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## Officer Elections & Appointments

May 7<sup>th</sup>  
Detachment Telephone Conference  
Det. Emergency Election Procedures ("EEP")  
"EEP"



Our Detachment had a good turnout for our first ever telephone conference dial in. Special thanks go out to those members you were able to dial in. Here are the results of the EEP:

### Elected Officers:



**Charlie Myers**  
Commandant  
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(904) 274-6333



**Loren Gay**  
Senior ViceCommandat  
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**Dennis DePriest**  
Junior Vice Commandant  
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**Dayton Warfle**  
Judge Advocate  
[jag@mcljacksonville.org](mailto:jag@mcljacksonville.org)  
(TAD: Paymaster)

### Appointed Positions:



**Lisa Hiering**  
Adjutant



**Cliff Redfield**  
Chaplain  
(904) 527-8177



**Barbara Grissom**  
Sgt. at Arms



**Mike Brynildsen**  
Public Affairs/Photo  
[pao@mcljacksonville.org](mailto:pao@mcljacksonville.org)

We cannot say enough about Dayton continuing commitment to fill the Paymaster's role. Dayton has carried the Detachment with this role for many years and it's time for someone to step up and take over. Any Regular Member interested on relieving Dayton of these extra duties as Paymaster needs to contact Cmdt. Charlie (904-274-6333)

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**Commandant's Corner**

**Marines and Associate Members,**

I want to express my sincerest gratitude for your continued trust in re-electing me to serve as your Commandant. My vision remains unchanged, in that continuous quality improvement is the forefront of my commitment to our Detachment and the Marine Corps League.

Because of our sponsor's generosity we have been able to maintain the digital lines of communication with our members. The Pandemic has compelled our Detachment to rely heavily on digital communications - this is why we are need of continued sponsorship.

Your continued support of a yearly sponsorship (see below flyer) or by coming on board for the first time will be recognized in our monthly Newsletter and Detachment website. We plan to raise enough funds for administrative relief of our web account and to further assist with general operational expenses - your affirmative response will go a long way.

Some of our members may not be in a financial position to contribute, that is understandable. If you or someone you know is in need, that is what we are here for: "Marines Helping Marines" - don't hesitate to contact us.

Hoping that we can get together soon and don't forget to check in on our Detachment Hotline for updates.



*Semper Fi!*  
Cmnd. Charlie  
(904) 274-6333

*"One member can make a difference, but the Detachment can make it happen!"*

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**National Commandant/CEO**

**May 12, 2020**

From: Dennis Tobin, National Commandant  
To: Board of Trustees  
Department Commandants  
Subj: Easing of Restrictions and Funeral Honors

Marines,

It has come my attention that some states are easing burial restrictions and are reaching out the MCL for Funeral Honors. Sitting here in New York, I do not have first-hand knowledge of what other cities and states are doing. We will need to make decisions on a State by State basis.

Division Vices, you will need to stay updated on any changes in burial procedures within your Division. Have your Department Commandants keep you informed as to any changes within their Departments regarding burials and Funeral Honors and restrictions as to manpower. This should be easy to verify within your state.

Department Commandants, if you can verify ahead of time that restrictions are being lifted, please pass that information on to your Division Vice and they will pass it on to me. Once we verify restrictions have been lifted, and we are not walking into an ambush, I have no problem with a Detachment performing Funeral Honors as long as all state guidelines are followed.

We do not want any unnecessary problems with law enforcement over this. If you know that your state is easing restrictions and allowing Funeral Honors, please let me know ASAP.

Semper Fi

*Dennis Tobin*

Dennis Tobin  
National Commandant/CEO  
Marine Corps League



**You've Got Mail!**

Inasmuch as our Detachment has embraced the digital world, we find that there remain some members who are not checking their emails on a regular basis - is that you? (We guess not because you have opened this one.)

We need to ensure that no Marine or Associate Member gets left behind and out of the loop. With all of the means of communication at our disposal, there should be no member who is not keeping up.

Pass the word, that you have not received any communication from the Detachment there might be a typo with your contact information on file.



**Memorial Day Ceremonies 2020**

As of the publishing of this Newsletter, in accordance with National Cemetery Administration and the City of Jacksonville, have made the difficult decision to not host public events for Memorial Day.

**97th MCL National Convention**

**August 9th - 14th**  
**Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort**  
**Daytona Beach, FL**



The 2020 MCL National Convention web page is now accepting reservations for ALL Convention activities, luncheons, and the banquet. Please visit our web page at: [mclnationalconvention2020.org](http://mclnationalconvention2020.org)

Please be advised that we are working with National to develop an Awards Reception for the League, Kennel, and Auxiliary. As soon we can get the details finalized, that will be posted to the web page as well.

Thanks for your time, attention, and upcoming support of the 2020 MCL National Convention!

Tom Newton  
DOF 2020 National Convention Chairman



**Official DOF Communications**

**Department of Florida ("DOF") Marine Corps League**



On a regular basis we have been receiving Official DOF Communications through Barry Brown, District 3 JVC ("Barygrams"). DOFcoms are for Detachment distribution to all members and in following the directive we have been posting almost as soon as they are received via Detachment Bulletins - another reason for you to be checking emails.

In addition, we have been including the DOFcoms in our website under "Dept. of FL." You will find a library of the latest fifteen (15) DOFcoms pdf to download (web account can only accommodate 15).

**MCL Ribbons:**



New members may not be aware that the Marine Corps League awards its own Ribbons for accomplishments and not to be confused with the DOD Ribbons that you have earned.

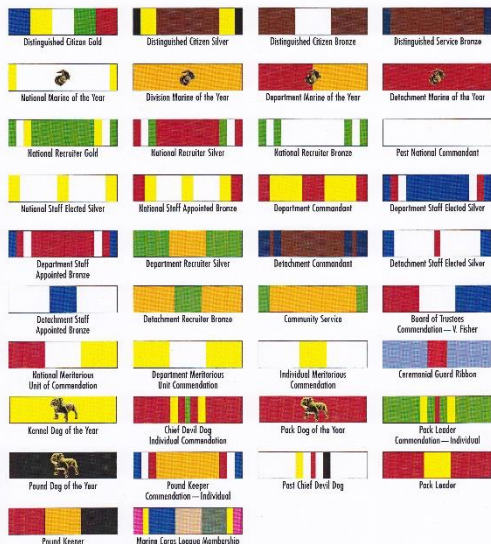
As information and as a refresher to all, below is a chart (shown in order of precedence) of MCL Ribbons.

If you are unsure of what you have earned or if you have any questions, contact one of our Officers.

Remember: Either one or the other. DOD Ribbons cannot be combined with MCL Ribbons.

Download your copy from our website under "Uniform Code."

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE RIBBONS**  
SHOWN IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE



**With the Pandemic and these gas prices, I've been getting three months to a gallon.**



*Sgt. Chuckles*

**ACV to get Stryker**



An up gunned version of the Corps' new [amphibious combat vehicle](#) will be armed with a lighter version of the Army's Stryker 30mm cannon, according to Marine Corps Systems Command.

Ashley M. Calingo, a spokeswoman with MARCORSYSCOM, told Marine Corps Times in an emailed statement that [BAE](#) — the manufacturer of the ACV — had selected a version of the Kongsberg medium caliber turret, or MCT-30, for a variant of the new amphib vehicle.

"BAE has also informed the Marine Corps that the MCT-30 version for the Marine Corps will be a lighter weight version of the Stryker system and use the Mk44 gun which is common with US Navy applications instead of the [XM813 gun](#) used on Stryker," Calingo said.

The MCT-30 — manufactured by Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace — said in a [news release](#) that it would deliver up to 150 of the MCT-30 remote turret weapon systems as part of a "phased program." "The system provides highly accurate firepower for wheeled or tracked combat vehicles. It is remotely controlled and operated from a protected position inside the vehicle compartment for optimized crew safety," Kongsberg said in a release.

The MCT-30 remote turret boasting the heavier XM813 30mm cannon is currently fielded on a Stryker variant known as the Infantry Carrier Vehicle — Dragoon.

[Defense News](#) reported in May 2019 that the Army had decided to equip its Double V-Hull A1 Stryker Infantry Carrier Vehicles with a 30mm cannon following a review of lessons learned from 2nd Cavalry Regiment in Europe.

The double V-hull variant of the Stryker was manufactured due to the armored vehicle's poor performance against roadside bombs.

In early 2019, the Corps announced it was looking at three variants of the ACV — a command and control configuration, a recovery and maintenance setup and ACVs with 30mm medium-caliber cannons. Kongsberg said test article delivery of the MCT-30 turret for the ACV will kick off in early 2021.

BAE told Marine Corps Times that it evaluated five vendors for the ACV turret which included a live fire assessment with more than a dozen systems

(source: Marine Times)

**F.Y.I**



**For your Health:** Maintaining good health holds too many benefits to mention. We can receive some of the benefits with minor effort in doing simple things like walking outside in the evening and breathing deeply. Many people never fill their lungs with air. Doing this has huge respiratory benefits. Search You tube for Deep breathing and gather the pro-info.

**Money Tree** Check your old packed up toys from childhood. Some of them have massive value. Example, a particular Bennie Baby is now valued for \$50 to \$100k. NO JOKE. Just Google your item and some values will make your eyes pop.

**Did You Know:** Some fruit tree leaves can be boiled and strained to make a drink, like tea, and has powerful health benefits. Just check Guava leaves for example. Get close to the Earth, your life is fed from the soil. The closer you get to it, the better life becomes.

*Loren Gay, SVC*

**Let Us Pray**



Heavenly Father, who art in heaven, I come to you in the name of Jesus, thanking you for your love, mercy, and wisdom you have given to out Detachment 059.

Thank you for our Staff Officers and members, knowing that we must be strong and courageous.

Never be afraid, or discouraged for the Lord, our God, is with us wherever we go.

Dear Lord, fill us with your spirit and help us face our challenges with courage and determination.

Keep us mindful Father that you are with our Detachment always, and with you by our side, we have nothing to fear. Amen!

O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me, if it's your will please heal the members listed below:

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|---------------|-----------------|
| Jose Ramos    | Martin Lussier  |
| Edwin Verrill | Jerry Jesonek   |
| Tony D'Aleo   | Sheila Caulkins |
| Jack Caulkins | Karen Aune      |
| Matt Touchton | Nancy Parker    |

Thank you, Lord, for what you are about to do. Amen.

**Anyone knowing of a member or their family member that is ill or in distress, please contact:**

**Chaplain Cliff Redfield (904) 527-8177 or the Detachment (904) 274-6333**

**Mark Your Calendars**

UPCOMING

EVENTS

May 16 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fundraiser Romana Pavilion <b>Cancelled</b>
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	JNC Memorial Ceremony <b>Cancelled</b>
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day Ceremony JAX Wall <b>Cancelled(?)</b>
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Detachment General Meeting <b>TBD?</b>

**\*Be sure to visit our web Calendar of Events for more**



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