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Staying Together by Social Distancing

Can you "Zoom?"

Unfortunately, we have all been deeply affected by the Pandemic of COVID-19 with the cancellation of our onsite even General Meetings.

Without our onsite meetings we initially reverted to telephone conferencing in May and June to keep in touch. After contacting the 5 Star Veterans Center it is apparent that the situation remains the same with respect of being cautious permitting visitors; therefore, we have cancelled our July 2nd General onsite meeting. We will host a Zoom online video/audio session. Those that are unable to connect by video have the option available to go audio by dialing in.

So, what is Zoom?

Zoom is a cloud-based video conferencing service you can use to virtually meet with others - either by video or audio-only or both, all while conducting live chats - and it lets you record those sessions to view later.

Details on how to join a Zoom meeting either by video or audio will follow under a JAX Det 059 bulletin along with an evite invitation - so, keep checking your emails.



Video

or



Audio

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97th MCL National Convention: Scrubbed!



Facebook Message from National Comdt. J/CEO Dennis Tobin

Comdt. Tobin's video message can be viewed on our website mcljacksonville.org

The following was taken from Facebook prior to the video.

Commandant Dennis Tobin writes:

Marines, I have been trying to put together a video or a live feed to explain what has transpired over the last couple months regarding our convention, no luck so far with the video idea. I will keep trying. First, I want to apologize for everyone for receiving word from the hotel before me. We were obligated to notify the hotel officially first, which we did yesterday morning, we did not expect them to hit the refund button right away. We expected some conversation beforehand. Second, let me try to explain the process, we, the Board of Trustees tried to hold out as long as possible before decided Go/No Go. We held numerous video conferences and telecoms to review current conditions, restrictions, and regulations. Yesterday we made the No Go decision and cancelled the 2020 Convention. The number 1 reason for the decision was the health and wellbeing of all our members, especially those seasoned members 65 and over. We could not put members at risk, there are still too many unknowns, restrictions, and regulations in place. We had to get our attorneys involved because there were financial issues involved. If not done properly the league could stand to lose a great deal of money. The integrity of the league is also at risk and the integrity of the Dept. of Florida and their convention people. So there has been a great deal to consider and it's the National Boards responsibility to make sure all of these issues are addressed and dealt with properly. Had we failed in any area it falls directly on me as your National Commandant. So, we moved slow and steady to accomplish our mission, the mission you the membership elected us to do. This is only the second time in our 100 years that a National Convention has been cancelled. The last time it happened was in 1932. Not bad. These have been some crazy and trying times for us all and this was the hardest decision this Board has had to make. So again, I apologize for any inconvenience we may have caused. Enjoy the rest of you summer and please stay safe. Semper Fidelis, Semper Fidelis,

Dennis Tobin National Commandant



Commandant's Corner

Marines and Associate Members,

How are you holding up with the Pandemic, the self-quarantine and the masks? Yes, I know, it's getting to me too.

As more and more facilities are opening their doors and restrictions have more or less begun to lighten up under certain guidelines, the unpredictable COVID-19 remains. It seems that every day I am waiting for the "magic pill" that will make this go away or living with the vision that there is a COVID-19 Gremlin waiting outside my door for me to drop my guard.

It's unfortunate that our General Meeting schedule has suffered, but I do appreciate those you were available to dial in on the last two (2) telephone conferences. As out lined in the first Newsletter Article we will be hosting a Zoom video/audio session Tuesday July 2nd in lieu of the onsite meeting – standby for a Detachment Bulletin.

Our meeting schedule will continue to have our membership, their families, and the residents of 5 Star Veterans Center safety in mind. Perhaps things will be a little more bearable come August and we can get together.

If you need any assistance or know of someone who does, do not hesitate to contact me.



Semper Fi!
Cmdt. Charlie
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"One member can make a difference, but the Detachment can make it happen!"

Rose Fundraisers

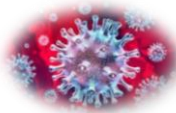


June 20 & 21st
Ramona Pavilion

Here is another casualty caused by the on going Pandemic, Rose Fundraisers at Jacksonville Gun Shows.

We sincerely regret that we must cancel our display at the upcoming Gun Show this weekend, the liability of subjecting our members to any exposure to COVID-19 is paramount and we will not take this risk during uncertain times. For future events we will monitor the virus situation closely and will render a decision beforehand.

We must extend our appreciation to MOY Jack Calkins and his wife Sheila who were locked and loaded to get out there and staff our display table, but we will not send them in harm's way.



Senior and Disabled Financial Assistance Program

This program is designed to provide financial assistance to senior citizens (72 years or older) and those who are receiving social security disability benefits and have experienced a reduction in income or increased expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds can be used for food, supplies, home healthcare, utilities, transportation, and other quality of life expenses. The City will make a one-time payment of \$300 to approved applicants.

Eligibility criteria include:

- Must reside in Duval County
- Must attest that you did not receive funds from the City's VyStar Small Business Assistance and Employee Retention Loan Program
- Must attest that you did not receive funds from the City's, Rent and Utilities Relief Program
- Must attest that you are a senior citizen (72 years or older) and/or are receiving social security disability benefits
- Have experienced a reduction in income or an increase in expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Adjusted gross income did not exceed \$30,000 in 2019.
- Only one card per household

You understand that the information and certifications you provide are true and correct and that the law may provide penalties for giving false statements to a governmental entity. You also understand that Florida has very broad public records laws, and all or a portion of the information provided by you may be subject to public disclosure.

To apply for this program on Saturday, June 20th at 8:00am, you will need to have an active account on MyJax. If you already have an account, validate that you can login. If you need an account, click the "Create MyJax Account" button below to get started.

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**Note the new telephone number!*

Please update your contact information.

(Article contributed by Tony D'Aleo)

"Barr-A-Grams"



Dist. 3 Vice Commandant Department of Florida ("DOF") Marine Corps League

On a regular basis we have been receiving Official DOF Communications emails through Barry Brown, District 3 JVC (aka: "Barr-A-Grams").

Barr-A-Grams have been forwarded to our membership almost as soon as they are received – another reason for you to keep checking emails.



It's Not too Early!



It's not too early to start thinking about dues renewal as August 31st will be here before you know it.

We are still aiming our sights on 100% participation and encourage you to mark your calendar. With the cancellations of our on-site General meetings, please make your check out to: MCL JAX 059 and mail it to our PO Box 331419, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233; Attention Dues Renewal.

Gathering in the Park Postponed



Our attempt to hold a "Detachment Gathering in the Park" didn't work out, not due to the COVID-19 but the uncertain weather forecast for that weekend.

The "Gathering in the Park" has only been postponed until a future date. As the reschedule date is decided we will pass the word with an "evite."

Test your Brain!

Been cooped up too long? Can't get to the Gym? Then exercise your brain.

A man stands on one side of a river, his dog on the other. The man calls his dog, who immediately crosses the river without getting wet and without using a bridge or a boat. How did the dog do it?



Answer: next month.

Tis the Season!



Get yourself, your family, and your home prepared.

By starting early, you'll avoid the rush at home supply stores, grocery stores and other venues typically crowded and often chaotic when hurricane watches and warnings are issued.

You should stock six basics for your home: water, food, first aid supplies, clothing and bedding, tools and emergency supplies, and special items. Keep the items you would most likely need during an evacuation in an easy-to carry container—suggested items are marked with an asterisk (*). Possible containers include a large, covered trash container, a camping backpack, or a duffle bag.

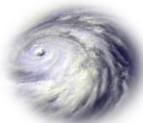
Make your preparations easier by downloading the checklists included with each category and use them as you shop and store your supplies.

Emergency Preparedness

<https://www.coj.net/departments/fire-and-rescue/docs/emergency-preparedness/preparedness/city-of-jacksonville-preparedness-and-response-qui.aspx>

Here's the 2020 Season Lineup:

- Arthur -Bertha -Cristobal
- Dolly – Edouard - Fay
- Gonzalo – Hanna - Isaias
- Josephine – Kyle - Laura
- Marco – Nana - Omar
- Paulette – Rene - Sally
- Teddy – Vicky - Wilfred



I lent this guy \$5,000 for a face lift – now I can't find him.



Sgt. Chuckles

Applications: New Membership



Are we accepting applications for new membership?

As we deal with the unfortunate situation of the Pandemic that impacted our on-site General meeting schedule, we cannot transition in any new members without first holding a meeting where the membership must cast their vote on applicants and if accepted to conduct the swearing in oath.

If you have a potential new member desiring to come on board, we ask for their patience until we can work out our on-site meeting schedule.

What about a virtual meeting? The protocol calls for a physical meeting to vote and administer the oath.



New "Oath of Membership"

"I, (Your Name), In the Presence of Almighty God, do solemnly swear, that I will uphold and defend the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America and the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League. That I take this obligation willingly and in good faith and that I will follow the directions and guidance of elected and appointed officers of the League. That I will participate and support the missions and activities of the Marine Corps League, and that I promise to govern my conduct in such a manner that I will never bring discredit upon myself, Members of the League, or the Marine Corps League, so help me God.



F.Y.I

For your Health: Through ageing, the human body can become weaker with fragile bones. BUT! all of that can be reversed with simple weight resistant exercise. You can do it from home or a gym but do it. It is amazing what the human body is capable of if you give what it needs.

Money Tree The flow of money is like a river, some people dip their hand in and cup enough for today, and some hook a pipeline to it for a constant flow. If you are looking for opportunity you may want to consider some stock, like Zoom, Life lock and others. Now is a particularly good time to consider a variety of options.

Did You Know: Experts are saying that over 40% of job lost due to the pandemic will not return. So, if you have young love ones advise them to become particularly good with Focus and Self-discipline, due to the fact that many jobs will be performed at home. This is the new world.

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 spirt 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**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars

Due to the Pandemic: Schedule is subject to change

July 2 nd	Detachment Zoom Session
July 18 th – 19 th	Rose Fundraiser: Ramona Pavilion?
July 25 th – 26 th	Rose fundraiser: JAX Fairgrounds?
August 6 th	Detachment General Meeting?
August 9 th – 14 th	National convention: CANCELLED
August 31 st	MCL Dues Ends 2020 – 2021
September 3 rd	Detachment General Meeting

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

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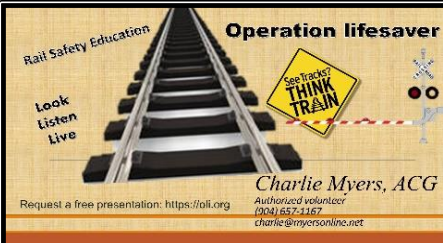
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