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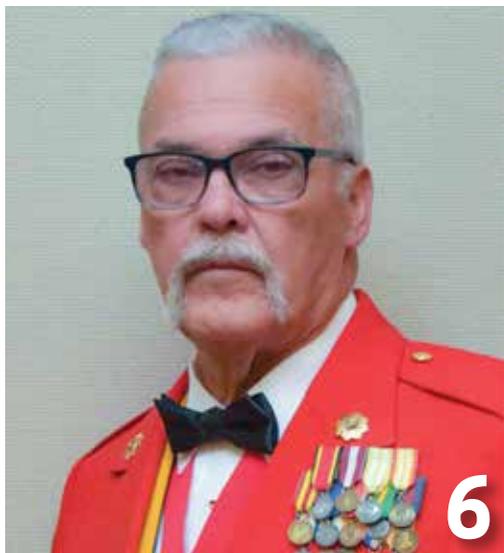
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NATIONAL COMMANDANT'S LETTER

DENNIS TOBIN

We stand by ready to assist you but be polite



MARINES: This has been a year to remember, and to forget. The COVID virus has had us locked down since February 2020, and our Mid-Winter Conference was cancelled. Hopefully by the time you read this we are mostly back to normal. While we've been locked down, conditions in our country have changed rapidly, causing us as a veterans' organization to change how we operate.

While others have been shut down, we've been doing what Marines do best: Improvising, Adapting and Overcoming the obstacles in front of us.

I'm positive that when we come out of the other side of this, we will be a better, more proficient organization due to the leadership of our Division, Department and Detachment Commandants and their staff in holding their units together and keeping the lines of communication open and flowing. Meetings and conferences seem to be starting up slowly.

As you are aware, things have been tough at Headquarters. With the shut-down, most of the work is being done remotely, but the work is getting done. It does appear, however, that due to the rising stress levels caused by the pandemic, attitudes and tempers are running on a short fuse. Everyone at Headquarters and every National Officer stands ready to assist any member at any time. All we ask is that you be respectful when talking to any Headquarters Staff, any National Officer or to anyone else in the chain of command. There is no problem or issue that cannot be worked out.

Also please remember to keep a close track on all your members, young and old, especially those who may live alone. Quarantine confinement is bad enough when you have family around, but it can be deadly when you're alone. Suicide awareness = suicide prevention.

We are currently at approximately 61% of detachments that have filed their banking information with Bob Borka for electronic deposits for PLM disbursements and any other transactions. Thanks to all who are assisting in getting this done; let's get it to 100% before the National Convention. There will be no more paper checks.

Another big problem is bad addresses. They are starting to affect membership cards which are being returned to Headquarters. A new/old procedure will be instituted: all membership cards will be mailed to the detachment paymasters for distribution to their members. Also, now that all detachment paymasters have access to the database, they can go in and verify that the addresses listed are correct.

Database 101 and 102 instructional guides are listed on the MCL website, and COO Bob Borka stands ready to assist anyone needing help getting into the portals.

Marines, thank you for your support and assistance over this past year. Thank you for keeping the lines of communication open and flowing, and thank you for helping to keep our Marine Corps League moving forward during this unforgettable year.

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and our Associate Members.

Unfortunately, the availability of active or reserve component funeral support is limited. Even more limited is the availability of buglers to render "Taps."

Several years ago, I was requested to render "Taps" at a chapel service. A funeral detail from the veterans' service hadn't been assigned; however, there were about a dozen members of his veterans' service organization present. I offered to teach the folding of the flag, but none of the members of the VSO was willing to fold and present the veteran's flag to his widow.

I can't forget that Honors were not rendered for that Army veteran. Therefore, I encourage every detachment to ensure that their decedent members will receive Military Honors in recognition of their loyal and faithful service. While honoring their service, we also provide comfort for their loved ones and friends.

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Questions? Contact the MCL Honor Guard Committee at honorguard@mcleague.org.

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MARINES: The MCL membership is comprised of many personalities; as such, the influences and opinions are equally diverse. However, in the confines of a political or a partisan viewpoint, we must be extremely cautious on what is being said, or done, as individuals versus as an MCL organization.

First amendment rights are provided to each of us as individual citizens, and they shall not be infringed upon as individual citizens. Nonetheless, the provision stops when it comes to what is being done or said as a member of any organization. Those who have served in any branch of military will remember the do's and don'ts of "when wearing the uniform" much less when you become employed by private industry—your employers will present restrictions and allowances for you as an employee. The MCL organization (or any other organization) is no different.

Those who have served in the military will remember Department of Defense (DoD) guidance is clear on what is permissible and what is not; additionally, when we served, it was a transparent interpretation for the servicemember. The USMC reissued the do's and don'ts as MARADMIN 016/21. The MCL abides by these same implications for the greater good of the organization and because our filing as a 501(c)(4) with the IRS can be compromised and stripped away. The same "will" apply to each MCL detachment, Department and Division.

Be advised of the distinct difference of partisan activity and the need to support legislative activity that addresses veterans' needs. The MCL does maintain a Legislative Committee that addresses, fights for and supports legislation that addresses veterans needs and veteran care, but we do not engage in partisan activity.

To quote MCL National Commandant Dennis Tobin in a recent message to all Department/Division leadership: "We are a non-political, non-sectarian organization. We DO NOT discuss political or religious issues at any [MCL] meetings or functions. It is a violation of our Bylaws and our Charter, and IRS regulations. The [MCL] as a 501(c)(4) cannot engage in political campaign activity. In return for its favored tax status, a charitable non-profit promises the federal government that it will not engage in political campaign activity, and if it does, IRS regulations mandate that the non-profit will lose its tax-exempt status. The prohibition against political campaign activity (defined as 'supporting or opposing a candidate (or party) for public office.')



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There has been noted pushback by some (more so, the person who is maintaining your social media site). This action is not tolerated and is a direct reflection of your detachment/Department/Division. That pushback will also be addressed. The actions of each level and each entity of the League [our actions] identify who we are—each member, each detachment, each Department, each Division and the MCL National organization play a direct role in that. The communities we serve look to the MCL for who we are. Members and prospective members look to you for who you are. **We are who we represent!**

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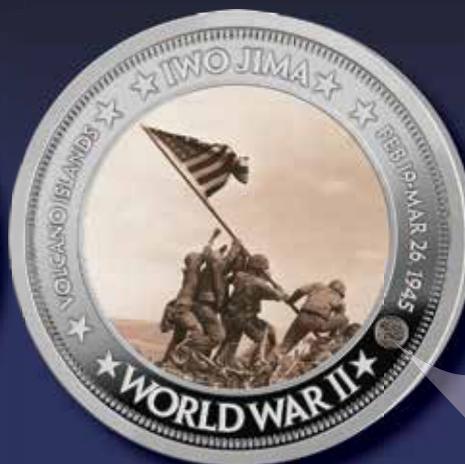
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IN MEMORIAM

George Shultz

On February 7, 2021, former Secretary of State George Shultz reported in to the Supreme Commandant. Former Secretary of State Shultz was also a Marine who served during World War II and was a life member in the Marine Corps League's General J.C. Breckinridge Detachment 10, San Francisco.

Shultz was born and raised in New York City and completed his undergraduate studies at Princeton University in 1942. After serving with the USMC Reserves in the Pacific theater during World War II, he attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and earned a Ph.D. in industrial economics in 1949. From then until 1968, he taught economics at MIT and the University of Chicago.

After entering politics in 1969 in various roles, George Shultz was named as Secretary of State by President Ronald Reagan on June 25, 1982. Following confirmation by the Senate, he assumed the office of Secretary on July 16, and he remained in that position until January 20, 1989.

Semper Fi, Marine!

—Mike "Belmo" Belmessieri, Chief of Staff, Department of California, Southwest Division



Secretary of State Shultz, his wife and their escorts during the former his last visit to the Korean War Memorial in San Francisco (a project in which members of Detachment 10 played a leadership role in bringing to reality). From left: presently serving Chief of Staff Dept. of California and Detachment 10 Commandant Emeritus Mike "Belmo" Belmessieri, Mrs. Charlotte Milliard Shultz, Former Secretary of State and Marine veteran George Shultz, Detachment 10 Jr. Past Commandant Joey Elacion and Detachment 10 Judge Advocate "Jack" McCloskey.

William "Brooks" Corley, Jr.

William "Brooks" Corley, Jr., 77, passed away at his home in Harrisonburg, VA, on January 13, 2021. Brooks was born on January 31, 1943, in San Marcos, TX, to Brooks and Anna Katherine (Smith) Corley.

Brooks graduated from Lockhart High School in 1961 and attended Texas A&L (now Texas A&M, Kingsville) for 2 years before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in May 1964. Brooks served the Marines in the enlisted ranks of Private through Staff Sergeant before being commissioned as an officer, retiring after

29 years of service as a Lieutenant Colonel. He served two tours in Vietnam.

After retiring from the Marine Corps, Brooks served as the National Executive Director of the Marine Corps League for 10 years.

Outside the Marine Corps, Brooks served his community as a member of the Knights of Columbus, ultimately as the Grand Knight of the John Paul I Council and as the Faithful Navigator of his local Assembly.

Brooks married Patricia (Pat) Ann Kowalski of Philadelphia in September 1968

and had 52 joyous years together. Brooks is survived by his wife, Pat; their children, Bill and Rene, and three grandchildren, Alexis, John and Mars.

Services were held on January 22, 2021, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Harrisonburg, VA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 220 Zan Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Rd, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

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IN MEMORIAM

Arvel “Bud” Raines

It is our sad to duty to report that **Past Department Commandant Arvel Bud Raines** has reported to the Supreme Commandant on January 16, 2021, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, WV, age 92. His wake, MCL service and burial were held on January 30, 2021; interment is in Fort Ashby Cemetery.

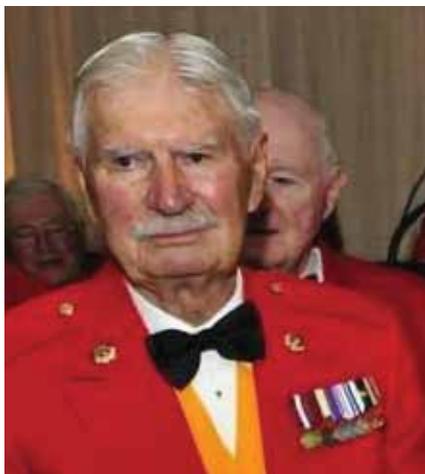
Survivors include his wife, Martha (Alt) Spencer Raines; two sons, Roger Raines and special friend Jennie Adromski, Keenesburg, CO, and Roy Raines and wife Diane, Purgitsville, WV; step-children, Kent Spencer and wife Linnie, Kevin Spencer and wife Kathy, Kenneth “Leon” Spencer and wife Lois, and Kim Decker; grandchildren, Health Logan and husband Matthew, Amy Simmons and husband Kent, Eli Raines, Roy Raines, II, and wife Ashlyn, and Monica Raines and special friend Micah; and seven great, grandchildren, Keva, Kai, Matthew, Rory, Sophia, Grayson, and Zoe.

He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Leon Wanda “Dot” (Logston) Raines; a daughter-in-law Annie Raines, and his siblings.

Born March 30, 1928 in Springfield, WV, he was the son of the late Floris Rudolph Raines and Mamie Belle (Core) Raines. Bud was a graduate of Hampshire High School.

A Life Well Lived in Service to Others

Bud served in the U.S. Marines for over 30 years, retiring as a Major. He had served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Bud served and traveled with the Inspector General for 18 of those years.



PDC Raines was a life member of the Mountainside Marines Detachment 1071 in Cumberland, MD, and served at all levels of the Marine Corps League, including as Mideast Division National Vice Commandant from 2011–2013, Mideast Division Aide de Camp for 4 years and as a life member of the Marine Corps League and Military Order of the Devil Dogs.

During his tour as Department of Maryland Commandant from 2010–2011, he authorized the creation of the Department Leadership College in 2011. Bud also served as Department Sr. Vice Commandant, Department Jr. Vice Commandant and Department Judge Advocate. He was recognized as the 2013 Mideast Division Marine of the Year, the Department of Maryland 2013 Marine of the Year and the 2002 Detachment Marine of the Year for

Mountainside Marine Detachment 1071. He was active in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs and was recognized as 2012 Maryland Pack Dog of the Year and 2007 Dog Gone Pound 316 Dog of the Year.

Bud received the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award in recognition for his numerous trips to visit combat-wounded veterans in the medical wards at Walter Reed National Medical Center for multiple years and for participation with many monthly barbecue cookouts for these wounded warriors. He also helped coordinate with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in arranging six hunting and fishing trips to Jennings Randolph Lake for wounded service members from Quantico Marine Base and Walter Reed National Medical Center.

He was instrumental in donating 700 teddy bears to the Cumberland area law enforcement officers' Care Bear Program and in contribution of 12 tricycles adapted for use for handicapped children. He coordinated National Day of Prayer for the Cumberland area for the past 18 years. As an active member of the Ali Ghan Shriners in Cumberland, MD, he contributed monetary donations and has been active in fundraisers for the Shriners' Children Hospital for over 46 years.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners' Hospitals for Children, 3551 N. Broad St, Philadelphia, PA, 19140.

Semper Fi, Marine!

—Craig Reeling, PDC, Adjutant, Department of Maryland

Dorothy Cole

On January 7, 2021, we lost the oldest living Marine, **Sgt Dorothy “Dot” Marie Schmidt Cole**, USMC WWII and life member of Detachment 1175. Born September 19, 1913, Dot was 107 years old when she died at her daughter's home in Kannapolis, NC. A Celebration of Life was held at Crosspointe Baptist Church in Concord, NC, on January 24, 2021.

Born in Warren, PA, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Schmidt. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wiley H. Cole. Dot is survived by her daughter, Beth Cole Kluttz (wife of the late Jimmy Kluttz); two granddaughters, Lenna Kluttz Boger (Dustin) and Ashley Kluttz Barth (William); six great grandchildren,

Braelyn Barth, Elizabeth Boger, Annabelle Barth, James Barth, Colt Boger and Gracen Barth.

Dot enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1943 after the Pearl Harbor attack. The 29-year-old initially attempted to join the Navy 2 years earlier but was told she didn't meet their height standards.

Dot had previously agreed to donate her body to science. A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at a later date.

She was an inspiration to all who knew her. She will be missed.

Semper Fi, Marine!

—Hank Robson, Chaplain, Detachment 1175

IN MEMORIAM

Karen Aune

It is with a very heavy heart that we report the loss of **PNP Karen Aune**. Karen passed away February 1, 2021. Karen was PNP for two terms, serving from 2017–2018.

Karen started her membership as an associate member under her sister's eligibility in the North Oakland County Detachment. Her interest and dedication to



what the MCLA represents was enhanced when she married her Marine, Ken Aune, in 1998. Ken preceded Karen in death. Karen was instrumental as a Charter member of the Michigan Macomb County Unit and has held the positions of Unit President on three different occasions, in addition to serving as the treasurer and secretary.

Her desire to continue to serve her unit was demonstrated by the fact that she also served as their Judge Advocate via modern communications.

Karen was not only an asset on the unit level, but also at the Department of Michigan and National levels. Karen has served as Department Secretary, Treasurer, Judge Advocate and President.

Her love and passion continued for the Auxiliary as she embraced the Assistant Central Division Vice President and Division Vice President position. She continued to demonstrate her passion by serving the MCLA at the National level. Karen served on several National committees and was the Chairman of the Forms Committee. She has served as National Judge Advocate and as Jr. Vice President (two terms each), National Sr. Vice President and served two terms as National President from 2017–2018.

Karen was an invaluable asset to many throughout the MCL Auxiliary. She was kind, honest, showed the utmost professionalism and integrity and displayed a fierce love for her Marine Ken, the MCL, the MCLA, her dear friends and beloved family like no other. Karen gained many friends during her service to the MCLA. Many of those friends and family will have a void now that she has gone to rest with her Marine in Heaven.

Karen, thank you for your steadfast dedication to the ladies in the League Auxiliary and your burning passion to help our veterans, Marines and active military. Your legacy will remain and carry on in those members' lives you have touched.

Semper Fi, Marine!

Lamar Golden

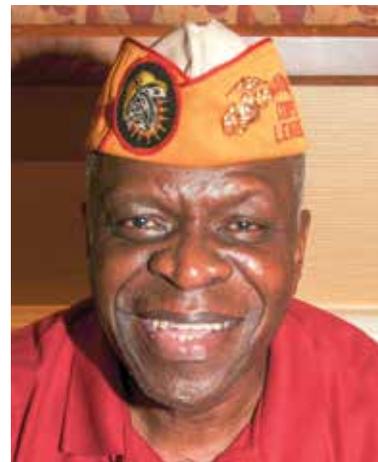
It is with great sorrow I advise my brother and sister Dogs that the **47th Chief Devil Dog Lamar Golden**, PDD77-110 (Pound 19), ascended to the Supreme Kennel on Friday, January 22, 2021. He was also National Commandant from 1991–1993 and a retired Gunnery Sergeant. The family anticipates a memorial service once the COVID restrictions have been lifted, either this fall or in early 2022.

Lamar was born in southern Alabama in 1935. His mother died when he was 3 years old. Needing work and a better life for his son, Lamar's dad took them both to Philadelphia, PA, for manufacturing work. Lamar said that "Daddy did alright." Growing up in West Philadelphia, Lamar did "typical boy stuff" and attended church. Lamar met and was mentored by many World War II Marine Corps veterans, who were Montford Point Marines and very much involved with the church.

Lamar joined the Corps right out of high school in June 1953. It was to be his "home away from home" for the next 21 years. Lamar and I met the day I left the Corps (May 29, 1969) due to a serious family situation. Lamar took me aside and said that he was aware of my circumstances, put his arm around me and said, "I'll pray for you." I knew then that regardless of rank or skin tone, I had a friend.

After a year, I joined the League in NJ. I learned later that Lamar got involved in the League in PA during his last 2 years in the Corps before retiring and going to work for the USPS. In about 1975, I started running into him at League and Chapel of Four Chaplains events. A couple of years later he was the PA Dept. Commandant, and the rest is League and Devil Dog history. He served as National Commandant from 1991–1993 and as the 47th Chief Devil Dog from 1998–2000. He is the last of three individuals to have been both National Commandant and Chief Devil Dog in the history of the League and the Order.

In the late 1990s, he was ordained as a minister. He lost his first wife,



Marie and then, through the church, he met Evelyn. We were fortunate to be able to attend their marriage at the Chapel of Four Chaplains in Philly.

Lamar once said, "I have been greatly affected by the forces of love, hate, prejudice, death, life, destruction, reconstruction, treachery, bravery, comradeship, kindness and by the unseen Powers of God." This is the story, the stuff of the soul of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, the League and Lamar. While he occasionally had his critics, Lamar worked to bring Marines and Dogs together for a common purpose and believed that personal confrontation wasn't the way to succeed "for the greater good."

Evelyn has asked that any donations in memory of Lamar be made to The Chapel of Four Chaplains. Lamar was a long-time Board Member of the Chapel and a Chapel Bronze Medalion Award recipient. If any member of the Order and/or the League would like to donate in Lamar's memory, the checks may be payable to: The Chapel of Four Chaplains, 1201 Constitution Ave., The Navy Yard, Building 649, Philadelphia, PA 19112; Attn: Bill Kaemmer, Executive Director.

Lamar lived a good life, was kind to everyone, took everyone at face value and will be greatly missed by this ole Dog.

Semper Fi, Marine!

–PDD 74-115, Paul Sutton, 37th Chief Devil Dog

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John Basilone Detachment 190 Challenge coin.

John Basilone Detachment 190

By Karen Neary, Adjutant, John Basilone Detachment 190

John Basilone was born November 4, 1916, and grew up in Raritan, NJ. He enlisted in the Army in 1934 and completed his 3 years of service. In 1940 he enlisted in the Marine Corps and volunteered to serve in the Pacific. He was a United States Marine Gunner Sergeant who received the nation's highest military award for valor, the Medal of Honor, for heroism during the Battle of Guadalcanal in World War II. He was the only Marine enlisted man to receive both the Medal of Honor and the Navy Cross in World War II.

The U.S.-led forces landed on Guadalcanal on August 7, 1942, surprising the Japanese and seizing an airstrip called Henderson Field. But the Japanese clung on tenaciously and fought bloody battles against the Allies before finally relinquishing the island in February 1943. It was in one of those fierce counterattacks on October 24 that John Basilone stepped up to the mark. A regiment of 3,000 Japanese soldiers from the so-called "Courageous" Sendai Division descended on John's unit defending the airstrip. The attackers came in from the front, lodging grenades, machine gun shells and mortar fire.

John led the defense with two machine gun sections of about 15 men. They fought almost without a break for the next 2 days. John's comrades were cut down around him until he was left with only two other Marines fighting off wave after wave. He repaired a machine gun, helped move another one into position and maintained continual fire until backup arrived.

John took enemy fire streaking through the jungle to pick up more machine gun belts to keep his comrades supplied. By the time the next dawn broke he was fighting with just a machete

and a .45 pistol. The Japanese regiment was laid to waste. About 3,000 Japanese Banzai soldiers had been killed in the attack, and the airfield had been successfully defended.

On February 19, 1945, during the invasion of Iwo Jima, he was serving as a machine gun section leader in action against Japanese forces on Red Beach II. During the battle, the Japanese concentrated their fire at the incoming Marines from heavily fortified blockhouses staged throughout the island. With his unit pinned down, Basilone made his way around the side of the Japanese positions until he was directly on top of the blockhouse. He then attacked with grenades and demolitions, single-handedly destroying the entire strong point and its defending garrison. He then fought his way toward Airfield Number 1 and aided a Marine tank that was trapped in an enemy mine field under intense mortar and artillery barrages. He guided the heavy vehicle over the hazardous terrain to safety, despite heavy weapons fire from the Japanese. As he moved along the edge of the airfield, he was killed by Japanese mortar shrapnel. His actions helped Marines penetrate the Japanese defense and get off the landing beach during the critical, early stages of the invasion. He was posthumously awarded the Marine Corps' second-highest decoration for valor, the Navy Cross, for extraordinary heroism during the Battle of Iwo Jima.

Each year, on the third Sunday in September, Raritan holds the Basilone Parade and week-long celebration in honor of its local hero. It is one of the oldest and largest military parades in the U.S. You can find information on Facebook at [facebook.com/JohnBasiloneParadeCommittee](https://www.facebook.com/JohnBasiloneParadeCommittee). **SIF**

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Get your 990s, Installation Reports and contacts in order!



“The Military Order of the Devil Dogs is the fun and honor society of the Marine Corps League.”

- From the
MODD Handbook

MARINES: Woof, woof to all you Dogs out there! I have been reviewing the Honorable Dog Robber's Quarterly Reports and Installation Report that were posted in the WOG. I was most disturbed by his Installation Report which showed **over 100 Pounds and Packs have NOT sent in a Form 990 since 2018**. This may have simply been an oversight where the Pound or Pack did send in their 990s but did not send in a copy of the receipt and acceptance letter from the IRS to the Honorable Dog Robber. As great of an Honorable Dog Robber PDD Joppa is, he is not a mind reader; thus, he needs your assistance so that his reporting is up-to-date. Recently, I made several updates to the Obedience School, which is posted on our MODD website. One of those lessons posted pertains to how you, the Pound or Pack can tell the status of your 990. If you are not sure about the status of your 990s, that lesson will allow you to become familiar with an important topic, especially if you are a Dog Robber. If you have failed to submit a 990 since 2018, you will have to send in a 2019 and soon a 2020 990 statement.

Believe me, you DO NOT want to reach 3 years without submitting a 990. It will cause you to have your **non-profit status revoked** by the IRS, thus falling out of compliance with the National Bylaws and falling out from under the MCL Umbrella. By having your non-profit status revoked, you are then required to file federal and state income tax on any money brought in, and you must cease any donation or non-profit activities until you are reinstated as a non-profit organization. It may be awfully expensive to be reinstated so, the 30 minutes it might take 99% of you to file a 990 postcard is well worth the time compared to what you will have to go through should your Pound's or Pack's non-profit status be revoked. I hope you get the picture of how important it is to file every year. If you are a Dog Robber and you do not feel it important enough to do this, *find another organization to belong to*; you only hurt the MODD by either being too lazy or you simply do not care.

If you have not submitted your 990 for at least 3 years and you do file this year, chances are your 990 may be received, but you will still receive a revocation letter from the IRS and you will have to go through the process of getting reinstated. If you simply fail to do so, your Pound or Pack will soon get a notice from the Chief Devil Dog that your Charter is being pulled and your Pound or Pack **dissolved**. If that is what you want, simply let me know now, and I will assist you. I understand new Dogs take over

as Dog Robber, and you lose track of a year and fail to submit—not a problem, simply file for the year or two that you failed to submit and get them sent into the IRS. Fail to do so and your Pound or Pack receives a revocation letter, and you lose your non-profit status. If you still do nothing, your Pound or Pack will be dissolved!

Many of our Pounds and Packs failed to submit Installation Reports, and many claim it is because of the COVID virus. It is not because of COVID, it is because you simply failed to submit your Installation Reports. If you did not have an election for 2020 and kept the same officers, submit your Installation Report with the same names and simply note there was no Growl held due to COVID and send in your report. We need to have a current Installation Report from all Pounds and Packs for 2020–2021. Also, please put your email addresses on the Installation Report for both Pound Keeper and Dog Robber. If it is a Pack Installation, Worthy Pack Leader and Worthy Dog Robber.

Speaking of email addresses, many months ago the Kennel sent out requests to all Honorable DVCDDs and Worthy Pack Leaders to have all members of your Pounds/Packs/Divisions go on the MODD website and fill in their information which asks for first name, last name, dog tag number and email address. This was done so that you, the member of the MODD, will receive important mailings sent out by the Kennel as well as receive your WOG. The Kennel will no longer mail out issues of the WOG through the U.S. Postal System. To date, only about 1,000 Dogs have registered online (about 1/4 of the membership) has complied. We are going on a year and just 1/4 of you have managed to do what was asked to make sure you stayed informed. We are all either Marines or Navy Corpsmen, what is wrong? Why are you not following instructions? Pound Keepers and Dog Robbers contact each of your members and find out if he has registered. Worthy Pack Leaders and Dog Robbers, your title is “Worthy;” please act like it means something. I have had too many reports from Pounds claiming that they are not receiving any information from their Packs—Totally Un-Sat! We thrive off communication; failure to communicate means information not being disseminated. Again, leaders at all levels, if you do not wish to do what you took an oath to do, then QUIT and let someone else do the job. Dogs who are maintaining a title only and not doing the work are useless

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Let's continue our communication efforts

MARINES: The Auxiliary and League continue to deal with the cancelation of many of our important events. The safety of our members is always the first consideration when canceling gatherings. The virtual Mid-Winter Conference was challenging but necessary due to the lockdown in Virginia.



North Carolina was presented a Department Charter spearheaded by our dear departed Pat Walker, Mideast Division VP. Congratulations and many thanks to all involved in making this happen!

Your National Auxiliary Board of Trustees is ready and willing to serve you, the members. It is vital that we keep the line of communication open to each Department and unit. Be sure your unit is represented at the Division Conference and support your Department. Most of the training sessions for our programs are held at these important events.

Remember to follow the chain of command and pass all information on to the appropriate officers or committees. Keep your members informed. Ask questions if communication is not clear.

With our social distancing requirement, it has not been easy to hold unit and Department meetings. The wave of the future is to move forward, and we must adapt to the changes at hand. Zoom meetings are not ideal, but a needed option to meet our objectives and keep our members informed. Zoom has become a regular occurrence for many of us. Please help your mem-

bers to become familiar with this valuable tool. Zoom's face-to-face feature works, and it is great to see those smiles when you cannot be present in person.

Some Departments and units are meeting in person and inviting those who cannot attend to join by Zoom. This is thinking outside the box and is a real effort to include all members. Thank you for doing whatever is necessary to keep all members involved and informed.

We have many things to address as we look forward to the National Convention in Springfield, IL. Bylaw changes submitted for the 2020 Convention, along with new proposals submitted by the May deadline, will need to be voted on. If you have changes you believe will help the Auxiliary, please submit them.

Volunteer Committee reports will be due before July 1. If you have questions about the reports, reach out to your Department or Division Vice President.

It is exciting to know that the valued work of our units continues every day despite the current issues. We must use all means available to carry on our Auxiliary's efforts. Please share your creative ideas with us!

Our hearts and prayers go out to those who have experienced hard times. May we always be mindful of the needs of our members and their families. Thank you for all that you do every day!

Please remember our service men and women daily as they preserve our freedom. We owe them a debt of gratitude that we cannot repay.

To the officers and members of the League, we wish you much success. We are here to assist.

Kindness and respect go a long way.

Semper Fi!



In loving memory: Patricia (Pat) Walker, Mideast Division Vice President, is in the loving arms of our Lord after a short illness. She passed January 20, 2021, surrounded by her loving family. She warmed the hearts of many in her giving and dedicated way. She was a true worker for the veterans and our Auxiliary. Pat received numerous awards and recognitions, including, most recently, the Congressional Record from Congressman Gregory F. Murphy, M.D.

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MARINES: In a year unlike any other when many Americans feel great uncertainty, the commitment that we have seen by our Marine community to help a fellow brother or neighbor in need has been inspiring. The COVID-19 crisis—its scale and its severity—has taken us and the world by surprise and has created a new norm for all of our lives. The far-reaching effects of the global pandemic have impacted every facet of our lives as we once knew them to be only 1 year ago. Our own security, the economy and social connectedness has changed in a way that we never would have imagined. I've been so inspired by how we have banded together in this challenging time to Adapt, Improve and Overcome. Please remember that there may be days that we will be or feel alone, but we are together in heart and in spirit, and we are here to support you.

As you are aware, traditions and comradery are deeply rooted into the history and legacy of the Marine Corps League, but our number

one priority is to keep you safe and protected. Although it was disappointing to forego both the 2020 National Convention and 2021 Mid-Winter Conference, I have every confidence that we will rise up to the challenges this crisis has presented and come out stronger on the other side.

Please keep in mind that our Foundation is here to render assistance to all Marines and their families. Over the past year, through support of sponsors and your donations, we are able to make an impact on the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

Please help us continue on with these worthwhile programs and services by making a donation, in any amount, to the Foundation today so we can continue to offer much needed support.

As President Ronald Reagan once said, "Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But, the Marines don't have that problem."

Semper Fi!

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Staying engaged and moving forward

MARINES: The last few months again forced a great deal of constraint, but we are still working through creative ways to keep pressing forward, hold our core values and remain steadfast in our commitment to our program's youth and volunteers. Over the winter months, we continued to lean on and create hybrid programs to keep bringing in new recruits and keep our current Young Marines on track for promotion. We stayed busy with Veterans Day support, Toys for Tots and plenty of other great community service events. We hosted several regional leadership schools, in-person and virtually, and a few outdoor camps. A special note was our Pearl Harbor video tribute which can be found on our website (youngmarines.com) and social media if you missed it.

We are working toward our plans for this summer in hopes of emerging from the virtual world as the months go on. Screen-to-screen is no substitute for face-to-face interaction. I think we can all agree on this! We have a host of summer events to engage our Young Marines: the National Leadership Academy, Cyber Camp, Outdoor Adventures, Flight Academy, Revolutionary History and Civics, Drill and Ceremony and some special international events. Every adventure or school will engage and edu-



Vinnie Howard, Commandant of the Brevard County Detachment 513, presented the MCL Commendation Medal to the Space Coast Young Marines and Unit Commander Brian Schneider on February 6, 2021.

cate our Young Marines to be smarter, more resilient and involved citizens. Many of you sponsor Young Marines to attend, so a huge thanks for your support!

A big shout out to our Young Marine units that were awarded the Marine Corps League Commendation in 2020: Miami Valley (OH); New River (NC); Gettysburg (PA); Capital Area (PA); and Three Rivers (MA). I already have Washington County (PA) and Space Coast (FL) to process for 2021. I hope to see photos of these presentations in future editions of **Sem-**

per Fi. If you wish to recognize your local Young Marines unit, please send me a letter of recommendation to celebrate our combined efforts.

Thank all of you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you live sometime later this year. After being cooped up for over a year, the National Convention is going to be a fine time to gather with friends from across the country. My best wishes to each of you for your continued safety, health and success.

Semper Fi!

NATIONAL SR. VICE COMMANDANT

JOHNNY B. BAKER

Engage members for the League's future!

MARINES: The Marine Corps League's mission is "to promote the interest and to preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines, FMF Corpsmen and FMF Chaplains who wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism." Our mission is relevant in everything that we do. To fulfill the mission of the League, it is important that we **ENGAGE** our members in all we do. *Engage* is a verb as defined by Merriam-Webster that "to offer (something, such as one's life or word) as backing to a cause or aim: to expose to risk for the attainment or support of some end." Our mission is strengthened when we are engaged. Our members are more bonded to the League when they are fully engaged.

The definition of *engage* supports our mission by attracting our members and keeping them by getting them involved. When our leaders engage our members, they create that bond to do something special in carrying out our mission. By engaging them, we hold their attention, we provide the opportunity for the members to better their lives and give them a cause. By engaging our members, we take part in something that is bigger than we are as individuals. When we are fully engaged and working as a team, our membership will continue to grow and prosper. The true definition of *engage*, as it pertains to the League, is that it causes our membership "to come together and interlock" for a cause.

Each of us in a leadership position has the responsibility to ensure



that our members are engaged in such a way that we are guaranteed a League for the future. We must ensure our members have the opportunity take part in building that *esprit-de-corps* that makes our League great. Their involvement creates a cohesive unit that is effective and can make a positive contribution to our communities. In this time of COVID-19, most of our detachments and Departments have had limited meetings and other activities.

This has caused limited involvement of the membership in raising detachment funds, fulfilling volunteerism needs of communities, as well as a myriad of other activities that a detachment enjoys. This period has caused many members to avoid activities that may have a negative impact on their health. Finding unique or alternative ways of keeping our members engaged has been a challenge, but I ask our detachment and Department leadership to step up their ingenuity to get their members re-engaged. I encourage all members to rededicate themselves and get re-involved with your detachments and Departments; but do it safely. Let's move forward Marines. It's what we do!

Semper Fi!

NATIONAL JR. VICE COMMANDANT

WARREN C. GRIFFIN

Congratulations to membership winners

MARINES: Looking through the tunnel, we can see the light. Restrictions, which we have been living with, hopefully will be lifted soon. Those members who have joined in the past year have not been given the full opportunity to see how much we have to offer. The support and comradery we afford to so many are limited.

For all detachments, please reach out to those who have not renewed. Sometimes people just forget, or there could be a financial or health-related problem.

When members first join, they really need to be mentored and be made aware of all that we provide. .

Unfortunately, with the past National Convention and Mid-Winter Conference both being canceled, proper recognition could not be afforded to those who did an outstanding job with membership. I was hoping we could finally announce the winners at Mid-Winter, but that was not to be. I am taking this opportunity to recognize and congratulate the following winners on **increasing** their membership for the



July 2019 to June 2020 time frame:

Recruiter of the year: Michael Drayer, U.P. Devil Dogs Detachment 1478, MI, 20 members

Detachments with 15-50 Members

1st Place: Houma Terrebonne 475, LA, 210.10%

2nd Place: Thunder Mountain 1283, AZ, 200.00%

3rd Place: Lake Ray Hubbard 1465, TX, 178.26%

Detachments with 51-100 Members

1st Place: Bulldogs 835, CA, 176.36%

2nd Place: St. Joseph Valley 095, IN, 139.73%

3rd Place: L.D. Crow Crawford 956, WV, 134.83%

Detachments with 101-200 Members

1st Place: Lancaster County 294, PA, 119.35%

2nd Place: Tucson 007, AZ, 115.64%

3rd Place: Samuel F. Gearhart 656, MO, 115.45%

Detachments with 200+ Members

1st Place: Chicago Police 553, IL, 110.09%

2nd Place: Sgt. Angel Mendez 246, NY, 103.48%

3rd Place: Kentuckiana 729, KY, 100.04%

Departments

1st Place: South Dakota, 110.27%

2nd Place: Delaware, 107.64%

3rd Place: Mississippi, 103.38%

Division

Southern Division, 101.31%

Keep supporting each other. Keep working on helping us grow. There truly is strength in numbers.

It has been an honor to serve you as our National Junior Vice Commandant. I hope you will see fit to allow me the honor of becoming your National Senior Vice Commandant with the election to come at our National Convention in Illinois.

Semper Fi!

NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE

T.J. MORGAN

New amendments to be posted online

MARINES: It has truly been a year for the records. The Mid-Winter Conference cancellation due to the COVID-19 virus was a heartbreaker, but we have state laws to follow and members to keep safe. We will see each other soon.

During my almost 2 years as your National Judge Advocate, I have been in contact with many of you as we worked together to resolve any member issue or issues that were related to the virus and your detachment /Department Bylaws. We as a nation have become more tribalized, and it has affected us. We continue to look at ways to treat everyone with the respect they have earned, and I ask as we open up more meetings, that you keep that in mind. At the start of my office, I had over 40 active Chapter 9 cases across the Marine Corps League. This number has drastically dropped due to our meeting remotely in the last year, and it's a trend that I would like to see continue. Please check attitudes and egos at the door and continue to do the business of the League.

New Bylaw and Administrative Procedures (BL/APs) amendments to be discussed and voted on at the National Convention will be posted



online (mclnational.org) in the members' library by May 1, 2021. I encourage all of you to log on and read them. Get a feel for what may be new law in our League. I still continue to do some minor administrative clean-up on the BL/APs, and when the new approved amendments are made, they will be added and published within 30 days following the Convention as promised.

Lastly, as I continue the march, and, as promised by my NJA campaign slogan, do everything I can "For the Good of The League," I will ask for your support as I seek the National Jr. Vice office. In the last year or so, I have had a lot of good ideas and plan to increase our membership, retain the members we have and will bring some of you along to help, so please support me as your new National Jr. Vice!

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DIVISION REPORTS

Use video conferencing platforms to communicate



Phil Zamora



NVC, Central Division

MARINES: I hope everyone has been staying safe during this pandemic and has finally been able to meet as detachments and Departments. In February we had to cancel the Mid-Winter Conference in Norfolk, VA, a very important meeting for National. I can't believe that one year ago was the last time that all of us were able to get together; it's been way too long!

This past year we have found new ways to hold meetings by Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet, etc. If you haven't been using one of these platforms and haven't been meeting live, then it's time you found someone who can help you set up one of these platforms to help you communicate when you are not seeing each other. We have had a leadership class over Zoom and plan on using Zoom for more classes. On top of being a National Vice Commandant, I am also the

Department of Michigan Paymaster and have used Zoom with most of Michigan's paymasters to go over some of the mistakes that were being made and to help train our new paymasters. Please use these platforms to help you lead your detachment into the future.

A few months ago, our National Commandant had to send out an email about attitudes; some were calling in to the Headquarters and were being very rude toward the Headquarters staff. If you want to get something done or are asking someone to do something for you, then act professionally, and you will find that people will bend over backwards to help you. If you treat them with disrespect, then all bets are off that you will get your problem taken care of. I wrote an article years ago when I was Michigan's Department Commandant in which I mentioned that people look at Marines as professionals and expect us to act that way, so please let's do just that for each other.

Lastly, I would like to announce that this coming August at the National Convention in Springfield, IL, I will be running for the position of National Judge Advocate.

Remember put your hands (fist bump) out to fellow Marines, Corpsmen and Navy Chaplains. Explain to them what you do in your detachments and to join you in helping not only veterans but your communities so they know who the Marine Corps League really is.

Semper Fi!

Track mandatory financial reports and focus on duties



Roger Ware



Mideast Division

MARINES: Departments and detachments are starting to hold elections and installing their officers. National Headquarters has Emergency Election Procedures for Divisions, Departments and detachments to use if they can't meet in person. Conventions are a good time for professional training and some brainstorming to increase membership and reduce our unpaid members. Looking forward, more focus is necessary on Department and detachment Board of Trustees' duties. Each member of the Board has the special duty to act in good faith with reasonable judgment for the interest of all the Board's members and to examine all aspects of Department or detachment business, ensuring that proper administrative, clerical and financial functions are being performed by all officers. Full transparency of financial records is imperative for the benefit of the membership.

Departments and detachments need a tracking system to monitor the filing of these mandatory financial reports: Report of Officer Installation (ROI); IRS 990N or 990EZ; Annual Corporate Report as required by their state; and Paid Life Members' (PLM) audit, inspection and inventory every 3 years by detachments having TACOM Rifles. If a rifle is missing, local law enforcement is contacted to conduct an investigation. Detachments should perform a property inventory yearly so they know where everything is located. If detachments add the filing dates for their reports or audits in their monthly minutes, they have a snapshot reference for tracking due dates. Detachments could include their EIN number, Charter and incorporation dates. Department adjutants and paymasters must be proactive if required reports are not filed by detachments. The Departments need to take immediate action on items requested from National Headquarters or from their Division.

The 2021 Mideast Division Conference is April 16-18 at the Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center, Rehoboth Beach, DE. For reservations, call 1-800-422-0600 or 1-302-227-2511 and refer to the Mideast Division Marine Corps League Block #9579. Check on members and widows by asking if they need any assistance. Marines are deployed around the world, so keep them in your prayers and take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

Semper Fi!

[Division Website: mclmideast.com](http://mclmideast.com)

Report of Installation is a priority before May



Jan A. Denney

NVC, Midwest Division



MARINES: I am looking forward to the Midwest Division Conference April 16-17 hosted by the Air Capital Detachment 773 in Wichita, KS. Hopefully, we can meet without restrictions. The Conference will offer leadership training and new data base training to attendees. For additional information on the Conference, visit the Midwest Division website at midwestdivisionmarinecorpsleague.org.

It's time to concentrate our efforts on retaining past due members and gaining new members. Contact your past due members. Some may be suffering financial hardship due to the pandemic. Search for new ways to assist members who are in need. Recruitment is or should be on every League member's job description. Marines are easy to spot in public, and they are a customer waiting to be sold.

We have lost several members to the virus and other illnesses in the past year. Some families could not properly memorialize their veterans because of restrictions. Stay in contact with the veteran's loved ones and offer your detachment's assistance during their time of grief and beyond.

If your detachment holds its election in-person before May 15, 2021, the Report of Installation (ROI) must be completed immediately after the installation. Download the latest fillable ROI form from the MCL National Library. Every office must be filled with the exception of Webmaster if your detachment does not have a web page. The Marine For Life Network (M4L) office must be filled. This is an appointed position who serves as a liaison between Marines who are transitioning from the Marine Corps to civilian life and the M4L Regional Office. The ROI is to be emailed to the Department Paymaster the next business day by the detachment adjutant / paymaster. It does not require a signature if it is attached to the adjutant's / paymaster's email. The email address will serve as your signature.

A reminder to all Commandants and paymasters: There are four documents the detachment must have on file at MCL National Headquarters: (1) a current Report of Installation (ROI) of your detachment's officers completed correctly; (2) a current 990N accepted by the IRS; (3) a current Secretary of State annual report filed with your state; and (4) your detachment's banking information on file with National HQ to receive payment from your detachment's Life Member audit.

As detachment officers leave their positions, there must be a handoff with a handshake of all important detachment duties, including where documents are filed and recorded. We are hearing of many incidents about the new officers having no idea how to file 990N or the location of the ceremonial weapons inventory. Pass the correct information to your successor.

Semper Fi!

Division Website: midwestdivisionmarinecorpsleague.org

The good, the bad and the ugly; the bridge will be there



David Porter

NVC, New England Division



MARINES: I cannot believe the year 2021 actually took the quote, "Hold my beer," in my last article seriously. The year 2021 came out of the gate running and teamed up with Murphy's Law—what could have gone wrong, went wrong. We can take the easy road and focus on the negativity, but storms cannot last forever, even the great ones. Instead, we need to focus on the good. Sgt Oddball in "Kelly's Heroes" stated, "Think that bridge will be there, and the bridge will be there. It's a mother, beautiful bridge, and it's gonna be there."

One of the biggest challenges we can tackle today is to switch our mindset to see that opportunity. There is no use adding to the stress of the problems we all know still exist. We will improvise, adapt and overcome! We will get back to the full swing of things. As you are reading this, I hope that the conventions are booked for the summer. The Mid-Winter Conference was cancelled and left to technology to step in, but we capitalized on the opportunity to focus on tightening up the communication chain! I believe the New England Division has accomplished a lot.

The Department Commandants and paymasters understand the National database. Detachments are over 80% compliant and continuing to rise to the goal of 100% by the National Convention. Many of us adapted to the times and were brought up to speed with technology to push us forward.

The Quad State Convention in April was cancelled as well, but with patience, planning and working together we improvised to do something different this year. The New England Division will host a conference and team up with the Department of Massachusetts' Convention in June. We will make up for lost time and achieve our goals, for the good will outweigh the bad.

We will soon gather as a group and discuss the difficult problems that were overcome by giving enough enthusiasm, motivation and purpose! We didn't need to be brilliant, rich or perfect; we just needed to care to make a difference. That difference paid it forward for years to come! We need to have patience and work together so our tradition will continue to be passed on from generation to generation.

Thank you all for not giving up when it got ugly!

Semper Fi!

Division Website: mclnedivision.com

DIVISION REPORTS

New Northeast Division leadership; welcome Mike Waluk



Jim Powell

NVC, Northeast Division



MARINES: This will be my last article as your Division Vice Commandant. I now reside in South Carolina, and in consultation with the National Commandant, it was agreed in the best interest of the Division that I step back, as it would be much harder to carry out my duties. Therefore, I would like to tell you that my Assistant Mike Waluk will be assuming the duties as your Division Vice Commandant, and New York Commandant Tom Wortmann has been appointed as the new Assistant. Please give them your support as you have given me, and the Division will be in great shape going forward.

I have asked your new Division Vice Commandant to make some comments.

From Mike Waluk: It is not always easy to take command of a unit in the middle or nearing the end of a term of office with the myriad of functions and events that are in the planning stages. Add this to the projects that you may be working on and duties of your present position, and it could be a recipe for disaster.

Though this may all appear to be daunting to say the least, it reminds me of the riddle, "How do you eat an elephant?" The answer is, "one bite at a time." It also helps if you invite others to the feast! Prioritizing what needs to be focused on immediately and moving forward on the timeline continuum regarding due dates and task completion status should always be paramount, but if you want to complete the tasks successfully, work together as a team.

In that regard, I am fortunate that my predecessor and the Department of PA Convention Staff are bringing me up to speed with everything going on behind the scenes and the current situation; all the while working in tandem to put all the pieces in place as we endeavor forward with the preparations for the Division Conference.

We are also working diligently on your behalf to bring you updates on the Membership ID cards and how we will eventually become our own masters of the Roster using the database; not to mention the issues that we face regarding the effective use and monitoring of Social Media.

In the interim, we will be putting efforts into the TACOM rifle inventories and the Emergency Election Procedures at the detachment, Department and National levels. We continue to move forward with preparations for the 2021 National Convention in Springfield, IL.

As we move forward, I would like to acknowledge and thank the Board of Trustees for their faith and confidence in my abilities as the Assistant Division Vice Commandant and my abilities to take command of the Northeast Division. I look forward to a professional, educational and amicable relationship. Moreover, I would also like to thank my predecessor Past NVC Jim Powell for his leadership to the Division and his responsiveness, guidance and encouragement. If it were not for his commitment, none of this would have been made possible. "Fair Winds and Following Seas," sir. On behalf of the Division staff, we wish you and your wife well in all your future endeavors.

With the aid and assistance of Department staff throughout the Division and with Tom Wortmann, the new ADVC Northeast, I am confident that we will continue to preserve the strong, well-run and effective Division that we are with the zeal and fortitude that we as Marines are known for.

Semper Fi!

Division Website: nedmcl.org

Do not ignore "the call;" reach out to Marines



John Moysiuk

Northwest Division



MARINES: Recently, I received a call from a Marine's spouse who was reaching out to see if I had contact with a Marine Chaplain. I informed I did and asked if she'd like me to refer her information directly to a close friend of mine who has been an inspiration on several different fronts since I joined the Marine Corps League. When asking the spouse about some of the details prompting the call, I passed these to Marine Ronald Black, Sr. I know he does not like the spotlight, but this is one of those actions that truly deserves it, as this situation truly touched my heart.

Ron contacted the spouse and was informed that the Marine had served three tours in Vietnam and was currently on hospice and asking for a

Marine Chaplain. Ron not only called but he took the time to take another step further in personally visiting the Marine and his family. While there, Ron recognized this Marine with a Vietnam Service pin and gratefully thanked him for his service. It seems this Marine, once departing the Marine Corps, had continued his service as a law enforcement officer, had retired from that service and moved closer to be with his son and grandson. His son is currently serving as a law enforcement officer as well.

When Ron contacted me back, he informed me of what transpired and mentioned that the Marine had previously tried to contact the Marine Corps League but had never received a call back. Ron further mentioned that this Marine was proud to have served as could be seen with all the Marine Corps memorabilia he was surrounded with. I personally took that to heart and started preparing the transmittal to bring this Marine into the MCL. Sadly, within the week, the Marine had made his final roll call.

So, what does this story have in common with all the other stories and situations we experience and hear about? Simply put, a simple request through a phone call can mean more than you would ever think, not just to the Marine making the call but to the family who has made a call for him knowing how much the Marine Corps had meant to him. Thank you, Ron, for what you have done, and I pray we all respond in kind to other Marines and their families when we receive calls.

I am honored to have been involved in the follow-through with the family as I prepare to fold this Marine's flag for his widow and for those going to his family. I charge each and every one of you as we continue to move forward to address those calls as if they were yours or your families'.

Semper Fi!

Division Website: mcl-nwdiv.org

Moving toward fellowship and camaraderie



Russ Miller

NVC, Rocky Mountain Division



MARINES: I am very thankful to all our membership from across the Rocky Mountain Division for the trust you have placed in me to serve as our Division NVC these past 2 years. I so appreciate all the effort that each Department and detachment has made to continue to grow our membership while “watching the six” of our fellow Leaguers and their families.

I am hopeful that we have, as a result of the COVID pandemic, slowed down a bit and reconnected with those who had been lost in the shuffle as a result of becoming less active in the day-to-day ops of our detachments over the years. If 2020 has taught us anything, we have learned the importance of “CONTACT,” and Lord knows I have been pounding the “camaraderie drum” as hard and as loudly as I can. I do not believe the vast majority of us joined the League because we were in a desperate search of another opportunity to fill out forms and file reports. We joined because we missed our Marine brothers and sisters. We longed to rekindle old friendships and start new ones with those who instinctively understand both what makes us tick as well as what ticks us off. Don’t get me wrong though. I am waiting ever so impatiently for those forms and reports so let’s DOUBLE TIME!

As I talk to Leaguers around our Division, I hear time and again how much everyone is looking forward to our Department Conventions and Division Conference. Hopefully, nothing will stand in the way of our joining together for some times of fellowship and fun as we conduct the business of the League and share the lessons learned from the trials and successes of the past 2 years. I hope to see as many of you as physically possible at the Division Conference hosted by the Friday-Truan Detachment 683 in Riverton, WY, on May 21-22. I am incredibly grateful that the Friday-Truan Detachment wished to take a second pass over the target and invite us all to Riverton this year. Since joining the League, I have heard many stories of what a wonderful event they produce.

Last, a quick reminder that this is an election year in our Division for NVC and ANVC. It is vitally important that all detachments and Departments in the Rocky Mountain Division are represented at the 2021 National Conference.

“Be the Leaguer that you wish there were 20 more of in your detachment.”

Semper Fi!

Division Website: rockymtndivmcl.org

Tying up some loose ends: pay heed to regulations



Butch Raynes

NVC, Southeast Division



MARINES: Due to being two of the lucky ones, my wife and I were both blessed with COVID-19. She breezed through it with flying colors; I, on the other hand, well it was not nice. Marines, you don’t want it.

After having talked with all the Division Commandants and the hosting detachment for our annual Southeast Division Conference in Louisiana, we made the decision to cancel the 2021 Division Conference. The Marines in Louisiana have already taken planning steps for 2022. We still plan to hold the Conference in Baton Rouge. The dates and times will be coming soon.

Our adjutant for the Southeast Division has asked to step down. I have appointed Don Beck from Detachment 54 in Florida as the new adjutant. George LaMont has served us well for several years as Division Adjutant.

I appreciate his dedication to the job and respect his request for the change. I have known Don Beck for a long time and believe he will do a great job. George and Don will be making the transition and turnover within the next couple weeks.

We also will be developing a new program/position for the Southeast Division: a Disaster Relief Officer. We have asked Clifton Addison, Department Commandant for Mississippi, to take on this role. Clifton has been successful in organizing relief efforts in several instances where League members have been affected by natural disasters. We are currently developing procedures and protocols which should help us identify needs, help to identify resources and help expedite responses when disasters strike. We’ve certainly had our share in the Southeast this past year. I’m sure that Clifton will help us develop a successful program that will benefit our members.

Another issue that has come up is ceremonial rifles. What law or regulations apply? I have requested that every Commandant contact his Detachment Commandants and in turn get a listing from them as to who has any ceremonial rifles, the number of weapons they have and/or any serial numbers for those rifles, whether or not they have sent in their inventory. Inventory is due every 3 years from date of issue. For further information, contact tacom.army.mil/ilsc/donations/rifles and download the regulations that apply.

Semper Fi!

Division Website: sediv.org

DIVISION REPORTS

Report the inventory of rifles



Johnny R. Gothard

NVC, Southern Division



MARINES: Though the Mid-Winter Conference was cancelled, I can report that the Arkansas Department had its winter Conference in Russellville, hosted by Lake Dardanelle Detachment 1310. I would like to thank their members and their Commandant Hershel Howard for inviting me and hosting an excellent meeting conducted by Department of Arkansas Commandant Jim Howington.

I would like to address an important issue—the accountability of U.S. Army TACOM issue M-1 Garand rifles. I would like to remind all detachments that these rifles are on loan only,

will forever belong to the Army and must be accounted for every 3 years on the Triennial Certification of Ceremonial Rifles form and mailed into TACOM. If you do not know of or do not remember when your last report was, please take an inventory and send it in ASAP. If you need the form, please contact me, and I will provide one along with addresses and other information. I would also like for all detachments to report the inventory of these rifles to National Headquarters. Too often, members forget these rifles are not theirs; they are on loan and must be maintained and accounted for at all times. They cannot be loaned out or used for any purpose other than by detachment members performing approved Honors and Color Guard functions. I caution any detachments and Department Commandants that if you ever had any rifles, you better find them; the penalties are severe and involve federal involvement, even if you are not the original Commandant who may have signed for these rifles. The current Commandant is automatically the responsible party for the rifles, period, and the responsibility moves up from there.

On a positive note, I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Springfield, IL, for the 2021 National Convention. It is an election year, and there are many positive things that will be happening: (1) it will be the first time we will have met in person for many of us in over a year; and (2) there will be a lot of voting on issues that only the membership can approve or disapprove.

Membership is 100% online, and all of you have been online to help manage your own data in a way that has never been possible in the past to help the MCL become a more self-sufficient and well-operated organization that we all strive for.

Semper Fi!

Division Website: southernmcl.org

Exploring Nevada's Department and detachments



Patrick J. Connell

NVC, Southwest Division



MARINES: This is the second installment of my series on League Departments and detachments that comprise the Southwest Division. Last issue we visited the sunny state of California, and this issue I take you to the ever popular tourist state of Nevada.

Nevada has a rich history dating back to the 1770s when this land was considered a part of the existing Spanish Empire. As a result of the Mexican–American War and the Treaty of Guadalupe Hildago, this area, named after the Sierra Nevada Mountain range, became part of the Utah Territory. At the time, the area was controlled by a large Mormon population from 1851 to 1857. In 1859, silver was discovered in the Comstock Lode, and prospectors flocked to the area and eventually expelled the Mormon population. After the arrival of federal troops to quell the violence among the residents of Utah Territory, the areas under dispute became, in 1861, the newly formed Nevada Territory, and Carson City was designated the capital. During this time, the population swelled, and Virginia City became highly populated by prospectors and settlers and maybe even “the Cartwrights” from *Bonanza*? Nevada became the 36th state to be admitted to

the Union on October 31, 1864.

In 1931, Nevada created two well-known industries, both very much alive today. Only in Nevada can you lose your money and your wife (or husband) in 1 day due to the gambling and divorce laws. The same day, you might also be able to get back some of your money and get a new wife (or husband).

Nevada is home to the largest reservoir—Lake Mead—and 84.9% of its total land mass is federally owned property. Nevada is the fourth largest producer of gold behind China, Australia and South Africa. Gambling was huge during the Comstock days and even today accounts for 34% of the total revenue of Nevada. *Nevada* in Spanish means “snow covered;” however, Nevada is the driest state in the Union. The main agricultural industry is cattle and calves, and with a total land mass of 110,577 square miles of land, mostly uninhabited, opportunities abound to raise both.

Nevada is home to Area 51 which, in addition to alien and UFO research facilities, was the site of the development of the B-2 Stealth Bomber.

The MCL Charter was issued to the Department of Nevada on August 4, 1973. The Department is currently comprised of the following detachments: Battle Born (Reno); Black Mountain (Henderson); Greater Nevada (Las Vegas); High Desert (Fallon); Detachment 1199 (Pahrump); and Silver State (Carson City). Fallon is also home to the Navy’s Top Gun training facilities where both Navy and Marine pilots train.

The Greater Nevada Detachment located in Las Vegas is by far the largest detachment within the Department. They have approximately 224 active members, 166 of those are PLMs. The detachment is home to a couple of Korean War veterans and Marines from subsequent conflicts. They are extremely involved in community activities such as the Toys for Tots program, the Devil Pups, the Nevada Outdoor Adventure Foundation and other local charities. Being located in the heart of Las Vegas, it seems that Marines from across the continent have the annual Marine Birthday Ball on their bucket list. The detachment plans the Ball all year long, and often times, all tickets are sold out by June, as over 1,000 Marines and their companions attend.

The remaining detachments throughout the state are heavily involved in their local communities and dependent upon their proximity to California, crossing border lines to participate in Honor and Color Guard functions for parades and funerals.

Plan a trip to Nevada and take in the sites that the state has to offer. You might get lucky and encounter E.T., Little Joe or Hoss, or maybe even Wyatt Earp!

Semper Fi!

Division Website: mclswdivision.org

AROUND THE LEAGUE



Volunteers help assemble 50 military-grade backpacks for homeless veterans.



Fifty backpacks hold essential items for at-risk and homeless veterans.

Connecticut Detachment Has “Your Six”

The term, “We’ve got your six” simply means, “We’ve got your back,” and this is exactly what motivates the members of Peter P. Monaco, Jr., Detachment 40 of Glastonbury, CT, and what moved them to recently embrace the national Backpacks For Life (BFL) project locally. The BFL project offers the first-ever military grade backpack, designed and engineered with a homeless veteran in mind. Afghanistan War veteran, Sgt. Brett D’Alessandro and Alexa Modero of New Jersey founded the project in 2014.

Like many veterans, Brett’s story is very unique and motivating and truly shows the compassion veterans have for one another. His story can be found on backpacksforlife.org.

On November 21, 2020, Detachment 40 celebrated a successful BFL mission serving Connecticut-based military veterans. Donors brought over 2,000 essential items that were assorted into three main kits with 1 extra kit for female veterans and then placed into 50 military-grade backpacks. Monetary donations also were welcomed to

purchase any additional items to complete the kits. The backpacks were distributed December 5. These backpacks will provide at-risk and homeless veterans with personalized assistance based on their personal needs, noting it’s important to let veterans know there is HOPE and that they can get on a path to self-sufficiency. League member Don Davis works at the Veterans Hospital in Newington and said that the need is greater than ever before; the BFL project is a perfect solution, especially during these challenging times. SIF

Chief Devil Dog...

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to the Kennel.

Your Kennel Staff has already discussed having another Dog Gathering either in April or May. We will pass the word as soon as we know more. Please, get your contact information into the Kennel so that we can keep you informed. Pound Officers, please get in contact with members of your Pound so that we can be assured they are kept both informed and to know that they are safe and healthy. Pack Lead-

ers contact each of your Pound Keepers and pass down information sent down by the Kennel. Since most of you are not having Growls, there is no reason not to keep the membership informed. Again, if you just refuse to, RESIGN NOW, and I am sure we can find someone capable and willing to do the job!

I do not want to end this article on a negative note. Ninety-seven percent of you are doing a great job; let’s make it 100%. If you need anything, use the Chain of Responsibility

to assist you. We are members of the Fun and Honor Society, we need to keep things as fun as possible. Remember our troops who are serving, especially those deployed, as well as our veterans. Please look in on those who are in hospitals and VA homes and thank them. As a reminder, don’t forget to turn in your Passport Funds and donations to the Children’s Hospital to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber.

Semper Woof!

Kim Galske posing as Mrs. Wisconsin in 2019. She was very appreciative of the platform that the pageant series gave her to discuss veterans' issues in the United States.



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THE *SEMPER FI* INTERVIEW

Kim Galske: Motivated in Life; Life Motivator

By Miles Vining

Kim Galske enlisted in 1996 into Motor Transport and has been smashing expectations ever since. She has pulled herself up from being a homeless, single mother to managing investment firms, starting community non-profit organizations, even winning the title, “Mrs. Wisconsin” in 2019. Today she manages a life coaching group called “Own Your Life,” runs a coffee house and is active with the Wisconsin National Guard.

Semper Fi: Can you give us some of your background in the Marines?

Kim Galske: I joined the Marine Corps in 1995, and I was in the delayed entry program. I grew up pretty rough in southern Arizona. I picked Motor Transport as my MOS and went active duty in 1996. I went to ‘Motor T’ school in Fort Leonard Wood and was stationed with the 1st Marine Division Truck Company out at Camp Pendleton in Camp Margarita. I was with Truck Company for 4 years and had a blast, had a great time. In my last year, my Sergeant Major knew I was getting ready to get out and encouraged me to stay in. I extended for a year, picked up Sergeant and became



Kim Galske during a promotion ceremony in 2000, the year she got out of the Marines. Notice the Military Police badge on her left chest pocket.

a base MP. There I was, the NCOIC for police records of Camp Pendleton. I was the court liaison for the entire base and all the surrounding areas.

SF: Then you got out just before 9/11?

KG: After leaving the service, I spent 7 years going around the mountain. I tried multiple businesses. I moved all over the country; I think 13 different times coast to coast. And in the midst of that, I got out 6 months before 9/11. On 9/11, I found out that I was expecting my son, and I tried to go back in, and I couldn’t because I was expecting. I went through a lot of trying to figure out who I was, how I was supposed to navigate this world and be responsible. I didn’t like asking for help because I was too proud. I came from a broken family so I didn’t have anybody to fall back on. I was constantly relying on myself, and that is just not good. About 7 years in, I ended up homeless with a child in the summer of 2008.

SF: That must have really hurt.

KG: I was displaced for about 3 weeks. So, it’s not like I spent months out on the



Kim Galske at a Marine Corps League parade in the Color Guard squad, hoisting the American flag. Kim first became aware of the League when she saw League members at a random parade that she herself attended.

street. But you know what? If you're homeless for 1 day, that is enough to shake your whole world. When you look at your child and they're confused—I was trying to make it an adventure, right, like, 'We're going to go out on a super cool adventure,' and I end up looking at him and just apologizing to him. And I'll never forget the look or the hug that I got from a 6 year old that was like, 'It's okay, Mom. We're going to get through this together.'

SF: What kept you going?

KG: I went to work on me. I just knew in that moment that, I used to pray, 'If I could ever get out of this, I just want to be able to help veterans to not have to go through what I went through or at least alleviate that pain of feeling unheard and being invisible.' But I didn't know what that meant. I didn't know what it looked like. I just wanted to get out of

there. I wanted to get a new place and to be established for my son.

SF: What did digging yourself out of there look like?

KG: I found grants. I found a great job. Ended up managing an investment company for 8.5 years. So, I think when we're at the bottom, bottom part of our life, it gives us an opportunity to go, 'What the heck do we really want?' Instead of looking at it as, 'I don't know how I'm ever going to turn this around,' think of it as, 'I have a clean slate, and I get to make it wherever I want.' And that's not easy to do when you're in that position because you don't feel like anybody understands you. We live in a lot of shame and doubting who we are and our abilities.

After a number of years at the investment company, I thought, 'This is really nice and all, and I have a beautiful office, and I have a 401(k),' and then all of a sudden, I went, 'But this is not what I said I was going to do when I got back on my feet.' The only way I could think to do that was to be in a nonprofit somewhere or to start my own nonprofit. After some growing pains [and] a lot of networking, I joined and began managing Esprit de Corps in Wisconsin. And so, here I am by myself running a nonprofit. I'd never done this before, and I just started. I went right back to my roots, right—went right back to 2008 in my mind of, 'how do I surround myself with the right people that have the answers that I don't have because I don't have enough time to research how to be really good at this? I just need to work it out as I'm walking it out.'

SF: At the same time becoming Mrs. Wisconsin?

KG: I was introduced to the United States pageant system, and I thought, 'Well, I can put on a banner and talk about veterans' issues. People want to talk to women who represent pageant systems.' And I thought, 'If this gets me on a stage and I can talk about veterans and my veteran community, I'm doing it.' And here I am, the rookie. Two years in, first time, I come in second runner up. Next time, I win. So here I am, Mrs. Wisconsin, and I get to go on a national stage in Las Vegas and talk about veterans, my brothers and sisters, and what we do.

SF: But you left the non-profits that you had put so much into?

KG: I resigned as director. I was done with my title, my year as Mrs. Wisconsin, and I sat in a state of depression almost for 2 days because I thought, I've been running hard for 3.5 years, almost 4 years. What do I [do], with everything that I've learned? So for 3 years, I traveled and talked to people about providing value to their communities, providing value to each other, stopping and listening to people's stories, how important it is that we never lose that. And so I went to work and immediately turned it around and created a company called 'Own Your Life.'

SF: Tell me more about what you guys do?

KG: With some partners, we put this program together called Own Your Life that helps to bridge that gap that we all come up against, that of breaking out into achieving our greatest potential. We're just on the other side of the threshold of greatness, all of us are, but we stop. We stop because we're afraid of not only failing, but succeeding because we don't know what that means; we don't know what it looks like because we've never been on that side. So we sit and we either take it to the grave, right?

Because we were too afraid to move so, we take it with us and then somebody else creates it, and you go, 'I have that same idea,' but they were braver than you to step out and know that that's what you were called to do, right? So we take all of those things and we close that gap to where you are right now and to where you want to go. We help you take control of your mind and your body, to get you going. We have a clinical psychologist that's on our team; we have a kinesiologist, who is a Marine, who was an MMA fighter—he's on here because I don't have all the answers, and I know that. I know I don't have all the answers, but I want to help those [who] are out there persevering. They're creating companies and legacies because they lead with their heart. They're driven by 'how do I provide value to people? How do I help them at their darkest or brightest point?' Because even when we're really strong and keep going, good coaches need great coaches. So how do we keep them going? We just come into it with a different language.

SF: At the same time running a coffee shop and in the National Guard? How do you do it?



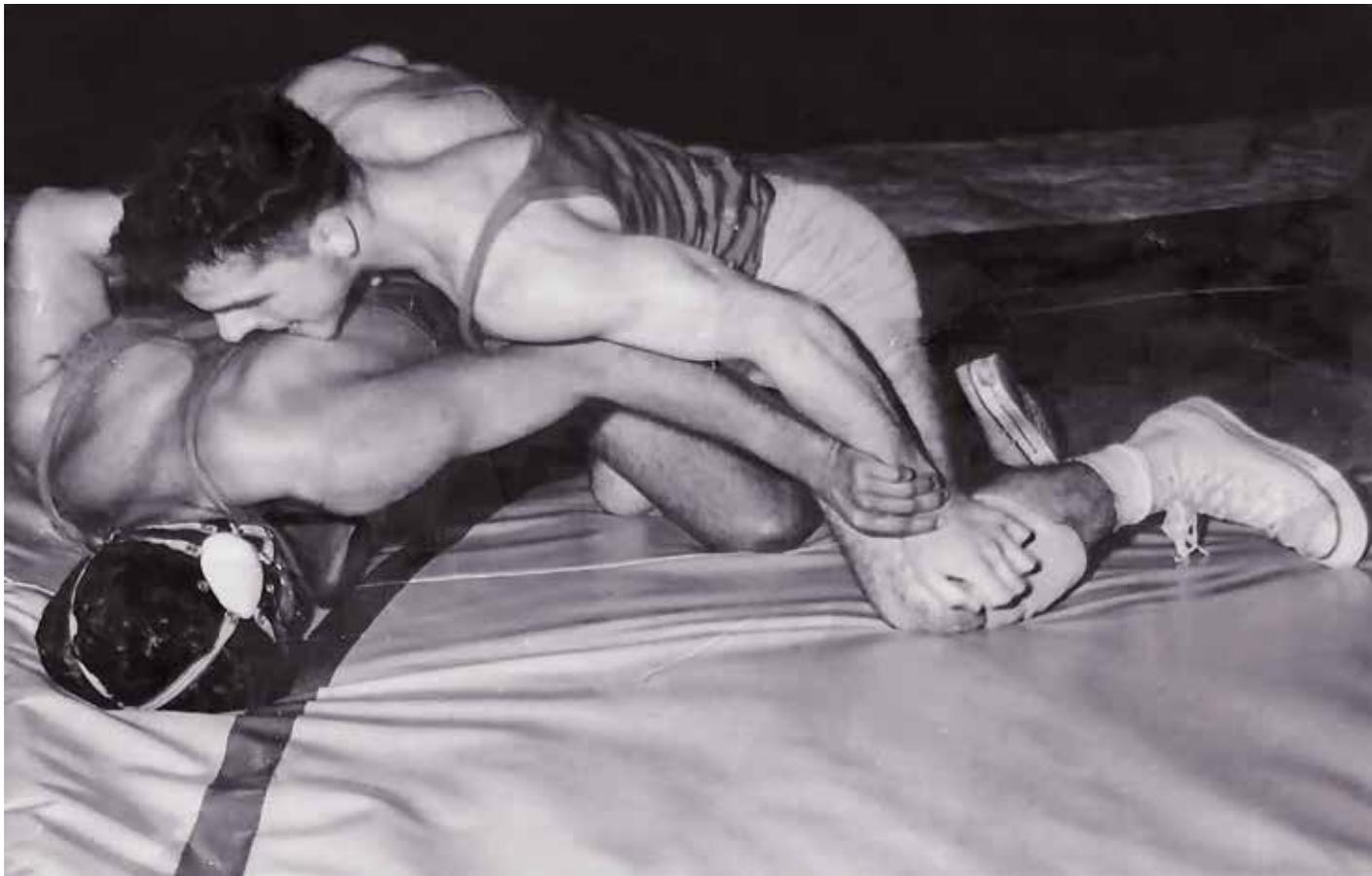
Kim Galske with her husband Kevin at a social outing. Kevin helps run their coffee shop in Fond du Lac, WI.

KG: I have a solid team. It's not easy when it comes to the coffee house; my husband and I run it together. It's not just me—there's no individual in this game. I would never take all the credit for that. When I'm away and traveling for active duty, my cofounder and my marketing team, they step up and fill in the gap where I can't at the moment. As long as when I do show up, I'm bringing my A-game. This is never an individual sport; it wasn't in the military, and it's not now. And I'm smart enough to know that I can't do it without them; I can't be as successful as I want to be by myself. And that's where you run into a lot of people who stopped because they think, 'I can do this all by myself.'

SF: Can you talk to us about your involvement with the Marine Corps League?

KG: I came into the League because I went to a parade. I didn't even know that service organizations existed outside of VFW, and I think that was only because I

was an office manager for a veterans' hospital. So I knew about the VFW because there's a lot of Vietnam veterans [who] were coming into the office. I saw these Marine Corps League guys at this parade, and I wanted to be a part of that. I went to two meetings and kept my mouth shut. At the third meeting, I was like, 'first of all, why are we all meeting in this old building where the ceiling tiles are falling out? You guys deserve more than this.' And I was so naive to non-profits and how they work and how they made their money; come to find out they're selling hot dogs on the side of the road to try to keep the lights on. I was frustrated. I was not happy about it because here I am in a room with World War II, Korean War and Vietnam veterans, and their stairwell could have killed someone walking down it. That was how I got interested in the Marine Corps League and [what] led me to getting more involved with the organization to where we are today. **SIF**



Bob Buckley in a wrestling match. He became an All-State wrestler.

Truth is Stranger than Fiction

By Bob Concordia

“**T**ruth is stranger than fiction.” Truer words were never spoken. When I was in high school, living in Drexel Hill, PA, I was known for having been an accomplished athlete, mainly basketball. My greatest thrills at that time were commanding the hoops in basketball and hanging out with all the most exciting, young ladies in the town. Those two things in life mainly defined me. However, other accomplished athletes in the town had the same interest and obsessions as I did, and we became each other’s competition. Ironically, the one guy who stands out most in my mind

as being the most outstanding, legendary, outrageous, creative, unforgettable, unpredictable, dare devil, reckless personality of everyone in our town was Bob Buckley. He was not only the best wrestler in the area in his weight class of 138 pounds at Upper Darby High School, but he also became an All-State wrestler, who also prided himself on being the “cat’s meow” with the ladies. At the time, it was brought to my attention that he had an ax to grind with me, as I was seeing the same young ladies he was seeing, but being the fact that we went to different high schools, I really didn’t know him per-

sonally—only by hearsay and reputation. Because of his incredible tough-guy persona, I was trying my best to avoid him and not engage him in serious conflict over his lady friends. I managed to avoid him with my illusive zig and zag, cat and mouse antics all through those high school years. I never gave him the slightest opportunity or satisfaction of upstaging me to win favor over the girls at my expense. In all my splendor and glory, I most definitely did not want to be the target of his wrath.

Ironically, following high school, in 1956, I enlisted in the Marine Corps, and shortly

after, I was stationed in the Second Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, NC, where we ran into each other in the camp cafeteria. We introduced ourselves and became best friends.

One night, meandering about the base at Camp Lejeune, he suddenly announced to me that he had just gotten word that his outfit was scheduled to embark on maneuvers to Vieques, Puerto Rico. He said, "This is not a good thing for me at this time, as I am planning to get married to my high school sweetheart, so I have to come up with an incredible strategy that gets me reprieve from this maneuver." I said, "Bob, what could you possibly do?" He said, "I already have this wild fantasy and scenario played out in my mind. All I have to do is activate it, put it into motion, and with the grace of God, it will happen." I said, "Okay, the suspense is killing me, what is it? Enlighten me." His immediate response was, "My mind and imagination have been working overtime. It's a wild venture I've been toying with. I'm not even going to tell you. If all goes like I think it will, I'm going to surprise you and the rest of the world with what I have in mind." He then said, "Come on, I'll show you."

With that, he started walking toward the field house at Camp Lejeune. My mind was blown. I really did not have the slightest inkling of what he was about to execute. I was coming out of my skin with anticipation. Within a few minutes we were in the field house, and the wrestling team was working out, and my imagination started running amok. The wrestling team was doing their thing, and I followed him up to where the coach, a lieutenant, was standing and observing the team. We stood beside the coach, and suddenly Bob nudged the coach and said, in his very cock sure, swaggering attitude, "Sir, this is the best you've got?" The coach sharply turned around and looked at him as though he was a monster, and said, "Are you a wise guy or something?" And Bob said, "Well, some people might call me that, but I really think I am a lot more." The coach then looked at him, and said, "Wise guy, do you think you could do better?" In a very sarcastic manner Bob replied, "I know I can do better." And the coach said, "What kind of experience do you have, and where might I ask did you get that experience?" Bob said, "Sir, I was an All-State wrestler up at Upper Darby High School in Pennsylvania, class of 1955." The coach's response was, "Well then, how would you like to try yourself against one of my men? I'd like to see for myself, you putting your money where your mouth is. It's always nice to have a fresh blood, sparing partner." The coach then proceeded to



Bob's military wedding with full regalia.



Bob Buckley's spring wedding in 1958.



Bob and his new bride, Joan.

take him down to the locker room, and Bob with his swaggering manner, started laughing wildly and taking his clothes off to put on the tights. When he took off his shirt and his body was nothing but huge, deeply cut muscles jutting out all over, the coach started to look at him differently. He said, "Judging by what I see, you just might be the real deal." Bob said, "I just hope I'm as good as I always was." With his uniform on, he looked like he really belonged. The coach dropped his sarcasm and matched him up with a guy whom the coach thought was one of the best: you could tell by the manner in which he called to him with such reverence. Everybody cleared the mat when the coach gave the command, and within seconds, Bob was deadly serious and doing his thing. It was amazing, but in minutes, he was making some very powerful moves, and with lightning speed, suddenly, he had pinned the guy, and you could hear an amazed moan of spellbound, shocking surprise coming from all the other wrestlers. The coach was completely dumbfounded, dismayed and taken by storm. I thought he was going to exasperate with shock. I immediately began laughing wildly with nervous surprise. He very quickly went over to him and congratulated him on his uncanny ability. He proceeded to ask him more about his background, and Bob told him, "I had been going to Millersville State in Pennsylvania on a wrestling scholarship, but I wanted more to be a Marine, so I left, and here I am."



Bob Buckley's military wedding in 1958.

The coach, out of curiosity, asked him to go with a few other wrestlers who were in a higher weight class to go on the mat, and it only took minutes before Bob gained their respect while he was tearing up the mats.

Bob, automatically transferred out of his outfit and into the field house, which led to him becoming unbeaten throughout the United States, beating all military wrestlers in all the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps bases. What an amazing personality. He wrestled in the All-Marine tournament in Long Beach, CA, and won.

After all the action was through, Bob got what he wanted: In 1958, he had a very large military wedding where we were all corpo-

rals or more, in full Marine Corps regalia with dress blues and swords. It was a very colorful affair. Also, it was a beautiful hot spring day, and that wedding certainly attracted an incredible attention in its colorful ceremony. In the middle of the wedding, I found myself reflecting on how it all came to be, going back to that unbelievable, spectacular night when Bob shocked the wrestling coach, myself and the world with his one-in-a-million antics and on how he coerced the coach, performing the way he did, getting himself on the wrestling team—a totally unbelievable and unforgettable experience. Without a question of doubt, it truly was a case of "Truth is stranger than fiction." **SIF**

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Solving the issue of understanding

MARINES: Are you Listening? In today's environment, people are quick to:

1. Walk away or hang up;
2. Never listen to what was said;
3. Change the subject;
4. Be a victim with a "you owe me" mindset;
5. Jump to think the group doesn't understand.

We all have been guilty of the five items above, and the list is much longer. When we have a disagreement with our Marine sisters and brothers, family, business associates or friends, it impacts a lot of people and can be a disaster for that relationship. It can also impact new relationships as we become judgmental.

How does the above impact the organization? How does the above impact new members who inquire about the organization? Needless to say, it keeps the Judge Advocate busy at all levels in the organization and can employ legal firms outside the organization: what a waste of time and money. These acts also tarnish lives across the country. Granted some of them are real criminal acts, and we need the system to address those acts.

A good percentage of these acts happen because we don't understand the issues at hand and/or we may not have listened to a member or a potential new member. He may be reaching out for help. Why did he come to the meeting? Remember every generation of veterans is different, based on their background, family, period of culture, individual experiences and decisions in life. The history of these we cannot control, but we can change, understand-



ing through active listening and being a friend. My last article in the Winter 2021 *Semper Fi* edition (Vol. 77, No. 1, page 33) showed a matrix of the challenges we face.

Remember drill instructors? It was their purpose to tear us down: they were never satisfied, and everything we did in bootcamp was a failure. On graduation day, we all crossed over that failure line and became a family of Marines—a group who would

stick up for each other to the end. When we reported to our first duty station, we enlarged our family. So, what happened? Only you can answer that. The list below shows the generations since WWI, and it also reflects our membership. So, why do we do what we do?

- Gen Z, iGen, or Centennials: Born 1996–2010
- Millennials or Gen Y: Born 1981–1996
- Generation X: Born 1965–1980
- Baby Boomers: Born 1946–1964
- Traditionalists or Silent Generation: Born 1920s–1945

The art of listening is a big player in solving this issue of understanding. I will end with a quote from James 1:19: "Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak."

Semper Fi!

ROLL CALL

AROUND THE LEAGUE



The Bensalem High School Marine JROTC Color Guard, All Divisions Detachment 281 Color Guard and Rifle Detail, Upper Darby Detachment 884, family members, Marines from other detachments and motorcycle clubs attended the Philadelphia Beirut Remembrance. *Photo by Mitch Flitter.*



MCL COO Bob Borka visited his home detachment in Flint, MI. Flint Detachment 155 holds the honor of having two brothers who served as National Commandants. *Left to right:* PNC John Tuohy, COO Borka, Detachment Commandant Dick Messler, PNC Jim Tuohy.



On November 17, 2020, Jerry Van Hecke, Eagle Scout Liaison and Sr. Advisor for E.T. Brisson Detachment 063, presented a Good Citizenship Certificate and Detachment Challenge Coin to Alexander Walter Meyer, Troop 951, on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout at his Court of Honor, Naples, FL. Alexander is only a freshman in high school and has already earned 52 merit badges!

ROLL CALL

AROUND THE LEAGUE



Members of Cpl Gerald Max Rich Detachment 1352, Logan, UT, the Dept. of Utah Commandant Duane Smith, Michael Soholt and Chaplain Jerry Cokely are presented with an \$11,800 check from the Box Elder High School Student Body Council after its ambitious effort in obtaining donations for the Toys for Tots campaign.



Commandant Rich Hyjack and Sr. Vice Commandant Robert Dushanek of the Jackson Marines, Detachment 1369, Jackson, NJ, presented an Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Award to Eagle Scout Ethan Davis.



Morgan County Indiana Detachment 1367 does an annual "flag-folding/narration" ceremony on/near Veterans Day for elementary schools in its school district, concentrating on 6th graders. COVID-19 prevented visits to schools this year, but the district filmed the ceremony and played it to all seven elementary schools. *Left to right:* Det. members Anthis, Brawley, East, Clark, Centerton School Principal Stephanie Manley, Det. members Laux and Rhoden.

ROLL CALL

AROUND THE LEAGUE



Victoria McCoy was selected as the Dept. of PA's 2020 Dept. Marine of the Year. She received the Dept. Marine of the Year medallion and the Dept. Marine of the Year plaque. Congratulations Victoria; well-deserved for all that you do! Thank You.



North Iowa Detachment 859 collected donations in Charles City, IA, during the 2020 Toys for Tots campaign. *Left to right:* Members Dale Stern, Ken Miller, Jan Stern and Jim Holt.



Ron Hudgens and his service dog, Chesty, Cabarrus Detachment 1175, Concord, NC. Ron had visions of leading Detachment 1175 as Commandant. He worked his way up to Sr. Vice until the long-lasting effects of Agent Orange (Vietnam) shattered this dream to the point that he can no longer attend meetings. His dog Chesty is a trained PTSD/Seeing Eye dog given to Ron by America's VetDogs® Organization.

Members of the Cpl Aaron M. Allen Detachment 1459 of Redlands, CA, presented the Armed Services YMCA aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), Twentynine Palms, CA, with a \$1,000 donation. The contribution will be used to help stock the ASYMCA's food bank, which provides assistance to Marine and Navy families stationed at the MCAGCC. *Left to right:* Gabe Romo (JVC); Sara Beams (Ops Director ASYMCA); John Wolfe (Det. 1459 member); and Jeffrey Breiten (Past Commandant).



ROLL CALL

AROUND THE LEAGUE



Left to right: Diamond State Detachment's Jr. Vice Paul Hamman, Mrs. Aldrete and Cadet Josheline Aldrete.

Cadets Receive Scholarships From MCL

Two Marine Corps JROTC Cadets, Josheline Aldrete and Itzel Rojas Vicente of Indian River High School, Sussex Co., DE, attended the Diamond State Detachment 704, Millsboro, DE, meeting to receive the detachment's scholarship awards and \$250 each.



Left to right: Diamond State Detachment's Jr. Vice Paul Hamman, Mrs. Vicente and Cadet Itzel Rojas Vicente.

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Despite its meeting and Birthday celebration cancellations due to COVID-19, the Thames River Detachment 1344, New London County, CT, celebrated the Corps' birth while also complying with government edict, with the goal of health and safety for its Marines intact. A local VFW hall was secured, a call went out within the detachment that the first 10 Marines to respond could attend. Birthday traditions were followed, and one detachment Marine joined in virtually to toast the Corps. "Improvise, Adapt and Overcome."



The Flagler County Detachment 876 in Palm Coast, FL, celebrated the Corps' 245th Birthday with a ceremony, new Commandant and a new board.



Young Marine Staff Sergeant Anthony Featherston was awarded a full scholarship to American Military University (AMU). This is the university's inaugural scholarship. General Alfred Gray, Jr., USMC (Ret), AMU's chairman of the board and 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps, presented the scholarship to Featherston at the American Veterans Center in Arlington, VA.



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Fox Valley Marines Detachment 1233, Aurora, IL, kicked off Veterans Day week with day of giving for veterans and their families with a drive-through food distribution for the first 120 cars. "We are able to show our love and respect to our fellow servicemen and [service]women who have served our country with dignity and honor," coordinator James Butler said. "We are especially thankful to our sponsors."



George Souder, Department of PA officer, presents the gavel to newly elected, installed Commandant William "Fridge" Todd of the Upper Darby Detachment 884.



Ann Larson, Tri-Cities Marines Detachment 969 Marine of the Year, was honored as Department of Tennessee Marine of the Year. Presenting the John T. Hicks award/trophy was Department of Tennessee Jr. Vice Commandant (East) and Kennel Staff Veterinarian PDD Doug Essinger.

ROLL CALL

AROUND THE LEAGUE



Marines of Lewis B. Puller Jr., Detachment 524, Carlisle, PA, prepare to deliver a final salute to detachment member William Irving of Gardners, PA. Marines assembled *left to right*: J. Grove, S. Quickel, W. McNaughton, L. Kipp, B. O'Connell, R. Grove, B. Smith, G. Wickard, R. Runyan and R. Adams. B. Vanner was present, though not in photo, as she was supporting the widow.



Members are doing their part for social distancing and safety at the Dept. of PA January 2021 Winter Virtual Membership meeting.



Honorable Few Detachment 1302, Peabody, MA, had a very successful Toys for Tots drive at the VFW Post 4524. *Left to right*: Mike Hinds (NGDIV Sgt-at-Arms); David Porter (NGDIV NVC); Jim Summers (Sr. Vice); Matt Cunningham (Post Commander, MCL); William Auld (Past Commandant); and Joe Furtado (Commandant).



Detachment 956 Commandant Roger Ware of Elkins, WV, *foreground*, and Past Detachment Commandant Greg Irwin, *background*, folded an American flag during a ceremony October 3 to rename a new bridge in Whitmer, WV, in memory of U.S. Army Sgt James Shellace Armentrout. Armentrout, a member of Company K, 3rd Bn, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, was 20 years old when he was listed as missing in action on May 18, 1951, following combat action in Hangye, South Korea. On December 31, 1953, Armentrout was declared as presumed dead. The bridge dedication also featured the Missing Man Table Ceremony. *Photo by Judith Ware*

ROLL CALL

AROUND THE LEAGUE



The Jack Maas Detachment 1379 participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg, VA, on December 19, 2020. Other veterans' organizations joined in to honor our fallen veterans. The wreaths were laid at the headstone of each veteran, the veteran's name was read aloud, and a salute was rendered.



Marine Eric Bair of Lancaster County Detachment 294, Lancaster, PA, and owner of the Sports Barber in Ephrata, PA, collected and assembled 162 bicycles for the 2020 Toys for Tots campaign. Lancaster's efforts resulted in 17,836 children served at a time when COVID-19 has severely impacted families' financial abilities. Kudos to the over 150 volunteers for collecting and distributing 84,999 gifts.



James Mineo received the Dept. of PA Recruiter Award from Dept. of PA Sr. Vice Commandant Dave Brady.

ROLL CALL

AROUND THE LEAGUE



DuPage County Marines 399, Wheaton, IL, at ES Court of Honor held outdoors with proper distances followed and masks worn by all who attended. The detachment presented the USMC CMC Citation, the MCL Good Citizenship Award and USMC Ka-Bar® knife to four Eagle Scouts. Pictured with our ES Chairman Donald Kenyon are Eagle Scouts Andrew J. Whitlock, Vincent R. Adamo, Saimak Maitra and Bryce J. Whitlock.



Home Depot #4114 Asst. Manager Bob Homan presented a check for \$2,000 to Upper Darby Detachment 884 newly elected Commandant William "Fridge" Todd (left) and Jr. Past Commandant Jim Cook (right). The donated funds will help to cover the costs of installing a handicap accessible bathroom at the detachment home.



Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, PA, MCL Honor Guard members are prepared for any type of weather to honor passed veterans for their final salute. Left to right: Marines Wesley Smedley, FMF Corpsman "Doc" Gillespie, Gail Wise, Bruce Ferri, Bill Woods and Allen Ferguson.

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NOTICE TO MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENTS!

Please consider taking a group photo of your detachment's membership. Department and division conferences are another way to

capture some memories. We would love to include your photos in the *Semper Fi* magazine.

BOOK REVIEWS

BOOKS FOR, ABOUT & BY MARINES – BY BOB BORKA

The Truth of Baghdad

Marine Corps League Member Aaron Grant offers a down-to-earth perspective of the taking of the Iraqi city of Baghdad and the events leading up to it. The clean flow and easy transitions make this book a good read. Grant was a crewman assigned to an M88A2 HERCULES Recovery Vehicle during the assault on Baghdad. Sometimes the toughest battles we face after combat are those at home and away from our tribe. Grant's insight reinforces that it is okay to seek help and that we are not alone.

Taking Baghdad: Victory in Iraq with the US Marines

Author: Aaron Michael Grant

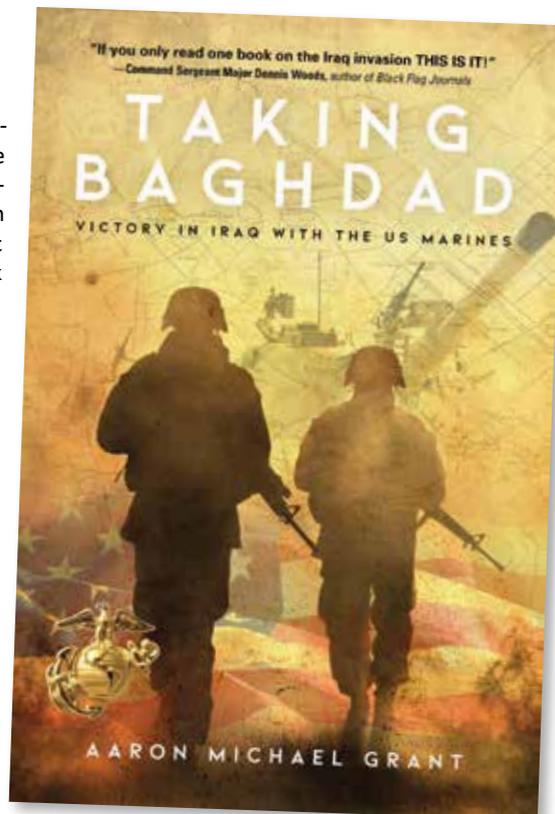
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Excellent Account of Lebanon 1983

The author provides an interesting story of 1st Battalion, 8th Marines in Lebanon 1983. Beirut is the site where a terrorist bombed the Marine barracks causing tragic loss of life. The first four chapters provide excellent character development of the Marines and Corpsmen involved in this excellent piece of literature. There is a great deal of effort placed in helping the reader understand the circumstances in Lebanon prior to the bombing, including the bombing of the U.S. Embassy earlier that year. The author is a life member of Detachment 1407.

Devil's Den: Marines War in Lebanon 1983

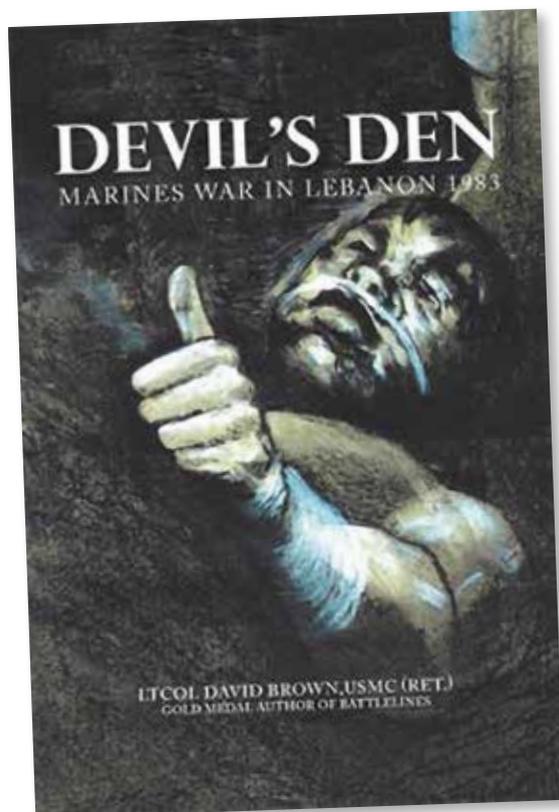
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The Marine Corps League uniform

MARINES: Here we go again; another year has come and gone. I will not say it was a good year, but we got things that we needed to take care of done. What would we have done if we didn't have the Web, email, Zoom, GotoMeeting and all the rest of those platforms?

With all the things that have happened this year, we must remember our Bylaws when it comes to wearing the Marine Corps League uniform: what we can wear; where we can wear it; and when we can wear it. Please make sure you are wearing your uniform according to the Bylaws.

A question has come up on what can be printed on the pocket sleeve that a lot of members wear on their Red Blazer uniform. There is no Bylaw as to what should be on the pocket sleeve, but the information should be that of the Marine Corps League, not a history of what you did before, during and after active duty.

In my last article, it was stated that regarding the wearing of ribbons,



pins and badges on the Red Blazer uniform that there were certain items you could **not** wear—Jump Wings was one of them. I received a couple calls that in my picture which appears in my article that I am wearing Jump Wings. The article was referring to the Red Blazer uniform, and those items are not allowed. In the picture I am wearing my Mess Dress uniform, and so the mini Wings are allowed (Enclosure (3) – Medals & Ribbons, II (a)).

I'm keeping this article short and sweet for this issue. We need everyone to stay safe and healthy. My wife and I both had COVID-19, and believe me, YOU DO NOT WANT IT.

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28 Aug-9 Sep

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9-16 Oct

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WWII Concentration Camps & the Holocaust

16-23 Oct

MHT The Great American South (St. Augustine, FL to New Orleans, LA)

30 Oct-4 Nov

"Bloody Tarawa"

31 Oct-8 Nov

Guadalcanal 79th Op Watchtower

27 Nov-8 Dec

Vietnam Delta to DMZ Post Tour: 9-14 Dec Laos & Cambodia

5-14 Dec

80th Anniversary of Wake Island: Guam & Pearl Harbor

2022 TOURS

12-25 Feb

Friends & Family Trip to Vietnam

19 Feb-3 Mar

Tet Offensive/Battle of Hue

21-28 Mar

Iwo Jima-Guam 76th Anniversary Reunion of Honor

16-29 Apr

Vietnam War "Saigon to the DMZ"

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30 Apr-6 May

MHT Civil War Gettysburg, Bull Run & Antietam

9-16 May

The Korean Experience

22-31 May

WWI Doughboys & Devil Dogs, France

27 May-9 Jun

77th Anniversary of D-Day & Battle of the Bulge & Paris

1-9 Jun

77th Anniversary of D-Day: Normandy to Paris

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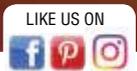
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