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Sept. Birthdays!

Trino Garcia

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Welcome to today's meeting!

Bringing the Mission Home

Marines, Associates, and Friends of Detachment 1485,

As we move into September, I want to reflect on what our detachment has accomplished and where we are headed. This award demonstrates what we can accomplish when we work together—One Team, One Fight.

I recently had the privilege of attending the Marine Corps League National Convention in Indiana, where Marines from across the country came together to conduct the business of our League, including reviewing and voting on proposed changes to our National By-Laws and Administrative Procedures. As we look ahead, I encourage every member to stay involved. Attend our meetings, volunteer at events, recruit new members, support our programs, and check on your fellow Members. Every contribution, large or small, strengthens our detachment.

I am especially proud to announce that the Sgt. M.J. "Marty" Gonzalez Detachment 1485 Americanism Book earned FIRST PLACE at the NATIONAL LEVEL! This is an outstanding accomplishment and something every member of our detachment should take pride in. September also reminds us of the importance of remembrance. On September 11, we honor the innocent lives lost, the first responders who ran toward danger, and the men and women who answered our nation's call afterward. We will never forget.

A special congratulations and thank you go to Mary Dvorak and Marcia Rooth for the tremendous time and effort they put into compiling and presenting our Americanism Book. However, the book tells our collective story. Every ceremony, flag retirement, veteran supported, community event, Young Marine activity, fundraiser, and volunteer hour contributed to this national recognition. We have much to be proud of, but our mission continues. Let us build upon our success and continue serving our Marines, veterans, families, and community with the pride and dedication expected of our Corps.

One Team, One Fight.

Semper Fidelis,

Sal Cenicacelaya

Commandant Det 1485

From Tun Tavern to Today: Carrying the Legacy Forward

On November 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress authorized the raising of two battalions of Marines for service during the American Revolution. Marine Corps tradition traces those early recruiting efforts to Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, where Captain Samuel Nicholas helped establish the force that would become the United States Marine Corps.

From those beginnings, Marines built a reputation for courage, discipline, and determination. In 1805, Marines and allied forces marched across the North African desert and captured Derna during the First Barbary War—an achievement forever remembered in the Marines’ Hymn with the words, “to the shores of Tripoli.”

That legacy continued across generations. Marines fought at Belleau Wood during World War I and across the Pacific at Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Peleliu, and Iwo Jima during World War II. The flag raising atop Mount Suribachi on February 23, 1945, became one of the most enduring symbols of American courage and sacrifice.

Marines answered the call again in Korea and Vietnam, stood watch in Beirut, fought in the Persian Gulf, Iraq, and Afghanistan, and have served in countless operations around the world. The uniforms, weapons, and battlefields have changed, but the values expected of every Marine remain the same: Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

Today, the Marine Corps League proudly carries that legacy forward. Our mission is not accomplished by Marines alone. Regular Members and Associate Members serve side by side, supporting Marines, veterans, their families, our communities, and the programs that preserve the traditions and history of our Corps.

Within the Sgt. M.J. “Marty” Gonzalez Detachment #1485, every member has a role in that mission. Whether wearing the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor from years of service or standing beside Marines as a dedicated Associate Member, each contributes time, talent, fellowship, and service to strengthening our Detachment and ensuring the Marine Corps legacy continues.

We honor the Marines who came before us, support those who stand beside us, welcome those who share our commitment to service, and prepare the next generation to carry the traditions forward.

From Tun Tavern to today, the legacy continues—and together, we help ensure it never fades.

Semper Fidelis!

****YOUR 2026 OFFICERS****

Commandant - Sal Cenicacelaya
Senior Vice - Charles Rooth
Jr Vice - Joey Alcala
Judge Advocate - Angela Maness
Adjutant - Audrea Killalea
Paymaster - Jennifer Rooth
Chaplain - Kieth Thies
Sgt-At-Arms - Delmas Heinke
Asst. Sgt-At-Arms - Arthur Post
Public Relations - Ericka Hedlin
Audrea Killalea, Keith Theis
Photographer - Keith Theis
Newsletter Editor - Sal Cenicacelaya
Quarter Masters - Adam Rodgers
Kim Rodgers
Toy for Tots Liaison - Charles Rooth
VSO - Jennifer Rooth
Compliance Officer - Audrea Killalea
Historian - Mary Dvorak
Marcia Rooth
Americanism - Marcia Rooth
Mary Dvorak
Armorer - Jim Rooth
Marine for Life..... Vacant
Web-Sgt Sal Cenicacelaya

Next Meeting
October 4th , 2026

Membership Stats as of
07 Sept 2026
Regular - 30 Associate - 9
Dual - 2, Arrears - 17
TOTAL: 41 (Voting 30)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

13th - Detachment Meeting

18th - National POW/MIA Day



OCTOBER

4th Detachment Meeting

Colonel McPhail’s 105th Birthday!

Toys for Tots

Food Drive

FREE RETREATS
★ FOR VETERANS ★
Heal. Recharge. Reconnect.

NO COST TO ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS | MANY PROGRAMS INCLUDE LODGING, MEALS & ACTIVITIES | SOME PROGRAMS ALSO COVER TRAVEL EXPENSES | *You served for us. Let us support you.*

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BOULDER CREST FOUNDATION (Warrior PATH®, Couples & Family Programs) APPLY: bouldcrest.org/programs/	WOMEN VETERANS ALLIANCE (Women Veterans Retreats & Events) APPLY: womenveteransalliance.org/
WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT (Project Odyssey, Soldier Ride, Wellness & More) APPLY: woundedwarriorproject.org/programs/	FINAL SALUTE INC. (Programs & Retreats for Women Veterans) APPLY: finalsaluteinc.org/
HIGHER GROUND (Outdoor Adventure, Skiing, Rafting, Kayaking & More) APPLY: highergroundusa.org/	OPERATION HEAL OUR PATRIOTS (Marriage Retreats in Alaska) APPLY: canamhkanresponse.org/our-military-operation-heal-our-patriots/
FREEDOM HUNTERS (Hunting & Fishing Adventures) APPLY: freedomhunters.org/	ELIZABETH DOLE FOUNDATION (Caring Retreats & Support) APPLY: elizabethdolefoundation.org/
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WARRIORS & QUIET WATERS (Fly-Fishing Retreats in Montana) APPLY: warriorsandquietwaters.org/	COMING HOME PROJECT (Stress Management & Wellness Retreats) APPLY: cominghomeproject.org/retreats/

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★ PLEASE SHARE THIS LIST WITH ANY VETERAN WHO COULD BENEFIT. One application could change a life. ★



Following the historic graduation of its first Recruit Training Class, the Space City Young Marines continue building momentum as Recruit Training Class 2-2026 progresses through its training cycle.

Recruits are developing the discipline, confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills necessary to earn the title of Young Marine. Training has included Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) education, Marine Corps terminology, close-order drill and rifle manual, land navigation, and physical fitness. Each evolution challenges the recruits while reinforcing the values of leadership, teamwork, and personal responsibility.

The unit's newly graduated Young Marines are also continuing their development through advanced instruction and hands-on activities, putting into practice the lessons learned during recruit training while setting an example for the newest recruits following behind them.

The Space City Young Marines remain grateful for the continued support of Marine Corps League Detachment 1485. Whether volunteering at training, supporting unit activities, or simply encouraging these young men and women, the Detachment's involvement makes a difference.

Together, we are developing confident, responsible young leaders who understand the importance of teamwork, community service, and living a drug-free lifestyle.

Semper Fidelis!



*Barks from
Feral Dogs #397
Military Order of The Devil Dogs*

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PDD Jennifer Rooth, Madam Pound Keeper

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs: Texas Pack

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD) is the official “Fun and Honor Society” of the Marine Corps League, and the Texas Pack proudly carries that tradition throughout the Lone Star State.

Built on Marine Corps camaraderie, esprit de corps, and service, the Devil Dogs bring a lighthearted spirit to a serious purpose. While the Marine Corps League remains focused on veterans, community service, and preserving the traditions of our Corps, MODD strengthens the bonds of fellowship that have always connected Marines.

Membership in the Order is by invitation and recognizes Marine Corps League members who demonstrate dedication, participation, and commitment to the League. Prospective members are traditionally “kidnapped” and introduced to the Order through ceremonies filled with good-natured Marine humor, tradition, and respect for the brotherhood.

Throughout Texas, the Pack is made up of local units known as Pounds. These Pounds bring Devil Dogs together for Growls, fellowship, fundraising, and charitable activities. Behind the barking, dog collars, and Devil Dog humor is a genuine commitment to supporting Marines, veterans, families, and our communities.

From the Panhandle to the Gulf Coast, the Texas Pack keeps the Devil Dog spirit alive through fun, honor, tradition, and service. It is another way Marines continue the bonds forged through our shared service long after leaving active duty.

Semper Fidelis — and Semper Woofing!





RANGE DAY — PISTOLS

Detachment 1485 is heading back to the range! Members are invited to join us for Range Day – Pistols on Sunday, September 20, 2026, from 0900–1200 at 22633 FM 1774, Todd Mission, TX 77363.

Range Day is a great opportunity to sharpen your pistol skills, practice safe firearms handling, and enjoy some good old-fashioned Marine Corps camaraderie. Whether you're an experienced shooter or simply looking to improve your skills, come out and spend the morning with your fellow Marines.

Practice • Skills • Camaraderie

Semper Fidelis — One Team, One Fight!



Red Star Foundation



Providing Honor and Support to the Victims of Veteran and First Responder Suicides

Military, veteran and first responder suicide is a critical issue that highlights the unique mental health struggles faced by those who served in the military. These service members often endure intense physical and psychological stress during their service, including exposure to combat, trauma, and separation from loved ones, all of which can lead to lasting mental health challenges like PTSD, depression, and anxiety. Addressing military, veteran and first responder suicide isn't just about saving lives; it's about honoring the commitment these individuals made by providing them the help they need to heal and find hope beyond their service.

These suicides have a profound and lasting impact on the family members left behind, who must cope with complex grief, feelings of guilt, and emotional trauma. Losing a loved one to suicide often leaves unanswered questions and can create a sense of isolation. This grief can disrupt family dynamics, leading to mental health struggles such as depression, anxiety, and even suicidal thoughts, suicide attempts, and suicides among family members themselves.

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