe responded with a wink and a smile while using the breeze to whisper—I know. The stars twinkled and sparkled like diamonds scattered across the velvet blanket of the night sky. It was pure magic. Not having light pollution made it possible to witness every constellation with the naked eye. Turning on the Night Vision Goggles shifted the absolute experience into something the muses illustrated to captivate a fraction of wisdom shared between their gods. That was until I saw it!



Despite being a dark and not-at-all stormy night in the sandbox and deep in the zone of tranquility, my senses heightened and made my trigger finger itchy when I caught sight of that kite. Ruining my zen moment, I thought, "**Who flies a kite in the middle of a war zone?!**" Is it red? Would I die before eating another perfectly seasoned medium rare bone-in ribeye? Will someone be holding a sign with

my name as our bus pulls into the barracks waiting to be received by our loved ones with their warm embraces and bitter-sweet tears after all the heartache and trauma we experienced (**SPOILER ALERT** No!)?

I quickly regained my composure and reported the suspicious aerial activity over the encrypted comms system, which may or may not have been contaminated with radioactive particles. As I waited for the inevitable attack, I prepped myself for battle, my heart racing and my adrenaline pumping like a teenage girl at a Justin Bieber concert.



As we left the compound and safety of FOB, our vehicles stumbled through the dark; my senses heightened, and I couldn't help but chuckle at the sheer ridiculousness of it all. I mean, here I was, a Marine, with my heart racing faster than a hyperactive squirrel on caffeine. My reflexes were sharp, sure, but it wasn't because of any stealthy ninja moves – no, it was because my body was desperately trying to keep up with my racing heart. On the other hand, my hearing was supersonic, picking up every little sound like a superhero with X-ray vision. But again, it wasn't the enemy's labored breathing and loud heartbeat that I heard – nope, it was my lungs gasping for oxygen and my heartbeat thumping more boisterously than the banjos in Deliverance. It was a real "dueling banjos" situation, except instead of banjos, it was my internal organs having a dance party.

We ventured forth from the Forward Operating Base (FOB). Our destination beckoned like a mirage in the desert, attempting to safely guide us to our next terminus - that is, until Bam! Kaboom! Pow! The first vehicle got hit by an IED, and we were suddenly under attack from the left, finding ourselves in a real-life action movie while on a mission. It was like we were living out a scene from "The Hurt Locker" or "Zero Dark Thirty," except those movies came out after we deployed. Instead of being played by Oscar-winning actors, we were sweaty, exhausted Marines trying to make it through the day alive to become mere forgotten veteran peasants later in our lives.

During the fighting amidst the mayhem and madness, we kept our cool, dodging bullets like Neo in The Matrix and IEDs like pesky gnats during a Florida summer cookout. And let me tell you, there's nothing quite like the rush of adrenaline that comes with thinking you might not make it out alive. It's like a Red Bull and vodka cocktail, but instead of giving you wings, it gives you the grit and resolve to keep pushing forward, with a dash of PTSD for good measure.



What's your story?

About the Author

Ariel Montero



A poor soul Ariel Montero finds himself in the unfortunate predicament of writing this newsletter against his deepest desires. Oh, how he has tried to escape this treacherous obligation. If only he could disregard his work responsibilities, abandon his commitment to this newsletter, and block every attempt his family makes to devour his precious time. But alas, it is nothing more than a distant dream for Ariel. Instead, he can only fantasize about basking in the tranquility of a picturesque autumn day, fishing on a boat through the enchanting

backwaters of Florida. Oh, the serenity he longs for! But duty calls, and Ariel must push on with his unwanted task.

As he daydreams about reeling in the biggest catch of his life, Ariel can't help but imagine himself in a dramatic slow-motion sequence. The sun's rays glisten off his sunglasses, giving him an air of undeniable coolness. He can practically hear an epic soundtrack playing in the background as he casts his line into the water with precision and finesse.

However, time is playing a cruel joke on poor Ariel. Time moves faster than he hopes as he anxiously waits for a bite. He checks his watch repeatedly, hoping that somehow time will magically



slow down and grant him more moments of fishing bliss. It's as if he's trying to hypnotize time itself into submission.

In this daydream, Ariel's determination to catch that elusive fish borders on obsession. He becomes so fixated on his quest that he starts talking to the fish, trying to convince them to nibble on his bait. "Come on, little fishy," he whispers with desperation and charm. "You know you want to be caught by me!"



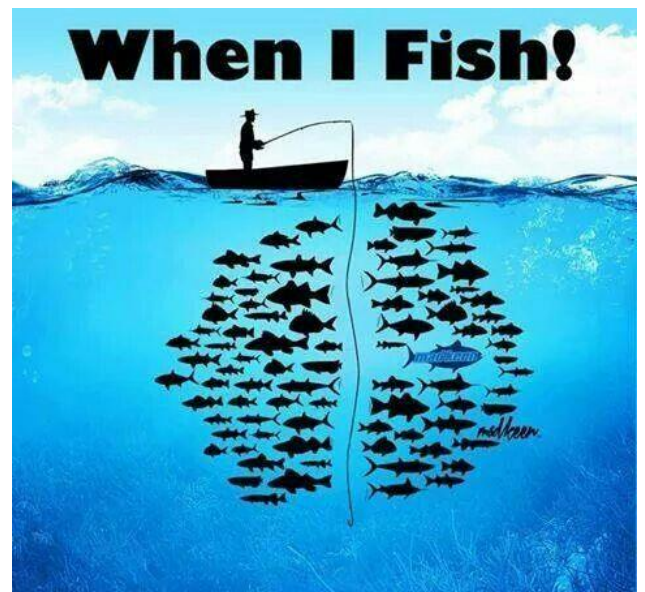
As the minutes tick by, Ariel's imagination runs wild. He envisions an epic battle with a giant fish that could rival Moby Dick. He imagines himself struggling to reel it in, his muscles straining under the weight of the mighty beast. The fish puts up a valiant fight, but Ariel's determination knows no bounds. He refuses to let this opportunity slip through his fingers.

In this daydream, Ariel's watch becomes a symbol of his impatience. He glances at it with exaggerated drama, as if he could slow down time just by staring at it intently. "Tick-tock, tick-tock," he mutters under his breath, hoping that his words will somehow manipulate the flow of time.



Sadly, even in Ariel's vivid imagination, time remains stubbornly indifferent to his desires. It continues to march forward at its own pace, oblivious to his pleas for a slower passage. And so Ariel must resign because he can't control time or the fish's appetite. All he can do is wait and hope that, eventually, his patience and persistence will pay off.

Poor Ariel! As he was about to embark on his journey to angling paradise, fate intervened with a resounding "NOPE!" Duty, that relentless taskmaster, decided to rear its ugly head and snatch away his dreams of angling bliss. With a heavy heart and a sigh that could rival the gusts of a hurricane, Ariel begrudgingly plops himself in front of his computer. The keyboard awaits his touch, mocking him with its cold, unfeeling keys. But Ariel is not one to be trounced. He takes a deep breath, summoning every ounce of determination, and begins to type. The words flow from his mind like water from a burst dam, rushing onto the screen with an unstoppable force. And so, Ariel carries on, sacrificing his desires for the greater good. Who knew that fulfilling obligations could be such a damper on one's angling dreams?





Despite his initial resistance, Ariel's passion for writing shines through in his work as he begrudgingly hammers away at each article with all the enthusiasm of a sloth on a treadmill. With every keystroke, he pours his energy into crafting meticulously crafted sentences, obsessively detailed and infused with simmering anger towards the world. It's as if he has transformed his desire to do as little as possible into a reluctant superpower, masquerading as a burning desire to inform and entertain his readers. His misery is cleverly disguised as passion, evident in every word he types, giving the illusion of unwavering dedication to his craft that others find strangely admirable. It's almost like watching a magician perform an elaborate trick, except instead of pulling rabbits out of hats, Ariel conjures up articles that leave you simultaneously entertained and slightly concerned for his mental well-being.

Ariel would have been the ultimate fish whisperer in a parallel universe, commanding the seas with his trusty fishing rod and battling fierce sea monsters like a true hero. However, fate had a different plan for him, and now he finds himself trapped in the confines of this dreary office, chained to a desk and forced to write about mundane topics that make his soul weep. Oh, the injustice! However, Ariel clings to a glimmer of hope, dreaming of when he can break free from this corporate prison and return to his true calling as the master of the ocean waves. He yearns for the salty breeze in his beard, the thrill of reeling in a big catch, and the joy of pursuing happiness instead of chasing deadlines. Until then, he'll continue to daydream about his aquatic adventures while pretending to be interested in spreadsheets and memos. Hang in there, Ariel! Your fisherman dreams will come true one day!



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