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DOF Fall Conference



September 2nd
Board of Trustees
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The Board of Trustees of the Department of Florida, Marine Corps League ("DOF"), after taking into consideration the safety of our members has reached a unanimous decision to Cancel the DOF Fall Conference scheduled for October 15 – 18, 2020.

(Source: DOF Cmdt. Frank Glassford's September 2nd, 2020 memo to all members)

*A copy of Cmdt. Glassford's memo was emailed to all 059 Detachment Members.

Hyatt Place Reservations

September 3rd
Your Reservations for the Hyatt Place

Good morning, after careful and thoughtful deliberation by our DOF BOT, they have taken great consideration on our health and wellbeing during this COVID time. The fall conference has been cancelled and rescheduled to become the spring conference for us in April. The Spring conference will be held April 7-11, 2021. Detachment 567 has been awarded this conference.

What has to happen first is everyone who has made a reservation for the fall conference must cancel his or her reservation, unless staying anyway for a weekend getaway (rate will still be honored). Once you cancel you will receive a new link with a new code that will allow you to reserve the new dates and times. I will be sending out a new packet with the new dates. Everything else should primarily stay the same. I pray that this will increase our attendance and this COVID business will be behind us.

Thank you all for what you do and have done for our Marine Corps League. Stay safe and see you all soon.

Vernon Trice
USMCL
District 4 Vice Commandant
Commandant Det #567

Face Masks are in!

Friday, September 11th

The Detachment Face Masks have arrived! These masks are sturdy and snug for a comfortable fit – you will look marvelous!



All members in good standing can receive one (1) complimentary mask if interested. Extra Masks will be available for a donation of \$10 per Mask. Pick up yours at the October 1st General meeting.

Interested but unavailable to attend the meeting, you will need to plan on calling the Detachment Hotline (904-274-6333) or drop a line to <mailto:cmdt@mcljacksonville.org>.

We have scheduled a test fundraiser for a limited number of masks to be on display and available to the public (\$10 donation /per) at our upcoming fundraiser this weekend September 19th and 20th at the JAX Gun Show. MOY Jack Caulkins will be there to model the Masks.

Nominations for DOF Officers

Reminder that DOF Officer Nominations are due no later than September 17th, 2020.

Commandant
Senior Vice commandant
Junior Vice Commandant
Judge Advocate



Refer to our email notice September 8th, 2020.



General Meeting Growing

Thursday, September 3rd
Detachment General Meeting
5 Star Veterans Center

Thanks to Col. Len Loving and the Board of Trustees of 5 Star Veterans Center for opening up their doors once again for our General Meetings.



Special thanks to those Marines and Associate Members who braved the "Pandemic Mind Field" to attend.

For the second meeting in a row we have sworn in another new member – Marine James Tate.



Need We Say More?

Emergency Preparedness

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

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The Fire Watch
Commandant's Corner

Marines and Associate Members,

I hope you all are doing well. I write this segment to express my sincere thanks and appreciation on the efforts and accomplishments that our membership has taken to get the word out about the Marine Corps League and especially our Detachment.

The other thing which I'd like to thank you is that I know how difficult it can be to compete against this Pandemic we all face. Your diligence and self-motivation continue to inspire me. Our Detachment wouldn't be possible without your support and efficiency. The time that you take out of your schedule to devote to our Detachment is crucial.

As you may have picked up on by now, I am a perfectionist for details. I have this uncontrollable inner flame of pressure that I place upon myself to set the example and to exhibit "curb appeal" to recruit and retain members.

Your suggestions, comments and ideas are what we need to keep moving forward – share your vision. Drop me a line or do not hesitate to call me anytime.



Always – at your service
Semper Fi!
Cmdt. Charlie
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"One member can make a difference, but the Detachment can make it happen!"

Welcome Aboard!

Thursday, September 3rd
Det. General Meeting
5 Star Veterans Center

We'd like to introduce you to our newest Detachment member: Marine James Tate.



Welcome Aboard James



***Due to the Pandemic: Schedule is subject to change**

- September 19th – 20th Fundraiser: JAX Fairgrounds
- October 1st Detachment General Meeting
- November 5th Detachment General Meeting
- November 10th Happy 245 Birthday
- November 11th JAX Veterans Day Parade

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

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PT – feels good!

September 8th
(source: MarineTimes)



SVC Loren Gay

Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. David Berger ordered an end to the fitness tests April 21 after first balking at the idea of ending the testing program due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"Our fitness to fight remains a priority, and I expect each of us to continue to maintain our fighting condition," the top Devil Dog said in a tweet when he announced a cancellation to the test.

Marines will have until the end of CFT season in December to complete the test, which will be entered into the Marine Corps Training Information Management System as normal, a Tuesday **MARADMIN said**. Marines who failed the PFT before the April pause will have 90 days to complete the assessment, the MARADMIN said.

All the PFTs that happen within the 90 days will be recorded as taking place on June 30, 2020, the normal end to the Marine Corps' PFT season, according to the MARADMIN. The score will also be based on the age the Marine was on June 30, the message reads.

"Commanders shall track promotion requirements for Marines who take the PFT effective 30 June 2020 in order to request a re-computed composite score and remedial promotion, if applicable," it adds.

Along with the resumption of the two fitness assessments, the Marine Corps will resume taping some Marines to ensure they fit within the Corps' body composition standards.

Marines who were unable to be taped during the COVID-19 pause have until Sept. 30 to be measured, and unlike the PFT the results will be recorded on the day they are conducted, the MARADMIN reads.

For reserve Marines who require to be taped but are in a travel restricted location the requirement has been delayed until they are able to safely travel, according to the MARADMIN.

Test your Brain!

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

How many seconds are there in a year?

Answer: next month



Last month's answer:

"one is a nickel, the other isn't – it's a quarter!"

All my life I thought air was free ... until I bought a bag of chips.



Sgt. Chuckles

September 2020

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For your Health: A balanced amount of Sunshine is good for your health. In fact, recent studies found ¾ of people getting balanced sunshine had a lower rate of COVID-19. Sunshine also helps your bones stay strong and healthy among other benefits. Too much can be dangerous for your health, so balance is the key.

Money Tree: Stocks are a good idea for many investors, but don't overlook the current leap in value of Gold and Silver Coins. It has out lasted all man-made currency. Take a look at today's value compared to the last 12 months- It might be a good idea for you.

Did You Know: Drama can create stress and add to depression. It is simple to reduce much of stress from your life. Try this: watch less Drama programing, turn off the Radio station when they discuss other problems, mute the TV when annoying commercials appear, and don't gossip - simple but effective. Live your best life and be Happy.

Loren Gay, SVC

It's "Free", Come and get it!

Flu shots are the only proven way to protect you and your family from the **flu**. The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older should get **flu shots** to protect against the disease and prevent dangerous secondary medical issues.



MOTIVATION

Let Us Pray

New Testament: Matthew: 25-31

And he shall send his angel with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds from one end of heaven to the other. Amen.



Cliff Redfield Chaplain

May God keep us safe from the virus, so we can once again share and enjoy each other's company at our regular meetings.

Please keep the following members and their families in your prayers:

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|----------------|------------------|
| Martin Lussier | Randy Brynildsen |
| Nancy Parker | Sheila Caulkins |
| Jose Ramos | Matt Touchton |
| Tony D'Aleo | Edwin Verrill |

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:

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or the Detachment (904) 274-6333

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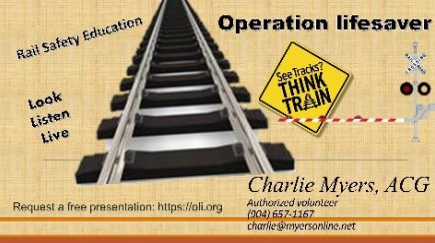
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