

June 2021

Marine Corps League



**Marine Corps
League #790
Detachment
Newsletter**

**Next Meeting:
June 7, 2021 19:00 hours at
the American Legion**

Marines,

It is now time to start getting out and recovering from the covid pandemic. I hope each of you got through it ok. I hope that those of you married and have families where able to spend more time with family and create new memories at a time where family and friends mean everything.

As we open and journey into June 2021 let us call and check up on each other, reestablish old friendships and make new friendships. I challenge each of you to find Marines in every corner of our surrounding area and invite them to our next meeting and invite them to events soon. I want you to each remember this. The Marine we neglect to invite, to talk to, to be a brother or sister could be the very Marine that is affected by PTSD and in some cases contemplating their own life and only words away from ending their life. We need to get over and past of the hot head positions and ideas about things, we need to stop looking for glory for ourselves and instead bring triumphs back to the Marine League. We are not in any situation alone and we will not ever be alone. This takes each of us to make sure of that.

In the upcoming months we will be taking part in more and more activities and going to get back on course and set up new goals and missions for the League. We will all do this together; we will celebrate each month different Marines and who they are and what they bring to the team.

For right now until we rebuild our coffers no money will be going out till we are back in a good place again with all money and league members. This is because of the covid and not being able to do our yearly money programs especially the pancake and sausage breakfast and the rose campaign in our traditional way of doing things. However, we are Marines and instead of playing follow the leader we need to think of ideas outside the box, we learned that traditional ways of doing things during times of uncertainty do not work and we need to have back up ideas to complete our Missions.

It is time to get in everyone's yearly dues, parade season and summer events are taking shape and fall events are being planned and we need each of you to accomplish everything we set out to do and to bring more members onboard. We are not a good old boy system we are Marines all Marines are welcome and all marines must be welcome. If at anytime anyone forgets this then please remind them that Marines accomplish everything together and get nowhere with just one.

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Marine Corps News

Last, I do not need to remind anyone that Marines have no color, Marines have no sex, Marines have no culture, Marines have no religion. Marines are all green, Marines believe in God and Corps followed by Country. Marines do not have a sex because we are all Marines not man or women not black or white. If any Marine thinks otherwise, then they do not deserve the title of Marine. Racism and sexism stop with each of us and though we all are green we celebrate and achieve every mission based on the differences we bring. Marines are the only service branch that has one name for everyone, and that name is Marine.

Marines be great every day, know you matter every day, know you make a difference. Love your wives, hug your children and be proud and be grateful. Remember to invite other Marines to the American Legion for the June Monday meeting at 1900. I am blessed and honored to know each of you I am a better person to know each of you. I look forward to seeing each of you at the next meeting.

Semper Fi

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How to Honor Veterans Day & Memorial Day

On Memorial Day you can honor the fallen by attending memorial services within your community, laying flowers and planting flags on graves at your local Veterans cemetery, educate the children about the importance of this day or observe the moment of silence at 3 pm on Memorial Day.

Veterans Day is an opportunity to do the same, but it is also an appropriate time to show your appreciation to veteran friends and family via social media or in person. You can also recognize Veterans Day by flying the American flag outside your home, visiting or volunteering at a Veteran facility, attending a local event, and by thanking veterans and their families for their service.

Memorial Day Vs Veterans Day

Memorial Day is, as the name implies, a time to pay respect and honor those who have died either while serving their country, as a result of military service, or after they have finished serving as a retired or separated veteran.

Veterans Day honors those who have served in the past, present, and even pays tribute to those who will serve in the future.

Memorial Day History

On May 30, 1886, a large crowd gathered at Woodland Cemetery to honor the Union dead buried there. The traditions associated with honoring fallen comrades, now known as Memorial Day, had begun even before the end of the Civil War in both the North and South. Following the end of that war, local observances were conducted under the direction of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) an organization of Union veterans founded in 1866 in Springfield, Illinois.

In 1868 the efforts of the national commander of the G.A.R., Gen. John A. Logan, of Illinois, led to the designation of May 30 as a day of remembrance. Serving throughout the war, and being twice wounded, he rose to the rank of major general. He was elected to the U.S. Senate from Illinois in 1871, serving until his death in 1886.

Logan's General Order No. 11 of May 5, 1868, designated the 30th of May as a day of remembrance, a day on which local posts would decorate the graves of their fallen comrades and "in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit." The decoration of graves, often with hand woven greenery or floral wreaths, was organized by local units of the Woman's Relief Corps, the auxiliary of the G.A.R. Their task was large: by 1870 nearly 300,000 Union dead lay in 73 national cemeteries. In addition to the decorating of soldier's graves and ceremonies held in the cemeteries, local and national parades and speechifying soon became associated with the day. In the first year of observance, 183 memorial events were held in 27 states. In 1869, the number had grown to more than 300.

In Quincy in 1886, a Memorial Day Executive Committee was organized to arrange the local observances. The committee on music noted that the Gauweiler family band had been secured for a fee of \$26, and that vocal music would be provided by the Bohemian Quartet. Col. W. W. Berry invited the Hon. J.W. Johnson of Pittsfield to deliver the day's oration, and Johnson accepted. The floral committee reported that Col. W. L. Distin's "warerooms" had been offered for the gathering of donated greenery and fresh flowers, and the Quincy chapter of the Woman's Relief Corps (W.R.C.) "would willingly prepare the floral designs" for the individual graves. Wreaths would also be placed on the cannon mounted in the "soldiers' cemetery," that portion of Woodland in which Union soldiers' graves were concentrated.

It was reported that wagons decorated with evergreens would be provided for the women of the W.R.C. and members of the G.A.R. who could not walk in the procession to Woodland. The oration of the day was to be delivered "from the usual point, near the soldiers' monument," from a decorated wagon.

Local societies and organizations indicated they would participate, including several chapters of the Knights of Pithias; the Quincy Turners; Quincy's Robert Shaw Post, No. 232 of the G.A.R. (composed of black veterans), and John Wood Post, No. 96; a platoon of the local police lead by the Chief; the Quincy Drum Corps; and the Gauweiler Band.

Upon reaching Woodland, it was noted, "the civil organizations joining in the procession will act as an escort to the posts of the G.A.R." forming a line "right to front" at the entrance for the passage of the Robert Shaw and John Wood G.A.R. Posts. These organizations might then disband and join other citizens who had arrived by foot or in carriages on the hills surrounding the speakers' area to observe the ceremonies.

On May 31, the local papers reported that "everybody, it did seem, was out" for the Memorial Day observances. It was estimated that as many as 15,000 people attended the ceremonies at Woodland, which included placing of an American flag on each of the "already flower bedecked" graves.

For the remainder of the 19th century and well into the 20th, thousands attended Memorial Day observances at Woodland, and at Sunset Hill, the cemetery of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home which opened in 1887. Attendees included those aging Civil War veterans and members of the G.A.R. for whom the observance had originally been intended. Each year, the local Quincy papers recorded the events and noted with respect and sadness the loss of those who had given their lives for their country, and all those who had served their country in past wars.

Called Decoration Day or Memorial Day, the 30th of May officially became "Memorial Day" by Federal Law, in 1967. In 1968, passage of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act moved the observance to the nearest Monday, creating a three-day holiday weekend. Although originally observed as a commemoration of those who perished in the Civil War, the holiday now honors all those who have served their country in the military. Yet the patriotic spirit of remembrance displayed in these observances is still perhaps best expressed by the words of General Logan's General Order No. 11, issued May 5th, 1868:

Coming Events-2021

Soap Box Derby June 19–20, 2021 – Weigh ins are Saturday June 5.

Adams County Fair July 28 - August 3

Fishing for Freedom June 5–7

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.

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“The 30th day of May 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet church-yard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.”

“Let us, then, at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon a nation’s gratitude, the soldier’s and sailor’s widow and orphan.”

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