



"The Fire Watch"

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Detachment Bylaws: 2020 Edition Approved!

February 28th
Dept. of Florida
Marine corps League



We received the acceptance and approval from the DOF Judge Advocate that our latest draft of the Detachment Bylaws has been accepted and approved.

Our Jacksonville Detachment 059 Bylaws have been posted on our Detachment web and can be downloaded. In addition, a pdf version has been distributed via email to Detachment Members.

DOF: Spring Conference:

April 2nd – 5th
MCL, Dept. of Florida
Safety Harbor Resort & Spa
Safety Harbor, FL



I am writing this letter as some of you are wondering if I intent to cancel the Spring Conference. Given the best information I have heard about the COVID-19, it does NOT do well in the warm or hot weather. Because we are in the State of Florida and our weather is already in the mid to high 80's I see no reason to panic and cancel the Spring Conference as it is only going to get warmer as the weeks go by. Please do not panic but use common sense in your daily lives. See you in Safety Harbor.

*Semper Fi
Frank Glassford
Cmdt. Dept. of FL*



Officer Nominations: Open!

March 5th
Detachment General Meeting
5 Star Veterans Center



The Detachment has opened the floor for officer nominations. All Regular Members are eligible for all positions with Associated Members eligible for Appointed Positions.

Nominations will continue until the May 7th General Meeting when we will have final nominations and thereafter hold elections and installation of the new officers.

Nominees for Elected Positions:

Commandant	Charlie Myers
Senior Vice Commandant	Loren Gay
Junior Vice Commandant	Dennis DePriest
Judge Advocate	Dayton Warfle

Appointed Positions:

Adjutant/Paymaster
Chaplain
Sgt. at Arms
Public Affairs Officer

If you are interested in taking on a position or if you have someone in mind, please submit your name or nominee to anyone of our Officers.



Past Chaplain James Thomas

Distinguished Service Award

March 5th
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5 Star Veterans Center

On this day we bestow the Marine Corps League's "Distinguished Service Award" upon Marine James Thomas. While serving Jacksonville Detachment 059 in the capacity of its Chaplain for numerous years and being a vital link in the continued existence and success of Jacksonville Detachment 059, James has distinguished himself by exceptional meritorious service of great responsibility – spiritually and morally. Thereby, James has established himself as the "soul" of Jacksonville Detachment 059.

James has traveled many miles to comfort those Jacksonville Detachment Members, Associate Members and their families in hard times of illness, distress and loss of loved ones, day and night without hesitation and without the slightest regard for himself. In addition, James has spent countless hours visiting our senior veterans in assistant living centers.

To justify this decoration, exceptional performance of duty must be clearly above that normally expected. It also contributes toward the success of the Marine Corps League and its Jacksonville Detachment 059.



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Commandant's Corner

Marines and Associate Members,

What do you have if you do not advertise? - nothing!

That is what we are – advertisement for the Marine Corps League and in particular our Detachment. Our appearance and participation in fundraisers are the beckons that draw in potential new members.

Our growth and our reputation ripple through the community and does not go unnoticed. Setting goals for the future gives us direction in the present.

Therefore, our Detachment and our veterans depend on you to keep the legacy thriving. Consider the upcoming Detachment elections and do you have a hidden talent to bring to the table.

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

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



Fun Muster

Thursday, February 27th
Dave & Busters

Thanks to the motivation of SVC Loren Gay, our latest (but not last) Social Event was a hit.

It was awesome to start things off by just having dinner and conversing with each other before the main event of hitting the video games – yes – millennials, boomers do play games.

The night also provided a few of our sharpshooters to dust off their skills by destroying a few Zombies (check our web for photos).

All had an enjoyable time and the strong participation goes a long way in solidifying the comradery that holds our Detachment together.

*More photos can be viewed on our website under "Event Photos".



VAVS Volunteers

Community Service Award

March 5th
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5 Star Veterans Center

On this day we bestow the Marine Corps League's "Community Service Award" upon Marine James Thomas. These Volunteers have distinguished themselves by exceptional meritorious and unselfish volunteer hours and/or donations in support of the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service ("VAVS") program.

Each year, over 75,000 volunteers give more than 11 million hours in service to America's Veterans. It is impossible to calculate the amount of caring and sharing that these VAVS volunteers provide to Veteran patients. VAVS volunteers are a priceless asset to the Nation's Veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Marine Corps League and our Jacksonville Detachment 059.

Thelma & James Thomas
Sheila & Jack Caulkins
Charlie Dimech
Dayton Warfle
Jerry Jesonek



L-R: Thelma - Chaplain Cliff - Cmnd. Charlie James, Charlie D. – SVC Loren – Jack – Sheila Dayton - Jerry (not pictured)

Detachment Website & Email

We are constantly updating our Detachment website to keep you informed. It behooves all Detachment members to visit our website more frequently and to check your emails at least once a week to ensure that you know what's going on. You are in jeopardy of missing out on Detachment news if you rely on meeting to meeting.



DOF Convention!

June 4th – 7th
Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place
200 Rialto Place
Melbourne, FL



The following is a partial excerpt from DOF Commandant Frank Glassford's communication to all Detachments.

You can download the entire communication and Convention Packet from our website.

"The Department of Florida Officers and Staff are honored to host the 2020 Annual Convention. The Department, MODD, MCLA and MODDF will be offering entertainment and information programs. The Banquet promises to be an enjoyable event to include music for your dancing pleasure. There will be the usual comfortable Hospitality Room where you can mingle, share your sea stories, "tip one for Rosie" and maybe even bring home a new idea or two for you Detachment."

An invitation is extended to all Department of Florida MCL, MODD, MCLA and MODDF members to attend this great venue.

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

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



V4V Quarterly Gathering

**Saturday, February 28th
VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena
Jacksonville, FL**



Thank you to all who attend the Vets 4 Vets quarterly Gathering. It was reported that a record number of 550 veterans attended this gathering.

Our display table stood out amongst the others and generated a few interested veterans who provided their email contact information. JVC Dennis will be following up with the veterans to thank them for their interest and to invite them to a Detachment meeting.



SVC Loren Gay - Jack Caulkins

Cecil Field National POW/MIA

**Thursday, March 5th
Detachment General Meeting
5 Star Veterans Center**



Our Detachment has placed an order for a Memorial Brick to be installed at the Cecil Field National POW/MIA Memorial Park.

Memorial Brick will be inscribed with "Jacksonville Detachment 059, Marine Corps League and remembering all POW/MIAs"



National MCL Update



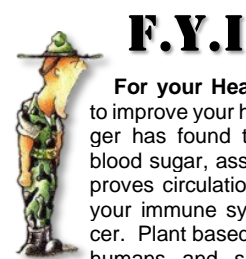
Membership Cards – through this month, the new plastic membership cards are being mailed. Many have already been sent and will continue through this month. They are thicker than previous drafts and we are really happy with how they are turning out. I look forward to ordering my own replacement plastic Life member card (my old laminated one has seen better days). I am just going to email info@mcleague.org with my contact information and tell them I would like to order a replacement \$10.00 plastic membership card and someone will contact me to place the order. Detachments can do as they have in the past and order in groups.

Of course, not a requirement to get a new one, but once you see them, you may want one.

Covers – We have an issue with covers. We have been ordering plenty of covers but the problem is actually beyond the supplier that makes them for us. The place where material is received from, dyed a batch of material the incorrect color. They have to get new material, and have it dyed properly. Our supplier expects to have material on March 5th and will start shipping us covers again by the beginning of April. It is not something we are happy about, but I am not able to make it go faster.

Database – Yes, the new database is up, and we are using it. Actually, we are presently using the old and new database at the same time as processes are developed. You may have seen the link to the Member Portal in the Library – that is where Detachments and Members will log in. Access to the Member Portal will have a staggered approach – the key is email addresses. PNC Webb will be sending a message regarding our approach. There is also now an events calendar tab (in the library) that connects with the database. We are going to learn how to populate the events calendar, but I think National Vice Commandants will also be able to add events now.

S/F
Bob Borka
COO/HQMCL
#EmbraceTheTribe



F.Y.I

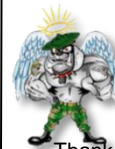
For your Health: Consider Ginger to improve your health. Studies of Ginger has found that it helps manage blood sugar, assist in weight loss, improves circulation, relieves pain, boost your immune system and fights cancer. Plant based items are best for us humans and shows their amazing power.

Money Tree: You or a family member may have some extra money laying around in old bottles and jars - check e-bay. It is so surprising to realize how many items are collectors desire. Some of these items sell for up to \$500 – "better cash than trash."

Did You Know: Ulcers, depression, suicide, stress, anger, worry and are primarily mental afflictions. People with a positive attitude and outlook rarely have such life dragging issues because they reconfigure lemons into lemon aid – "change your thoughts, change your life."

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 our 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**

I hate how chocolates immediately melt on my fingers. I mean, am I THAT HOT?



Sgt. Chuckles

Mark Your Calendars

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>March 29th April 2nd</p> <p>April 2nd – 5th April 4th – 5th May 7th May 16th – 17th May 23rd May 25th</p>	<p>National Vietnam Veterans Day Detachment General Meeting Nominations Continue DOF Spring Conference 2020 Fundraiser JAX Fairgrounds Detachment Meeting *Elections Fundraiser Romana Pavilion JNC Memorial Ceremony Memorial Day Ceremony JAX Wall</p>
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Jerry Jesonek Jr. Past Commandant Jacksonville Detachment 059 Marine Corps League Semper Fi

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