

August 2020

Marine Corps League



**Marine Corps
League #790
Detachment
Newsletter**

Next Meeting:

**Aug 3, 2020 19:00 hours at
Lake Illinois @ IVH**

To my fellow Marines.

First let me start off by saying I hope you and your families are safe and healthy during this hard time with the Covid 19 virus going around and affecting every part of life for our families our friends and fellow marines.

I want each of you to take a min and reflect back on why you are a Marine and what being a Marine means to you, how have you used your Marine corps training and connections in every day civilian life.

Today more then ever our town, our county, and our community needs leadership and patience more then ever before. Turning on the news or opening the paper you would think we are at war with ourselves and with each other.

It is times such as these that we are going through now that we need each other more then ever and we need to be kind and have understanding towards each other.

This year is already more then halfway over and yet due to circumstances it seems like 2020 has not even begun. I want to personally call on each of you to dig down deep and not follow the crowd and all the negative behavior, instead be the true leaders you each are and lead by example, find fellow marines and talk to them, communicate with them, let every Marine and person you come in contact with know they matter and are never alone. Invite those marines to a meeting or event or a parade have lunch one on one with any Marine you find and share stories share your success but also remind them you got there because you learned from your failures.

Marines as the days go by, we once again have lost fellow marines and wives of marines that kept those marines in check. We have buried many brothers and sisters and we will bury many more. Those that have past will live forever in the history of the corps and the history of our hearts. I would like to take a moment and recognize a beautiful young lady we lost Jeanette Geise. Past Commandant Tom Geise's wife, I had the honor of getting to listen about how great this lady is and all the work she did for Marines, for military for her family but most of all for her husband. I was honored to have met Jeanette and visit with her and learn about her cooking and sewing but mostly how much love she has for her family, I listened to her brag on her kids and the pride she shown when each one joined the Marines and how proud she was when her grandson graduated from boot camp at San Diego MCRD.. Jeanette was not a Marine, no she was not she was more important then a Marine she was a Marine mother, and a Marine wife. What ever us as Marines go through our wives go through that and more. The price a Marine wife has to pay is more then any Marine can sacrifice. She may not have stood on the yellow foot prints but in the end those foot prints that every Marine stood on came to attention and saluted the escorted her to the pearly gates, in a way every stitch and every piece of yarn Jeanette worked with was creating something that brought and bound people together. Her true sewing machine was her heart and people skills bringing each of us together and making sure to see us back together when we RIP.

Tonight, keep the Geise family in your hearts and prayers.

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I want to add one last thing before I wrap this up and close out July. To each one of you learn to forgive, learn to forgive others, and learn to forgive yourself. Tomorrow is not promised and today is not over. Take what time you need to tell your wives and his and you love them, tell your children you love them and are proud of them, call that friend, family member, neighbor you have been putting off for so long due to being so busy. Work can wait as you take time to do what you have put off. Marines each of you matter, each of you make a difference each of you has the ability of changing your life for the better. We are all alive we are here and now so we must make the best out of the moments we have in life. Each of you are heroes, each of us has failed at times and have messed up at times. Forgive each other. Go where you are celebrated avoid where you are tolerated. Kindness is the greatest gift you can ever give anyone. Do for other.

To all Marines sick, hurting or have died or have had less you are all in our prayers.

Be sure to be at the next meeting and invite as many marines as you can find. At the meeting find marines and tell them one great thing you know about them, reintroduce yourself to each other.

Semper Fi Marines & God Bless and look over each of you.

Commandant Jeffrey Jansen

ADDITIONAL NEWS AND PRAYERS NEEDED

Please keep Buzzy and his wife Shirley in your thoughts and prayers. Shirley was given less than six months to live. Her cancer is very aggressive and Buzzy is very upset that he can not be with her.



Marine Corps News

Every year around the Marine Corps' November 10 birthday, Marines around the world gather to celebrate the history and honor of the Corps while recognizing the young Marines who make up its future.

Parties rage from Las Vegas to San Diego to Okinawa, Japan, while more subdued celebrations are held by forward-deployed Marines in the Middle East. Everywhere, a birthday cake is cut and the birthday message from the 13th Marine Corps Commandant Gen. John A. Lejeune is read.

But in 2020 due to the global COVID-19 pandemic the celebrations may face new restrictions, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Troy Black warned Friday in a message posted on Facebook..

"Marines, Sailors, and family members, although several months away, it is probable that many COVID-19 restrictions will still be in place come November 10, 2020 limiting the size and scope of unit Birthday Ball Ceremonies," Black wrote in the message, first reported by Task & Purpose.

No specific restrictions relating to the ball have yet been issued by the Marine Corps, Marine Corps spokesman Capt. Joseph Butterfield told Marine Corps Times in a Monday email.

The purpose of the memo was to "to distinguish elements required for properly conducting a Marine Corps Birthday celebration from those that have become associated with standard Marine Corps birthday celebrations," Butterfield said.

In the Facebook post Black outlined the four elements required to hold a proper Marine Corps birthday celebration: holding a formation, cutting a cake, recognizing the oldest and youngest Marines at the celebration and finally reading Lejeune's birthday message.

"All of these requirements can be met while still following COVID-19 social distancing and other requirements," Black said.

He also wanted to remind Marines that the birthday celebration can be memorable even without the raucous setting Marines may have become accustomed to.

The top enlisted Devil Dog told a story about a Marine Corps birthday he celebrated as a 1st sergeant with Gulf Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines while deployed to Iraq.

"A week into offensive operations, my company commander and I patrolled through the streets of Husabay to each platoon's defensive position," Black wrote in a memo attached to the Facebook post.

There Black, alongside the company commander, held a small Marine formation by flashlight, cut an MRE pound cake, presented a piece to the oldest and youngest Marine in the platoon and read Lejeune's birthday message.

While moving from celebration to celebration through the night Black said he was reminded of what made the Corps unique among the branches of the U.S. military: "being with Marines, accomplishing the mission and staying true to our customs and courtesies, even in the midst of our shared adversity."

"Until we can once again celebrate in the manner in which we have become accustomed, to safely, smartly, and properly honor the birth of our Corps while taking necessary steps to protect our people, is what will matter most this November," Black said in the Facebook post.

<https://www.marinecorptimes.com/news/your-marine-corps/2020/07/27/it-is-probable-that-corps-birthday-balls-will-be-limited-by-covid-19-top-enlisted-marine-says/>

Coming Events-2020

NOTE: Membership annual dues are \$35.00. MCL National does NOT send out a notice any longer. Dues are due September 1st. (We need the payment by September 1st. You do have a 30 day grace period, so paying at the September meeting is OK. To help your Paymaster, please pay by check, or bring the exact amount of cash. Thanks you!)

The band for the 2021 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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