

Nov 2021

Marine Corps League



**Marine Corps
League #790
Detachment
Newsletter**

**Next Meeting:
Nov 1, 2021 19:00 hours at
Smith Hall Cafe**

Semper Fi fellow Marines!

At 1930 on Monday at Lake Illinois, there will be a memorial water launch for Marines only.

At our December meeting if we have more than 10 league members show, we will be having our elections of new officers. If there is not enough members present, then the elections will be held the first Monday in January 2022 at that meeting.

Those of you that have not paid your annual dues yet, please do so. These were due in Sept.

On Wednesday November 10th at 1900 we will be having a Cake cutting and drinks at the American Legion to celebrate the Marine Corps birthday! Please plan on attending. I would appreciate a heads up to let me know who all will be in attendance.

This past year or two has been hard on us all. Covid has really hit everyone hard. I would appreciate anyone who is in attendance to any meeting, get together etc., to please wear a mask.

We recently lost Buzzy and it has been told to me that John Bussy is not doing well. He is at the Illinois Veterans Home and one of our league members. Can we all say a prayer for him and his family?

It's time to start back up, get the league active again. Lantern ceremony, Marine birthday, Veteran's day parade in Hannibal and Quincy, toys for toys, roses, pancake and sausage breakfast. Have a lot to do before the end of the year.

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Marine Corps News

On November 10, 1775, just eight months shy of the Declaration of Independence, a new corps was formed following the introduction of the Continental Marine Act. At the time, an official plan was developed by the Continental Congress to oversee a mission intercepting ammunition cargo from Britain, using Marines. As suggested by the title, the group was known as the Continental Marines. While this group held several different duties, their core purpose was to provide additional security and support for the recently formed Continental Navy. First led by Commandant Samuel Nicholas, this branch of the burgeoning U.S. armed forces would culminate at just over 2,100 servicemen. In contrast, the number of active troops in the Continental Army at one time would reach a peak of approximately 80,000. This, along with a resolution made in November to create a stand-in official Marine Corps force, was essential to the formation and modernization of the now U.S Marine Corps. The reason for this resolution – the planning of an attack on Nova Scotia to annex it, never took place. However, the Marines remained.

After participating in a host of actions and battles throughout the Revolutionary War, the Continental Marines would be disbanded upon the end of the conflict. Eventually, due to the overall neglect of the whole Naval Service and lack of necessary and proper legislation, the department temporarily altogether went out of existence and ceased to exist. This remained so until 1794 when the first legislation was issued by the Congress, addressing the requirement for Marine and Navy Corps since the Revolutionary War.

In the late 1700s, the need for naval warfare to exude the military presence of the United States was looked at from another angle; to deal with piracy. The Marines were still running under the Navy at this time, with the latter itself operating under the Secretary of War. In 1798, the legislation to separate the U.S Navy to make its own department was passed; with further legislation to form the U.S Marines as a separate branch of service later in the same year. The Marine Corps would be established on July 11, 1798, and throughout the 19th century (and a portion of the next), this would be the date upon which marines would celebrate the founding of the Corps as an official entity.

The birthday was officially recognized in 1921. Major Edwin North McClellan of the Marine Corps History Division submitted a proposition to the ranking commandant which advocated for the anniversary to instead be designated on November 10. A series of standardizations as to how celebrations of the Marine Corps Birthday would be executed would follow in the 1950s. Since then, Marines have been encouraged to treat the anniversary with greater importance.

<https://nationaltoday.com/marine-corps-birthday/>

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly.
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*



Coming Events-2021

Wednesday November 3—River Front Main Park (Clat Adams), area between both bridges in front of Fountains. Marine Corps league tribute and memorial Heavens Gate launch for all those we lost During COVID and for all Marines/Military that have passed away.

Saturday November 6th—0830 is the Veterans Day Parade.

Wednesday November 10 @1900 at the American Legion—Cutting the cake to celebrate the 246th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps. You will be responsible for your own drinks

NOTE: Membership annual dues are \$35.00. MCL National does NOT send out a notice any longer. Dues are due September 1st.

The band for the 2022 Marine Corps Veterans Dances is going to be BenJamin.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL PICTURES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE LEAGUE AS A WHOLE PRIOR TO BEING SUBMITTED ANYWHERE!

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