

MAY 2021

Marine Corps League



**Marine Corps
League #790
Detachment
Newsletter**

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

Semper Fi brothers!

We are still going to continue to move forward. Everyone needs to stay safe as Covid is still very real. Get your vaccines if you have not done so. I apologize for no newsletter last month as our writer (Mindy Doellman) had many things going on.

This month we are going to acknowledge our Sr Vice Jesus Delgado as Marine of the Month! Jesus Joined the Marines in 1996 and served in the Iraqi war. He is married to Melissa Delgado and they have a total of 4 children between them. They are Ryan, Riley, Evie and Elena. Jesus is working closely with the Veterans Coalition and Tri-State Veterans in this area. He is the Commander of the American Legion and they hold coffee clutches for all Vets to come in and have coffee and talk about whatever they want. OO-RAH Jesus and thank you for all you do!

The annual Marine Corps state convention is coming up!

Dues are due so please if you have not paid your Marine Corps dues, please do so as soon as possible.

The annual Rose sale is coming up and we will be selling them at Walmart, Sams and HyVee. Please let me know if you are able to help.

The annual Marine Corps Convention is coming up in June. It will be held in Bloomington.

Semper FI!

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2020 Commandant
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Gem City Marine Corps League News

The last meeting some awards were passed out.

Congrats to Jesus Delgado for receiving the Distinguished Service Award and the Bronze Star Service award.

Congrats to Tom Geise for receiving the Assistant Veterans Committee Award .

Kudos to the Gem City Marine Corps League Detachment #790 for the National Junior Vice Committee Citation (?)

Jesus Delgado will be leading the Caisson during the Veterans Day Parade. As of right now, the annual Veteran's Day parade will be taking place

There was a motion made during the monthly meeting in regards to the soap box derby cars. The motion was to put the Marine Corps League car in the derby. Jesus Delgado made the motion and it was 2nd by Tom Geise and passed

There was a motion for the league to pay for the cars entrance to the derby by Jesus Delgado and it was 2nd by Tom Geise and passed

If there are any kids, grandkids etc who are interested in driving one of the cars, please let Jeff Jansen know.



Sweeping health and benefits changes could come soon for vets suffering toxic exposure ills

At a hearing on the issue before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, Chairman Jon Tester, D-Mont., said he wanted to mark up the package "before Memorial Day" and promised a "bold" new approach to getting more medical care and benefits to veterans suffering from illnesses connected to burn pits, chemical exposure and other potential poisoning while on duty.

"We must provide health care and benefits to all veterans suffering from the effects of toxic exposure, past, present and future," he said. "It is the cost of war. That is pure and simple." Dozens of measures on the topic have been introduced since the start of the new Congress in January, including a bipartisan measure touted by comedian Jon Stewart and a host of other advocates which would give presumptive benefits status to veterans who served in Iraq, Afghanistan and other overseas war zones where burn pits were used.

That and 21 other proposals were debated by the committee on Wednesday, and will be discussed again next week when the House Veterans' Affairs Committee holds a similar hearing.

In a statement Tuesday, House committee Chairman Mark Takano, D-Calif., promised coordinated work with Senate lawmakers on the issue in the weeks to come. "It is critical that we hear from experts and veteran stakeholders as we figure out the best way to care for all veterans who've been exposed to toxic substances regardless of where or when they've served," he said.

At the heart of all of the proposals are attempts to grapple with the uncertainty surrounding direct evidence linking troops' service with rare respiratory illnesses and cancers in later years.

Veterans Affairs officials estimate more than 3.5 million troops were exposed to the toxic smoke from burn pits during overseas deployments over the last 20 years. But since few overseas combat sites routinely monitored air quality and chemical exposure of troops, directly linking those pits to health issues later in life has proven difficult.

Only about 241,000 veterans have signed up for the department's Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry, designed to track illnesses related to burn pit exposure and ease access to veterans benefits.

Advocates have pushed for reforms to the registry, the benefits system, and VA's approach to current and future toxic exposure issues.

But sorting through the various congressional proposals could prove challenging. Veterans groups have praised the new push on the issue but warned against transferring the cost of new benefits to veterans, or too severely limiting eligibility, or assuming that a few simple steps will help the hundreds of thousands of veterans potentially impacted by toxic chemicals during their military service.

"Individually, not one of these bills will solve the problems toxic exposures pose," said Shane Liermann, deputy national legislative director at Disabled American Veterans. "But collectively they can address issues of direct service connected benefits, health care, presumptive diseases and also establish a framework for The future."

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Earlier on Wednesday, Rep. Elissa Slotkin, D-Mich. and sponsor of another measure that would grant presumptive benefit status to troops who served in certain overseas locations, said she was confident that McDonough is committed to dealing with the issue. But she added that lawmakers have to help speed the process.

“Many veterans are coming home and experiencing illnesses — sometimes strange and unexpected — because of that exposure,” she said. “And they have critically been unable to access health care and benefits from the VA ... We have to make it easier for veterans to cut through the red tape that’s been complicating this process for a very very long time.”

Tester said if his staff can craft a compromise package on the issue with House leaders and outside advocates in the next four weeks, he is optimistic that all of Congress can work on the legislation through the summer and send a final measure to President Joe Biden later this year.

If not, it’s unclear when any of the toxic exposure measures could come up for bigger votes, or if the issue simply drifts into yet another year.



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Coming Events-2021

Upcoming events TBD: Marine Rose sale, still discussing with the Bunch family about the Pancake and Sausage breakfast.

The Dogwood parade is a go! The Veterans Day parade is a go as of now. Luke will report on that later.

NOTE: Membership annual dues are \$35.00. MCL National does NOT send out a notice any longer. Dues are due September 1st. If you have not paid your dues yet, please get them in!

At this time, we are not donating etc to anything as the leagues money is low.

The band for the 2021 Marine Corps Veterans Dances is going to be BenJamin.

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