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Message From The Division Commandant



Welcome back to another great issue of the Laskey Telegraph. We are back on track on spreading the good word on what is going on within the New England Division. I know we have been busy, but I would like to say, thank you to everyone for all the continuous motivating hard work you have been putting in and keeping the Division on track.

We had a successful Mid-Winter Conference in Norfolk, Virginia and one outstanding New England Division Conference/Quad State Convention up in Colchester, Vermont. Thirsty seven certificates/awards were given out to a well-deserved group of Marines from all over the Division. Congratulations to Walt Benson (Dept. of CT) to this year's Division Marine of the Year, James Chase (Dept. of VT) being the recipient of GySgt Roland Knapp Award, and Wayne Hamilton (Dept. of RI) as the Division's Associate of the Year. Commandant Baker also awarded Pat Maguire, John "JR" Rutovick, and I the Distinguished Citizen Gold Award (surprising all of us). A lot of needed knowledge was relayed out from the Commandant of the Marine Corps league Johnny Baker. National Executive Officer/COO Bob Borka, and the National Executive Director/CEO of the Young Marines Col. William Davis (Ret USMC) gave two instrumental presentations. New England Division's Historian Sal Sena put together a booklet and explained what important information needs to be gathered for Funeral details. New England Division's



Compliance Officer Bernie Heaney gave a great report where the Division stands.

Congratulations New England Division for being 85% compliant. I know we need some more work to be done before the National Convention, but I have faith to push for that 100% compliance.

To finish up, I cannot thank you all enough for all the support you have been giving me as I travel down the challenging campaign trail for National Judge Advocate. I am heading into my last months as your National Vice Commandant, but I believe my work is not finished and I have a higher calling to accept more responsibility. We have come a long way but look how far we have come; we are on our ninth issue and one first place under our belt for the newsletter.

Pat Maguire and Mike Hinds will be sworn in as your new National Vice Commandant and Assistant Vice Commandant In August. I am looking forward in watching them bring the Division to the next level.

Semper Fi

David M Porter
National Vice Commandant
New England Division
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<p>Div. Web Sergeant</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>In all of our travels and attending these events we all have the opportunity and duty to grow our membership, and these are all opportunities. I am always asked whether in the elevator or the lobby, "Who are you guys and what are you doing here?" I usually would respond that we are Marines and we belong to the Marine Corps League and this is our convention where we meet every year. Yea I know not much of an answer, but I learned something last year at work when we were rolling out a new product, and it was called an elevator speech. It is designed to respond to a question such as this and to compile as much vital information to peak the persons interest into asking for more information such as where we are located and how to join us. Such a speech would go something like this: "I am a member of the Marine Corps League, we are a Veterans Service Organization made up of Marines and other service members who although they changed uniforms wish to continue to serve, our Communities, fellow Marines and other Veterans in many ways, such as scholarships, supplying honor details at funerals, color guards and meeting the needs of our Communities." What's your speech sound like?</p>
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From The Editor

We just got back from Quad State, and if didn't attend you missed a really great time. Great scenery, great food, a lot of information and an incredibly good time with some incredible people. But with that behind us we have a lot ahead of us. Next we move on to the Massachusetts Convention with some incredible entertainment, Pistols, Hatchets, and golf clubs chose your weapons wisely. Of course we will have a Grand Growl and a business meeting and a banquet but there is a lot of fun and entertainment built into three days. Moving on we go to the Connecticut Convention located in Central Connecticut. Then the final piece of the Convention series The 100th National Marine

WHEN YOUR DREAM TAKES YOU FURTHER

When you still have more to give and you feel that your purpose is to move on, what do you do? After five years as National Vice Commandant and a list of great accomplishments, what do you do and where can you keep giving and achieving? You need to keep moving forward and in this case it is National Judge Advocate, and since no one can do it alone you need to solidify contacts to help you accomplish the things you want to accomplish and that you feel are important to the league. So in the past several months, in addition to his other duties our National Vice Commandant has been traveling to tell people his Dreams and Goals for the Marine Corps League and show people how he personifies what we all view for the future of the league.



Col Smith Young Marines Chairman Board of Directors, SgtMaj. "Bo" Durham, NVC David Porter Mid winter Conference.

The Young Marines are a big part of the Marine Corps League because it is an organization started by League Members, and it allows us to play a part and influence, the Morals, Character and Leadership of the next generation of the youth of this country. To inspire them with the attitude and spirit of what this country is all about. We should all endeavor to take a greater role in teaming up with the Young Marines in creating a stronger bonds between the two organizations.

These beliefs, this attention and dedication to the League and his zeal the move the League forward is what will make him a Great Addition to the National Leadership



NVC David Porter and Gen. Mike Regner at the Southeast Division Conference.



14th SgtMaj of the Marine Corps, SgtMaj McMichael & 16th SgtMaj of the Marine Corps, SgtMaj Kent & NVC David Porter Young Marines National Banquet.



CONNECTICUT



Proud to belong ...

Greetings my fellow CT MCLeaguers.

First off, it is getting to be a busy time of year. Spring has sprung, birds chirping, etc and with this influx of beautiful weather, it is time to adjust our uniform of the day (UOD) for business meetings, events, etc. Beginning 1APR and continuing throughout the month of April, the Dept of CT UOD will be wearers' choice, short or long-sleeved white shirts, weather dependent. Effective 1MAY the Dept of CT UOD will be short sleeve white shirts through the end of September.

Secondly, I was recently copied (as the Dept of CT MCL Cmndt) on a chain of emails regarding one of the Departments within the National MCL (NOT ours). What a sad state of affairs. There were emails back and forth alleging various types of misdeeds, with members accusing each other of things not beholding the ethos of a MCL member. I can say with the utmost certainty, in the thirteen (13) years that I have been a member in the MCL, I have never seen this much acrimony amongst our CT league members. Certainly, we have had our share of Article 9's and they have been resolved professionally, by adhering to MCL policy and procedure. As such I continue to be a proud member of the MCL and doubly blessed to be amongst the Dept of CT Leaguers. Thirdly, a personal plea. My son Connor is currently a Marine Captain as well as a member of the Thames River Detachment #1334. As you know, back in November I lost my daughter Sylena, unexpectedly due to diabetes complications. Her

brother Connor has begun running ultra-marathons because apparently Marine Corps PFT's and CFT's are not challenging enough. Connor was selected via lottery to run a one hundred (100) mile ultra-marathon July 15 th in Vermont and is dedicating the race to his sister, Sylena. He has established a GoFundMe page to raise money for diabetes research. He has set a goal of \$10,000.00. You can donate by going to: www.gofund.me/diabetes/sylena/research and click on Sylena Stabley. On behalf of my entire family, I thank those in advance who are able to donate.

Once a Marine, Always a Marine

And finally, I continue to consider myself privileged to serve as your Department Commandant and always look to you for guidance and direction as to how we can improve ourselves and the Department as a whole. As such, I will be seeking a second term as your Department Commandant at this year's convention. Our next Department business meeting will be at our annual convention, Saturday July 1, 2023 beginning at 0830. The location of said convention has yet to be solidified. As with the August, October, December, and February business meeting, there will be two door prizes given out at this April meeting. No purchase necessary. Attendance is the only requirement.

Semper Fi
Patrick T. McMahan
Commandant Department of Ct



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The Connecticut Convention will kick off on June 30th 2023. On Friday June 30th there will be a dinner offered for \$35 at Maggie McFly's, which is located across the street from the hotel at 5:00 pm. There will be a Grand Growl at 19:00, Please bring a raffle item to attend the growl. Elections will be held at the GROWL. On Saturday July First, the business meeting and Banquet will be held. On Sunday July second is Checkout and enjoy the Connecticut amenities.

THE Hotel is the same location as last year, Hilton Garden Inn, 85 Glastonbury Blvd., Glastonbury, CT 06033 A block of 20 rooms have been reserved at \$137 per night (+ taxes). To reserve rooms, call 877-782-9444: reference code:

MCL23. BANQUET: The cost of the banquet will be \$50.00 per attendee, and registration forms will be forthcoming.

Convention Registration Form

Name: _____
 Detachment/Dept: _____
 Office/Title: _____

(as it will appear on meeting name badge)

Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone:() _____ E-Mail: _____

This year, we will be offering the opportunity for attendees to join us for a Friday evening dinner at Maggie McFly's located just across from the hotel (40 Glastonbury Blvd). Dinner will be at 5pm (Grand Growl begins at 7pm).

Friday dinner is \$35pp: # attending _____ x \$35.00 = _____ TOTAL

***** PLEASE NOTE: The Saturday Evening Banquet is a semi-formal affair**
 Mess Dress, Red Blazer, or Sports Jacket and Tie.**

Banquet cost is \$50pp: # attending _____ x \$50.00 = _____ TOTAL

TOTAL \$\$\$ ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **Dept of CT MCL**, and mail to:

Dept of CT PO Box 462 Uncasville, CT 06382

For additional info, call (860) 222-5024 or E-Mail: ptm78usmc@sbcglobal.net

Deadline for registration: Monday June 23, 2023



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Marine Corps League



Connecticut State Convention – 30 June -1 July 2023

Hilton Garden Inn

85 Glastonbury Blvd • Glastonbury, CT 06340

(860) 659-1025

Ad Book Form

Date: _____ (AD MUST BE SUBMITTED BY June 22, 2023)

MCL Member: _____

Ad size: _____ Full page \$100.00 B/W _____ 1/2 page \$50.00

_____ 1/4 page \$25.00 _____ Business Card \$20.00

Name: _____ Street _____

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PHONE# _____

Ad Description:

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Submit ad electronically to:

Sue Tait Porcaro email: sue@2lipsartdesign.com cell:860-209-6063

Submit payment to:

Department of Connecticut MCL

PO Box 462

Uncasville, CT 06382

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Dept of CT MCL



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Hike To Remember XI

South Glastonbury, CT

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When & Where

Sep 16, 2023
Saturday
4:00 AM
Add to Calendar
Event Schedule

South
Glastonbury, CT
Courses & Maps

[See if you're registered](#)

Share Your Results

We'll automatically post your results for you on race day. Just connect your Twitter account.

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Veterans of Peter P Monaco Jr Detachment 40, Marine Corps League - MCL
19 hours ago

Hike to Remember XI
Registration is now open!
UNITING VETERANS TO
BUILD AWARENESS, BUILD
COMRADERY AND PREVENT
SUICIDE

On September 16th, we will unite with 300+ veterans in Glastonbury, Connecticut to hike a 22k. Why 22k? As a reminder that 22 veterans take their own lives every day

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Why 22 kilometers? In the hearts and minds of these military veterans, it is simply a reminder that they lose 22 veteran and/or active duty brothers and sisters from suicide every day.

MCL Det. 40's mission is to unite veterans and service members from all branches and walks of life to enjoy the camaraderie they had shared while serving. Together, they integrate their passion with purpose to combat suicide in the veteran community. Each year's hike is designed to join these forces to support the fight to end veteran suicide and to support veterans and their families as they transition back to civilian life.

We hope you'll give it a share to help spread awareness about this important cause. God bless America!

PLEASE NOTE: The Hike portion of this event is open to Veterans and Active Duty Service Members only.
Registration is currently OPEN

MASSACHUSETTS

THE DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO STURBRIDGE

The Massachusetts 86th Department Convention, will be held in Sturbridge Massachusetts. There are many attractions in the Sturbridge area for all to enjoy, as well as some amazing local eateries and breweries in the area. The convention committee will have a list of these local places to give to you when you check into the hotel. The Hotel is the Sturbridge Hotel and Conference Center and is located at 366 Main Street, Sturbridge MA 01566. The hotel website is <https://sturbridgehosthotel.com>.

The number to call and book your room is (508) 347-7393, the group block ID is: Marine Corps League. Please use that group block ID to reserve your room at a low price of \$110.00 a night. You can call and book now! We are bringing back the Thursday burger burn! The South-Central Detachment will be hosting it at the Sturbridge American Legion, located at 507 Main St, Fiskdale, MA 01518 at 1700. This event is free to all.

This year we are doing two group activities on Friday. It's going to be complex but we as Marines can get it done. Yet if these planned activities don't suit you, don't worry, there is plenty to do in the area Friday! You will have a list at check in of all the other attractions in the area. The first activity on Friday is a live fire pistol shoot at Hamilton Rod and Gun Club, located 10 mins away at 24 Hamilton Road, Sturbridge MA. This will be done in the morning from 0730-1130. This will be open to all Marines, Associates, Spouses, and partners. Unfortunately, this specific event is not open to anyone under the age of 18.



The Second activity Friday afternoon at 1300 is the 9-hole version of the Jim Laskey Memorial Golf Tournament, located at Hemlock Golf Course at 220 Holland Rd, Fiskdale, MA 01518 just a a 15 minute drive from the hotel. This will kick off at 1300. The third activity Saturday is a distillery tasting and Ax throwing and a local Marine Veteran's business. The MODD Taste of Sturbridge Buffett will be at the hotel Friday evening at 1830. With the Grand Growl commencing at 1930.

Saturday will be busy with the entire business session, a Memorial Service for our fallen brothers and sisters, and then to conclude the convention we will have our Grand Banquet. The Convention Committee highly recommends booking your rooms early, and if you're participating in the live fire pistol shoot on Friday morning we highly advise to stay overnight Thursday and get your check in completed on Thursday.

We also will have all the bugs fixed from last year on the website so that you may register and pay on the website, but you will still have to call the hotel to book your room. The website URL is www.mcldeptofmassachusetts.org

We look forward to seeing all of you and having a great convention.,

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VERMONT

EARLY BIRDS TO QUAD STATE



N.E.Div. Chief of Staff Larry Chretien, N.E.Div. Vice Commandant David Porter, National Commandant of the Marine Corps League Johny Baker, N.E.Div. Asst. Vice Commandant Pat Maguire, N.E. Div. Adjutant Walt Benson

National COO Bob Borka, Dept. of RI Wayne Hamilton, N.E.Div. Chief of Staff Larry Chretien, Howard Schaffer National Chaplain, N.E.Div. Vice Commandant David Porter, National Commandant of the Marine Corps League Johny Baker, N.E.Div. Asst. Vice Commandant Pat Maguire, N.E. Div. Adjutant Walt Benson, Jr. Vice Commandant Dave Creamer

MEMORIAL SERVICE QUAD STATE



As we do with every con-
pany tribute to those members
The names are read the flowers
ley is fired from the Honor



vention and conference we remember and
who have passed on since last we met.
are placed and Taps are played and a vol-
Guard.

VERMONT



National Commandant Johnny Baker updated the members on things taking place in the League, such as Membership, and new lifetime dues.

Just Bob spoke on transmittals, The database, The Members Library, DD214

Col Davis, spoke to everyone on the Young Marines and how they are receiving no funding as well as opportunities where Young Marines are working with The League on more and more Projects.



NVC David Porter presented National Commandant Johnny Baker with a Certificate of Appreciation and we all did appreciate him coming to our event.



VERMONT



National Commandant Johnny Baker Presented the Distinguished Citizen Gold to JR, Pat Maguire and David Porter



Jim Chase was presented with The GySgt Roland G. Knapp Award



Walt Benson was Awarded the New England Division Marine of The Year



Not Pictured Wayne Hamilton was Awarded The Associate Marine of The Year

The final Event of the evening is the swearing in of the officers from the four Departments, which was done by National Commandant Johnny Baker.

RHODE ISLAND



Bucci Atwood Det. 376 Commandant **Joe Afonso**, Kent County Det. 453 Commandant **Andrew Diomandes** and **AVNC Pat Maguire**. Both Detachments were awarded Meritorious Unit Commendation (National Level) for their efforts in lighting up the RI State House in purple for Project Purple Heart. Semper Fi magazine used one of the pictures for a recent issue.

The next two pictures are of Young Marines from Rhode Island and Southcoast. They were on hand to greet the Cape Verde President, President Jose Maria Neves. He requested that the YM's be present and also to do his color guard upon his arrival.



Department of Rhode Island had their nominations and elections for officers on April 1, they are:

Commandant
Patrick Maguire

Sr. Vice Commandant
Joe Afonso

Jr. Vice Commandant
Dave Creamer

Judge Advocate
Keitty Almonte



Patrick Maguire
Commandant
Department of Rhode Island

Asst. Div. Vice Commandant
New England Division
Marine Corps League

RHODE ISLAND

Family Fun Day

Hosted By

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MUSIC

BOUNCY
HOUSE

WHEN: 22 JULY 2023 (RAIN OR SHINE)

WHERE: GODDARD STATE PARK, WARWICK/SITES#28-33

TIME: 11AM TO PARK CLOSING

FOOD PROVIDED: HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH

ALONG WITH YOUR BEVERAGES

****STATE LAW PROHIBITS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES****

****ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT****

COST \$5 PER PERSON / \$20 PER FAMILY

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

OF PEOPLE: _____ AMOUNT PAID: _____ VIA: _____



YOUNG MARINES



Marines,

Our Young Marines youth program is in desperate need of your support. The future of this MCL-founded program is in a fire fight to secure funding for its future. This is not a plea for your personal dollars or financial support. In past years Congress authorized and appropriated funding to ensure the Young Marines program was able to provide youth leadership education, development, and drug prevention and resistance education for the next year. In Fiscal Year 2022 (October 2021-September 2022) and FY 2023 (October 2022-September 2023), the Young Marines was cut out of the budget process because of the way the budget was passed, which means that our 57-year-old youth program received no federal funding to continue the mission of “strengthening the lives of America’s youth” for 2023 and 2024.

The Young Marines needs your voices and efforts to secure federal funding to sustain the program for the near future. Please join adult volunteers of this program and community leaders in contacting your Congressional Representatives to ask for their support in ensuring the Young Marines receive the funding again in FY 2024 (October 2023-September 2024) which will impact our national program in 2025. Here’s How you can help your MCL Young Marines Program –

1. You can send an email directly from the Young Marines website to your Congressional Representatives asking for their support in helping the Young Marines continue to positively impact America’s future by providing quality youth leadership and development programs that nurture and develop our youth into responsible citizens who enjoy and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The letter is completely ready to send and includes an opportunity for you to add a personalized message or information, if you desire. Click here to send a message to your representatives directly from the Young Marines website.

2. You can reach out to them directly on your own via email, phone, or USPS. Click here to use the website “Members of the U.S. Congress | Congress.gov | Library of Congress” to get direct contact information

for your representatives not through our website. The righthand column of this page allows you to locate your elected representatives using your location/zip code.

3. Alternatively, you can always visit your local congressional offices. You can use this same website above “Members of the U.S. Congress | Congress.gov | Library of Congress” to find that information. Congressional offices track all calls so the more calls, visits, letters/emails, the more they know the issue is important to their constituents.

This is how we rise above the chatter. While our Young Marines program is not a recruiting source or tool for the Marine Corps or other services, our own data shows nearly 70% of young people who were members of the program have an interest in joining the Armed Services of the United States. Many recent articles have been published by various sources outlining the real challenges the military is having in finding and attracting qualified candidates for enlistment and commissioning. Our nation needs a program like Young Marines to develop good citizens and promote the value of community service and respect for our veterans and military service members.

Again, the ask here is for some of your time to write your elected officials to explain the value of our community-based, nationally recognized youth program, the Young Marines. A few good men created the Young Marines program more than five decades ago in Waterbury, CT. We need the ranks of our MCL New England Division to take action today and help preserve the work which began in 1959 in creating the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League so it may continue for generations to come.

Semper Fidelis,
Bruce Katz
Young Marine Liaison
New England Division
Marine Corps League



Marine For Life Network (M4L) connects transitioning Marines and their family members to education resources, employment opportunities, and other Veterans services that aid in their career and life goals outside of military service. The Marine For Life Network offers Marines and family members connections to military-friendly employment, education, and other Veteran and community resources. <http://www.usmc-mccs.org/services/career/marine-for-life-network/>

Shawn Carboni

New England Division M4L Liaison

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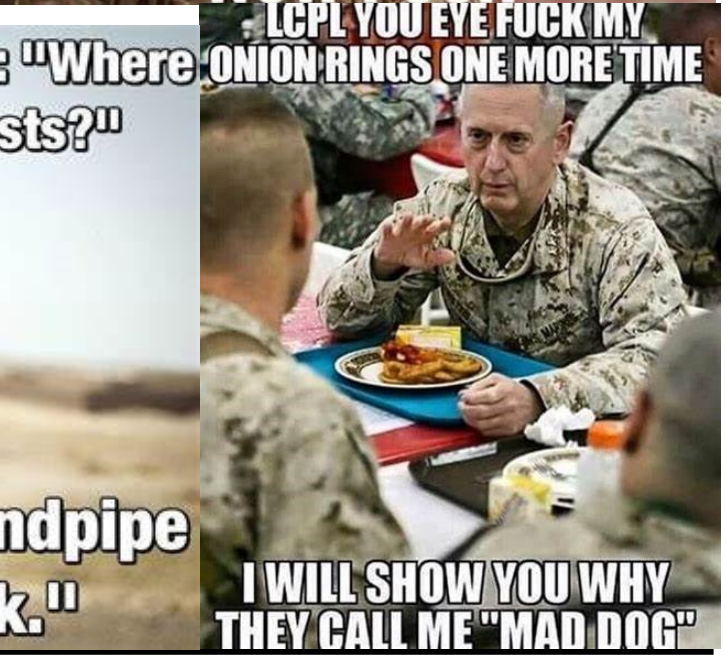
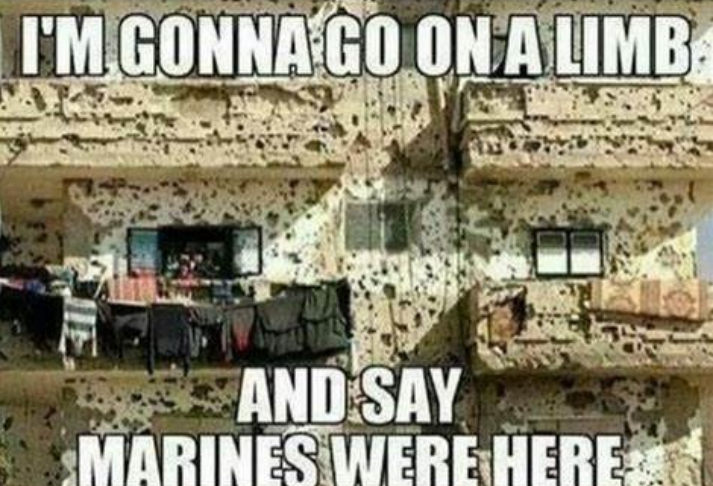
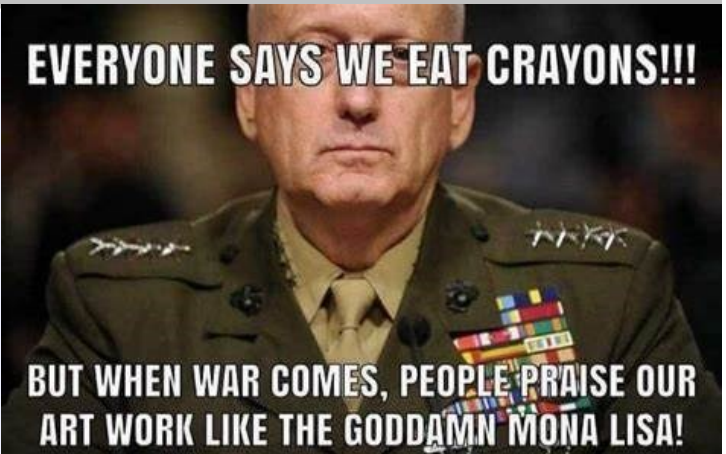
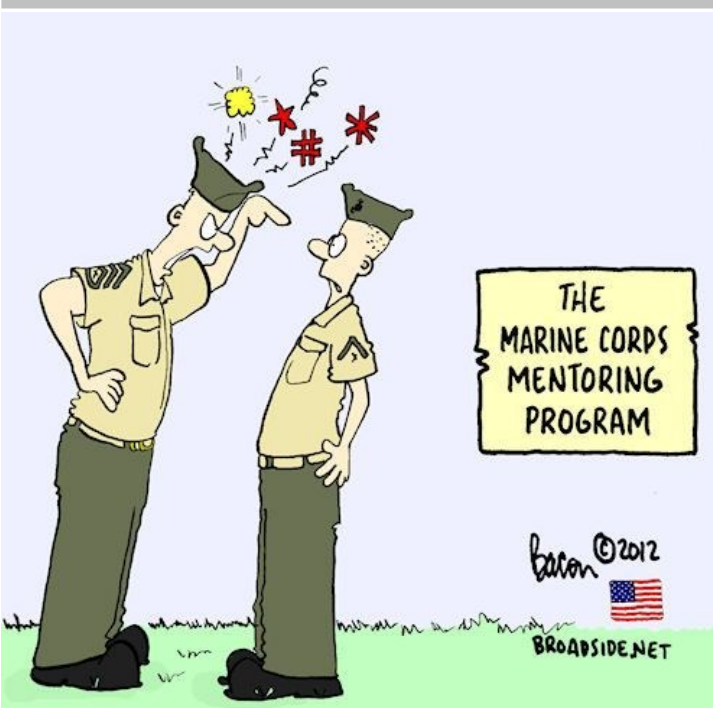
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Benson	Lamont	W.	5	8	05/08/48
Berube	Bernie		5	10	05/10/48
Condon	Richard	L.	5	14	05/14/44
Deschaine	Joseph	R.	5	14	
Galgano, Jr	Peter		5	28	05/28/47
Hermanowski	Maryon		5	30	
Hill	Darryl		5	21	05/21/59
Leskiw	Roman	A.	5	14	
Lynch	John	J.	5	28	05/28/36
Machado	Richard	J.	5	21	
Miller	Michael	D.	5	6	05/06/42
Murphy	Daniel	F.	5	7	05/07/46
O'Rourke	George		5	28	
Pizzuto, Jr.	Michael	S.	5	11	05/11/67
Rinaldini	Orlando	J.	5	2	
Valentukonis	Richard	L.	5	8	
Venditto	Carl	R.	5	9	05/09/32
Walker	John		5	24	05/24/43
Billue	Edward		4	12	04/12/45
Buatti	Albert		4	1	04/01/38
Bulawa	Daniel		4	24	04/24/41
Erickson	Donald	G.	4	21	
Gibbons, Jr.	Joseph	P.	4	17	04/17/44
Guay	Dennis		4	1	04/01/51
Hightower	Randall		4	25	04/25/63
Hubert, Jr.	John	J.	4	1	04/01/62
Kelly	Francis	J.	4	2	04/02/36
Linskey	Bryce	F.	4	18	04/18/63
Lipka	Thomas	J.	4	12	04/12/50
Micucci	Salvatore		4	28	04/06/28
Morin	Joseph	G.	4	24	04/24/46
Plona	Peter	A.	4	22	04/22/64
Schumsky	Victor	A.	4	17	04/17/45
Searle, Jr.	Charles	F.	4	13	
St. Laurent	Andre	J.	4	25	
Wearne, Sr	Richard	E.	4	3	



HUMOR AROUND THE DIVISION





DIVISION RECRUITING



The Marine Corps League is Looking for a Few Good Marines

Spring is here and Convention season is upon us, and this would be an excellent time to re-commit to being active in the League. But what does that really mean? Will you volunteer to do a rose program? How about a parade or Memorial day service? It doesn't have to be all about work, it can be a picnic, or a Family Day. It's all about Marines coming together to socialize, have fun and showing others what The Marine Corps League is all about. I started off talking about it being Convention Season and that is because it is an important time when we mix fun and business as well as offering others an opportunity to show off their talents, as well as recognize others for their efforts. When we go to these conventions we are always asked who are you guys and what are you doing here? It is probably the best opportunity for recruiting new members. People see a group of our size getting together and having fun they sometimes want to be part of it.

I have had the opportunity to attend several events to represent the Marine Corps League, and I am always proud to do so. To stand with pride in our Red Jackets



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as different branches of the service are recognized, or to stand for the hymn gives you a feeling like no other. If you have ever been to an event where they play that medley of the songs for each branch of the service, that branch will stand but when they play the Hymn every Marine is locked at the position of Attention. No One, has more pride, or puts forth more effort, as we reflect on who we are. As Marines we Adapt, Overcome and



Improvise, but I want more. I want to be the reason. The reason that Marines and The Marine Corps League keep growing. The reason that the Marines are the Few and the Proud. The reason that we support our community and each other. The reason we stand and honor our Brothers and Sisters who go to their final post before us. I want to be the reason that The Marine Corps League makes a difference every day. I want to be the reason we are who we are, United States Marines.

Walt Benson

Are You Ready?



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DIVISION SPOTLIGHT

In each Issue I would like to focus on Marines that are bringing their A GAME to the Division and our mission. I would ask that Detachment and Department Commandants, as well as Pack Leaders send in their choices of Members and Dogs who deserve recognition for the work they do and the contributions they make to our success. You should describe their contributions and why they are being recognized , since you know them the best.

Jim Chase, Who are you going to call when you absolutely have to have a Quad State Convention and the first string goes out on Injury? Well in this case it was Jim Chase who stepped out of the shadows and too the helm to get us through this difficult time. It's a lot of work and many things to remember but it seemed to go off without a hitch. All the I's were dotted and the T's were crossed. The food was excellent, the coffee was hot and everything was on schedule. We can't ask for more than that.

Jim was this years recipient of the GySgt. Roland Knapp Award, which was created by PNC Jim Laskey a few years back when he was NVC. The award includes the Iwo Jima Statue as part of the Award, in addition to the framed certificate. Congratulations Jim for the award and thank you for all your efforts for Quad State and all you do for the league.

Semper Fi, Jim Chase

Mike Hinds, Sgt at Arms, New England Division , Jr. Vice Commandant for the Department of Massachusetts, and in August he will be sworn in as our new Assistant National Vice Commandant. What will he bring to our Division? What are you looking for him to bring? From what I know of Mike, he is dedicated, and he cares, with these two traits a person can do some amazing things. He has been in the Division for a while and if he takes his leads from Pat I think we will continue to grow as a Division. I look around at all the other divisions and I do not see them as engaged as we seem to be.

I have always listened to Dave and how he has said repeatedly that The New England Division is a Family and we are. We reach out to one another, we offer help to those who need it. No one walk away and says it's not my job, so new or not we will all be there to make sure everyone succeeds. I have never asked for help and not received it. We have a lot of talent in this Division and Mike is as talented as anyone.

Semper Fi, Mike Hinds



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Marine Corps History



APRIL

3 April 1945: On Okinawa, Marines of the III Amphibious Corps continued to make good progress all along their front, clearing Zampa Misaki and seizing the Katchin Peninsula, thus effectively cutting the island in two. By this date (D+2), III AC elements had reached objectives thought originally to require 11 days to take.

5 April 1947: Five Marine guards were killed and eight wounded when attacked by Communist Chinese raiders near the Hsin Ho ammunition depot in Northern China. This last major clash between Marines of the 1st Marine Division and Communist forces occurred shortly after withdrawal and redeployment plans from China were issued for the 1st Division and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing on 1 April.

10 April 1959: Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn, Jr. was named as one of the original seven Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training. The seven astronauts, all volunteers, were selected by NASA from an initial group of 110 leading military test pilots. Three years later, on 20 February 1962, Col Glenn would become the first American to orbit the Earth.

12-13 April 1918: Marines of the 4th Brigade suffered their first gas attack on the night and early morning hours of 12-13 April when the Germans bombarded the 74th Company, 6th Marines near Verdun with mustard gas. Nine Marine officers and 305 enlisted Marines were gassed and evacuated, and 30 Marines died from the effects of the gas shells which hit in the middle of the reserve area cantonments in which they were sleeping.

15 April 1962: Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War began on Palm Sunday when HMM-362 with its Sikorsky UH-34s arrived at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon. The task unit was called "Shuffly" and its first operational employment involved lifting Vietnamese troops into battle.

18 April 1983: One Marine Security Guard was killed and seven were wounded when a large car bomb exploded just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Lance Corporal Robert McMaugh was standing guard at Post 1, just inside the front entrance when the bomb exploded outside the door. The explosion killed 61 people including 17 Americans. LCpl McMaugh was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 26 April.

21 April 1951: Marine carrier-based airplanes made their first aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines. Captain Philip C. DeLong shot down two YAK fighters and 1st Lieutenant Harold D. Daigh destroyed one more and damaged another in the heavily defended Pyongyang-Chinnampo area. Both pilots were with VMF-312 flying from the USS Bataan.

27 April 1805: First Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon, who with seven other Marines was part of a force of Greeks and Arabs led by American Consul William Eaton, raised the United States

MAY

2 May 1946: Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, under the command of Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner, aided in suppressing the three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay. WO Buckner, a veteran of the Bougainville and Guam campaigns, ably led his force of Marines without suffering a single casualty.

5 May 1983: In Beirut, Lebanon, a UH-1N helicopter carrying the commander of the American peace-keeping force, Colonel James Mead, was hit by machine gun fire. The six Marines aboard escaped injury. Colonel Mead and his crew had taken off in the helicopter to investigate artillery and rocket duels between rival Syrian-backed Druze Moslem militiamen and Christian Phalangists that endangered French members of the multinational force.

8 May 1995: In the wake of the most devastating storm to hit the New Orleans area in more than 200 years, a group of Marines and sailors from Marine Forces Reserve demonstrated the quick response synonymous with the Navy/Marine Corps team. Within 24 hours of being called, Marines assisted in the evacuation of 2,500 civilians, and Navy corpsmen treated scores of flood victims.

10 May 1945: The 22d Marines, 6th Marine Division, executed a pre-dawn attack south across the Asa River Estuary and seized a bridgehead from which to continue the attack toward Naha, the capital of Okinawa.

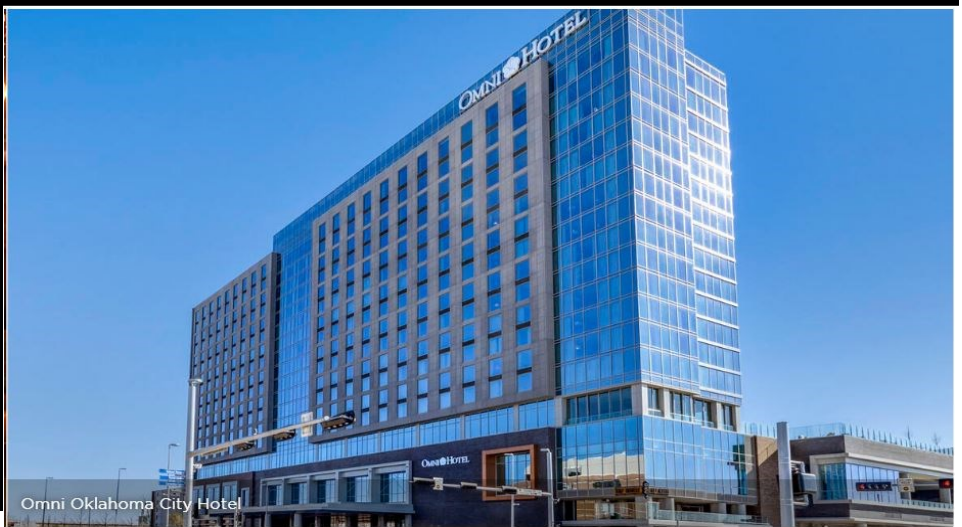
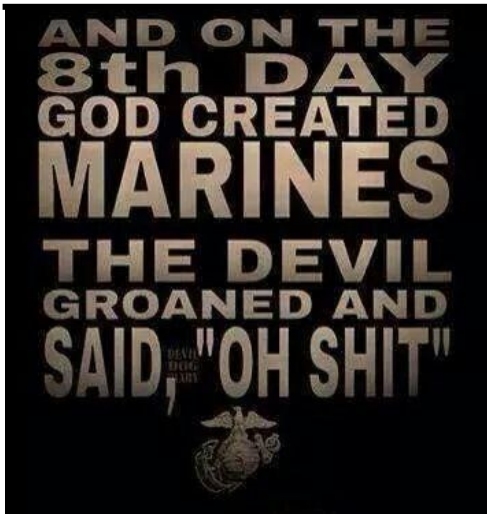
15 May 1862: Corporal John Mackie, the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service in the USS GALENA during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond.

16 May 1945: The 22d and 29th Marines continued the attack against Half Moon Hill, a day characterized by the 6th Marine Division as the "bitterest" of the Okinawa campaign. By the 18th, the famed "Shuri line" had been breached.

22 May 1912: First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham, the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation" by Major General Commandant William P. Biddle, reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, Maryland, and Marine aviation had its official beginning.

23 May 1988: The V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tilt-rotor aircraft, made its debut during rollout ceremonies at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, Texas, facility. More than 1,000 representatives from the military, industry, and media, gathered to hear various speakers, including Gen Alfred Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps, praise the versatile rotor craft designed to meet the needs of 21st Century battlefields.

26 May 1969: Operation Pipestone Canyon began when the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and 3d Battalion, 5th Marines began sweeps in the Dodge City/Go Noi areas southwest of Da Nang. It terminated at the end of June with 610 enemy killed in action



Regardless of the situation, the Marine Corps has an answer for almost everything.

A Marines Prayer

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones, and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family.

Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my Country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer.

Amen

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SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Dept of Maine Commandant Ed Lake is dealing with Pancreatic Cancer. Get well cards would be greatly appreciated.

His address is: Edward Lake, 15 McSheffery Rd, Houlton, ME 04730

Central Maine Marine Armand "Toby" Blais is dealing with a number of medical issues and get well cards would be greatly appreciated.

His address is: Armand "Toby" Blais, 2 Revere St, Lewiston, ME 04240-4313

Herb Drew— Recently suffered a stroke and then pneumonia . He is currently in a Nursing Home

His address is 145 Shady Ln. Colchester VT.05446-0311