

March 2020

Marine Corps League



**Marine Corps
League #790
Detachment
Newsletter**

**Next Meeting:
March 2, 2020 19:00 hours
in the Coffee Shop
Happy Hour 20:00 to 22:00
hours at the Firehouse**

My fellow Marines:

As we move forward in the month of March, let us take the time to remember and reflect on those who have died and why the Marine Corps League exists. Let us also think of how much good the Marine Corps League and its members can do in the near and distant future. As we open events for the 2020 year, remember that there are Marines that need us now more than ever. Marines and other military members will not reach out for help and it is up to us to reach out to them. With PTSD they feel they're lives are a burden on people and that their actions will be judged. They have a hard time living with what our nation has asked them to do. They feel detached from society and feel they no longer belong or are accepted in any community.

As I write this, I found out an Army veteran friend of mine witnessed another veteran suicide in front of him. No one reached out to him or supported him. Let us be the beacon of hope and the source of positive inspiration by what we do and who we are by treating each person accordingly.

1. Let us talk positive about each person no matter what
2. Let us stop rolling eyes and using sarcasm with people when they are attempting to be serious
3. Let us stop and not judge anyone by politics, culture or religion
4. Let us politely and delicately remove negativity by elimination or asking to leave anyone that tolerates us and does not celebrate us
5. Let us forgive ourselves for allowing judgement on others
6. Let us forgive others for becoming and allowing negativity
7. Let us restart everything and make sure everyone feels important
8. No one is above or better than anyone else
9. Let us stay strong and stay on course and those that cannot grow up and insist on doing everything in their power to offend, mock and belittle people. Let us give a positive example and they can either get on board or they can be left behind to be alone, therefore they only have themselves to condemn and blame.
10. If we cannot say anything positive, then as Marines we must reach down deep and find

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something positive. If we cannot, then we become the enemy of ourselves and our Marine family. From this day forward, we will all be more positive, we will pull our brothers and sisters up. We will set examples that our children and grandchildren can be proud of and live by. We need to set an example!

Belief in God or not does not mean we cannot be great individuals who help each other. I personally believe in God but not all Marines do, however, we all must become better people. That is the only thing that will help those in need. There is no magic pills or techniques to fight depression and PTSD but the kindness and strength we show. This support will have a lasting impact.

And finally, Marines need to be great every day. We must police ourselves before we can help others. We must forgive ourselves before we can forgive others. We must take responsibility for our own personal actions and the words we say and use. Let us have fun and laugh and treat each other with respect and curiosity. No one among us is better than another, and we all have different strengths we bring to the league in order to help our brethren.

God Bless the United States Marine Corps and God bless each of you. You all matter to me and to each other.

Commandant Jeffrey Jansen



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www.marinecorpstimes.com

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Marine Corps News

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.

Pendleton Marines participated in a wreath laying ceremony hosted by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute in honor of Ronald Reagan's 109th birthday at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Feb. 6.

The ceremony is an annual event to commemorate the life and legacy of the 40th president of the United States, with a ceremony being held every year on his birthday by presidential declaration since his death in 2004.

For 16 years, Pendleton Marines have played a crucial role in the ceremony, providing a funeral honors team, a color guard, and a speech from the base commanding general.

"It's a real honor to be able to lay this wreath on a former presidents' gravesite," said Cpl. Dylan Ackerman, an administrative specialist with Headquarters and Service Company, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations West, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. "To be able to say that I participated in an event like this is something I won't be forgetting for a long time."

Over the years, the Marines have become a fixture in the ceremony.

"This is the 16th year working in conjunction with Camp Pendleton to pay tribute to President Reagan in honor of his birthday," said John Heubusch, the executive director of the Ronald Reagan Foundation and Institute. "We are honored to have the support of our fighting men and women from a vital military installation."

During his presidency, Reagan held the United States Marine Corps in very high regard as America's 911 force. He is quoted as saying, "Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in this world. The Marines don't have that problem."

"President Reagan understood what service, dedication, and sacrifice was," said Brig. Gen. Dan Conley, the commanding general of MCI-West, MCB Camp Pendleton, during the ceremony. "Because of this, he remains a hero to the Marine Corps and to the military to this day."

In closing, Conley offered his final remarks to the attendees of the ceremony.

"I had the great honor and privilege of coming into a Marine Corps that was stronger, better organized, and better equipped because of his 'peace through strength' philosophy," said Conley. "What I've come to find and appreciate more is the strength, the dedication and the patriotism of Ronald Reagan."

Guest speakers at this meeting:

Jim Goehl with MVHFA

Ken Ng regarding Soap Box Derby

Chamber of Commerce

Per Commandant Jeff:

We are looking for volunteers for the following committees:

Parade

Birthday Dinner

Boy Scout/Eagle Scout

Dance Coordinator

Official Gem City Detachment Photographer

Reading Program

Vets Home Ambassador

Pancake Breakfast leader

Event Coordinator

Marketing (will coordinate with all media on behalf of the GCMCL)

Mississippi Valley Hunters and Fishers Association Ambassador

All of these posts mentioned above are to be filled yearly by the Commandant and will not require voting on. They will be appointed by the Commandant



Coming Events-2020

2 March 2020—Marine Corps League Meeting *******(6:15 PM)*******

14 March 2020— St Patrick's Day parade (details pending)

Every Wednesday night at 6pm assist with soap box derby cars (location is Motorola building)

2nd Wednesday of the month is military night at Native Wings. 7pm

Memorial Day—Quincy Raceways

Upcoming events TBD: MCL night for family at Scotty's Funspot, Sadie Hawkins dance, Mess night

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 2020 Marine Corps Veterans Dances is going to be BenJamin.

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