

February 2021

# Marine Corps League



**Marine Corps  
League #790  
Detachment  
Newsletter**

**Next Meeting:  
Feb 1, 2021 19:00 hours at  
the Dock  
Happy Hour 20:00 to 22:00  
hours at the Firehouse**

Fellow Marines;

We are having our monthly meeting Feb 1 at 1900 hours at the Dock down by the river. We are still wearing masks and practicing safe distancing during our meetings and will continue to do so until the all clear has been sounded.

We need to support each other during the current pandemic. Look around, do any Marines need our assistance? Is anyone interested in joining the League? Please help us grow the league back to where it once was.

Any information regarding our league can be found at [WWW.MCL790.INFO](http://WWW.MCL790.INFO) (email is [SFMF@MCL790.info](mailto:SFMF@MCL790.info))

Please note the Marine of the Month of February is Tom Geise. (See page 3)

Steve Cane is no longer paymaster and that has now been passed on to Steve Crabtree and George Hendrenden (they are both doing this role)

Once again there is no elections for 2020 related to Covid-19. The elections will resume in Nov 2021.

Jeff Jansen  
2020 Commandant  
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# Marine Corps News

## A new sniper rifle for the Army, Marines and SOCOM

The great sniper rifle replacement across the Army, Marine Corps and SOCOM has begun with the newest sniper rifle and it's the Barrett Multi-Role Adaptive Design rifle chambered in three calibers. Over the next five years, the MRAD will replace the Army's existing M107 sniper rifle and M2010 Enhanced Sniper Rifle under the Precision Sniper Rifle program, and all bolt action rifles in the Marines, delivering conversion options so that snipers can choose from 7.62mm, .300 Norma Magnum and .338 Norma Magnum, depending on their shooting needs.

The military designation for the rifle will be the Mk22, which is the nomenclature for the PSR. "The Army plans to purchase Multi-Role Adaptive Rifle (MRAD) systems for Foreign Military Sales and Precision Sniper Rifles (PSR) systems for Army Snipers and EOD personnel," PEO Soldier spokesman told the website Task & Purpose. "The MRAD is one component of the PSR."

Marine Corps budget documents from early 2020 noted that the "ASR will replace all current bolt-action sniper rifles in the Marine Corps." Those documents cited a purchase of 250 MRAD rifles for the Corps.

That means the decades-old M40, which has been in service midway through the Vietnam War. The M40, was scheduled to be replaced by the Mk13 Mod 7. SOCOM awarded a contract for the MRAD back in March 2019 and deliveries were scheduled to start this January, according to a Barrett company release.

The search for the convertible rifle began back in 2016 with a SOCOM request.

The original plan was for the Army to buy 536 MRAD rifles under the previous program, a PEO Soldier spokesman told Task & Purpose that the new plans will include purchasing an estimated 2,800 rifles over the next five years.



<https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-military/2021/01/29/a-new-sniper-rifle-for-the-army-marines-and-socom/>

## Bio of our Marine of the Month for February —Tom Geise



Our Marine of the month for February is Tom Geise. Tom founded the Gem City Marine Corps League in the early 1990's, shortly after the Gulf War ended. He was the first Commandant of the League and held that position for many years. Tom was an Engineer in The Marine Corps. He was stationed in Guantanamo Bay, then was stationed at Camp Pendleton where he met his wife, Jeanette Brown and the two were married on Jan. 1, 1965 In Escondido, CA.

Tom has served as the National Chaplain for the Gem City Marine Corps League, the IL Department Quartermaster and was the Aide-de-Camp for the 57th Chief Devil Dog. Tom Also served as the Poundkeeper for the Devil Dogs out of Jacksonville, IL.

Tom's wife Jeanette who supported him throughout his time in the Marines and while in The Marine Corps League passed away in July 2020, Two of Tom's children and a grandson Have followed his footsteps and joined the Marines as well. They are Kevin Geise, Candy Maas and grandson Brandon Maas.

The Gem City Marine Corps League is thankful for all Tom has done to help get the Marine Corps League up and running and for all he does for the league currently. SEMPER FI Marine and thank you for your service!!

# Coming Events-2020

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 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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# Marine Corps News (cont.)

A new proposal is still being considered. Would everyone agree to help in signing general cards for our Marine Corps Veterans at IVH just letting them know we are thinking of them and wishing them health and happiness in 2021? These can be given to Sara Colgrove to dispense to our veterans. Please contact Jeff Jansen or Mindy Doellman to let them know if you would like to assist in doing this. Still looking for people to help!



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