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**Next General Membership Meeting
March 24, 2009 at 7 p.m.**

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

This last month has been a busy one for our League and the Leatherneck Club. There was a fantastic Super Bowl Party with tons of good food, plenty of comradeship and lots of TV's to watch the big game. The game was one of the better Championships ... even though some of the spectators were disappointed at the outcome.

We will be having a St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Club all day on March 17th. So come on down and join us for a glass of "Green Beer".

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Deadlines for next issue will be March 20, 2009

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LEATHERNECK CLUB SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

March 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 Ladies Legion Aux – 7p.m.	3 Chicago Meeting— 7 p.m.	4 Booked	5	6	7 Finance Meeting—
8 Booked—2 p.m.	9 Marine Riders—7 p.m. Officers Meeting— 7 p.m.	10 Chips – 7 p.m.	11 Bottle Club—7 p.m.	12 VETS Meeting— 3 p.m.	13	14 Booked - 6 p.m.
15 JWV - 11 a.m.	16	17 St. Patty's Day Celebration	18	19	20	21 Booked—7 p.m.
22	23	24 General Meeting— 7 p.m.	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER - JIMMY GRACH

Congratulations to Frank Damewood, Jr., for winning the AK47. We had a great turn out for Super Bowl. Thanks to Greg for the food preparation and Richard Szyc and his wife for handling the raffle tickets. Well done! The Valentine dinner was great. We had hoped for a better turn out, but thanks to all who did show up and support the Club. St. Patrick's day we will be celebrating with corn beef , cabbage, Irish soda bread and of course "green beer".

For all the people who have been a member for awhile you might remember the Golddig Outings. We will be having a reunion on Sunday, March 8 about 2 p.m. Scott Kruse and Dave Muzerolle will narrate the tapes. Everybody is welcome and you can see our members at their best (ha ... ha).

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MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER - CONT'D.

Still working on the Lobster dinner for May. It will probably be on May 23, Saturday, around 6 p.m. I will have prices published in the April edition of "The Word". Please call ahead for reservations so we can accommodate everyone.

Also, we are having the "Great Smoke Out II" in May. More information will be in the April edition of "The Word".

ANNUAL MARINE CORPS GOLF TOURNAMENT

We are having a four man scramble golf tournament on June 5, 2009 at the Las Vegas International Golf Course ... tee off time is 7:30 a.m. This tournament will sponsor, as usual, the Junior ROTC, Devil Pups and Marines in need.

The price for early sign ups will be \$100 per player or \$400 per foursome. After May 20, 2009 sign up fees will be \$115 per person or \$460 per foursome. Monies must be paid prior to May 20, 2009. This price includes a Tee prize, range balls, two drinks at the Golf course (beer, soda, and water), and lunch after the event at the Leatherneck Club.

We are also in great need of sponsors for this event. Advertising cost for signs at this event will be \$300 per sponsor. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor and supporting our Club let our Club Manager, Jimmy Grach know.

Sign up sheets will be available at the Club as of March 1st (just ask the bartender for the sheet). Sign up sheets will also be available in the April edition of "The Word".

This event is one that you do not want to miss! Invite your family and friends to join you, and us, for a great event for a great cause.

See you on the golf course ...**SEMPER FI.**

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT CONT'D.

We have a new Birthday Ball chairman, Jim Scott. Don Chase resigned after leading the group for seven years. We want to thank you, Don, for your efforts and energy. For this years event the committee voted to return to the Orleans Hotel and Casino. The date will be Saturday, November 14, 2009 ... so mark your calendars! Tickets will go on sale at our General Meeting in July.

Sam's Club had a fundraiser during January for the Home Front Charities which help wounded service men and women, and their families. Phil Cufari, Betty Elinoff, George Scott, Ron Camillo and myself sold hot dogs and hamburgers at Sam's Club on Rainbow and the 215 freeway ... and we raised \$597.00 for this worthy cause.

We celebrated the 66th anniversary of the Women Marines, on February 13th in Childress Hall, with a cake cutting ceremony and a verse from our beloved Marine Corps Hymn. The cake was delicious and beautiful ... thanks Greg.

The UNLV Student Veteran's Organization is moving right along with their fundraising efforts to build a Veteran's Memorial on the UNLV campus. Plans are being made to celebrate the birthday of the founding of the National Marine Corps League on August 4, 2009. If you would be interested in helping to plan the event call me or one of the officers.

The Annual Marine Expo was held at Camp Pendleton on February 4th and 5th. All the vendors that make equipment for the Marines, or would like to provide equipment to the Marines, were their showing their wares. If we had had some of the gear in Vietnam, we could have ruled the night as well as the day.

It is most important that we all get involved in our League, even if it's in a small way. If you have some ideas to make our organization stronger and better, let's hear them.

SEMPER FI,

Capt. Jack

GENERAL MEETING REMINDER

Next General Meeting is March 24th. All associate/regular members are welcome.

MARINE RIDERS OF LAS VEGAS - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3-9 Marine Riders' Monthly Meeting
- 3-12 CDC Meeting
- 3-14 Vagos MC St. Patty's Bash
- 3-14 Sons of Erin St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 3-17 ABATE Meeting @ TBA
- 3-28 VNV MC Hump to Pahrump

For information on upcoming events visit the Marine Riders' website at <http://marineriders.us>.

MESSAGE FROM CHEF'S GREG & GREG, JR.

The all new "Galley Grill" is opened and doing great! Friday nights always bring new specials for our customers to enjoy ... from steak and shrimp to ribs and more. So come join us at the Club and try our specials or perhaps something on our new menu. We have good food at good prices! The "Galley Grill" is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. every-day. Want to have a catered party ... just let us know when.

We want to say thank you to all the members for the support that you have shown us on our new venture!

HISTORIAN'S REQUEST

Does anyone out there have any Obituary cards of members? I am trying to track our MCL deceased members and dates to add to a OBIT book I have started. Even if you do not have the exact dates, maybe you have the month or the year. Just drop the information off at the Club. Thanks for your help. Betty Elinoff, Historian

RENTAL OF CHILDRESS HALL FOR REUNIONS, MEETINGS, ETC.

If you wish to use the space for a party or a meeting place, please contact the club manager, Jimmy Grach, (702)368-1775 or email clubmgr@mcldet186.org for pricing and availability.

OPERATION THANK OUR TROOPS

Operation Thank Our Troops once again is asking for donations. Forty (40) Las Vegas Valley area reserve Marines from 6MT have been activated and will be deployed to Iraq at the end of February. Because the poker run Las Vegas Harley-Davidson, sponsored for Operation Christmas Stocking 2008 was such a huge success, we have money left over we can use for postage to send care items to these 40 Marines ... just to let them know their service and personal sacrifice is appreciated. I am hoping to send each Marine one flat rate package at \$10.95 per month for the seven months of their deployment. If you'd like to write personal notes of encouragement, thanks, or gratitude to these Marines, please feel free to drop them off at the Leatherneck Club. Do not seal the notes in an envelope. Any donations of personal hygiene items or food is appreciated. Because they will be in Iraq during the hottest months, articles such as sun block and bug-spray are really appreciated. No aerosol cans, though. Other suggested donations would be white over-the-ankle socks, deodorant, breath strips, hard candy, gum, beef jerky, Fiber One bars, any granola or breakfast bar, any power bar, trail mix, any kind of nuts, even plastic containers of peanut butter, snack crackers, powdered presweetened drink mixes, powdered Gator-Ade, insoles for combat boots, Icy Hot, foot powder, body lotion, talcum powder, Cruex, small spray bottles, Gold Bond, young men and women's magazines, as there are four women in this unit, women's personal hygiene articles, scented body lotions, shampoos and conditioners, facial cleansers, and even some summer oriented toys such as water balloons and squishy water balls. Remember, these are young men and women, some of whom on their first deployment. All articles can be dropped off at the Leatherneck Club. I will assure that any communication from the unit will be shared with the general membership.

Thanking you on behalf of our deployed troops.

Cheryl Gardner, Life Member, Greater Nevada Detachment of the Marine Corps

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRICE INFORMATION

As of January 1, 2007

Up to and including age 35:	\$400.00
Age 36 up to and including age 50:	\$350.00
Age 51 up to and including age 60:	\$250.00
Age 61 and over:	\$125.00

Consider a life membership on your next renewal date.

The person applying for life membership must be a regular member in good standing for one (1) year prior to application.

National Bylaws Article Six—Members Section 645—Life Members

Any member of the Marine Corps League who is in good standing may become a life member, upon proper payment of the fee, as required herein. A life member shall be subject to the payment of no further dues of a detachment, department, or national, such member shall have all privileges, rights and benefits enjoyed as a member as long as that member shall live.

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATIONS FOR MARCH 2009

<u>MEMBERS #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
176888	Curtis Presley	03/31/09
113393	Malcolm Blue	03/31/09
206602	John Glushko	03/31/09
206692	Tim Quagge	03/31/09
192127	Louis Kahn	03/31/09
205801	Gary Sullivan	03/31/09
134678	Raymond Chillano	03/31/09
104717	Howard Evers	03/31/09
206892	Mark Stevens	03/31/09
192129	Chester Toso	03/31/09
X19888	Heidi Cornelison	03/31/09
X15766	William Moore	03/31/09
128145	Dennis Linscott	03/31/09

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***All renewal dues and new memberships for will now cost \$30. Please consider becoming a life member. Life Membership information is on page 6 and Membership Expirations are on page 7.**



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Name: _____

Street: _____ # _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Phone Number _____

Date of Enlistment/Commissioning: _____

Date of Discharge/Separation/Retire: _____

Type of Application: New () Renewal () Dual () Regular () Associate ()

() I hereby apply for membership in the Greater Nevada Detachment, and enclosure **\$30.00** for one year's membership

() I hereby apply for membership in the Marine Corps League as a Member-At-Large (MAL) and enclose **\$30.00** for one year's membership

***Includes free subscription to MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MAGAZINE**

I hereby certify I have served as a U.S. Marine for more than 90 days, that the character of my service has been honorable, and if discharged, I am in receipt of an honorable discharge. By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of honorable discharge/service upon request.

(Sponsor-where applicable)

Applicant's Signature

Upon completion, turn into your Detachment sponsor with required payment. Applicants for MAL Membership, remit this form with check or money order in the amount of \$30.00 to: Marine Corps League, P.O. Box 3070, Merrifield, VA 22116.