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**Next General Membership Meeting  
May 26, 2009 at 7 p.m.**

## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

Summer is almost here and it is going to be hot. It is important that we make sure our loved ones, and our selves, take the proper precautions to avoid dehydration. No one wants to suffer the ill effects from the extreme heat that we have here in Las Vegas.

During the summer months a vacation is always on the agenda. Remember to make sure that your homes are safe and secure for your return. Make arrangements with someone to pick up your newspapers and get your mail. Let your neighbors know you will be away, ... so they can keep an eye on your home until you return.

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**Deadlines for next issue will be May 22, 2009**

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# LEATHERNECK CLUB SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

## May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Booked 5 p.m.	2 Finance Meeting - Noon Booked 6 p.m.
3	4 Ladies Aux. 7 p.m.	5 Cinco de Mayo Chicago Police 7 p.m.	6 Davis Seminar Noon Bottle Club 7 p.m.	7	8	9 Booked 11 a.m. Davis Seminar 6 p.m.
10 JWV 11 a.m.	11 Office Meeting 7 p.m. Marine Riders 7 p.m.	12 Chips Meeting 7 p.m.	13 Leatherneck Inc. Meeting 10 a.m.	14 NAC Meeting 6 p.m.	15 COMEDY NIGHT 8 p.m.	16 Bottle Club Garage Sale 9 a.m. SMOKE OUT 6 pm
17 Sgt. Major/USMC Noon	18 Booked 7 p.m.	19	20	21	22	23 LOBSTER NIGHT 5 P.M.
24	25	26 General Meeting 7 p.m.	27	28 Tequila Tasting 6 p.m.	29	30 Mem. Day Ball Meeting 11 a.m.
31 JWV 11 a.m.						

### MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER - JIMMY GRACH

May is going to be a busy month for our Club. First, don't forget the "3rd Annual Smoke Out" will be held at the Leatherneck Club on May 16th at 6 p.m. For \$25.00 you get 3 cigars and your choice of 1 well drink, wine or beer. There will also be raffle prizes and hors d'œuvres. (The first 25 people are guaranteed three cigars.) Also, mark your calendars for May 23rd, 5 p.m., we will be hosting "The Lobster Feast". You must sign up for the dinner as no walk-ins will be accepted. You need to remember to call the Club if you can't make it down that night. Dinner will be a 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 pound lobster, clam chowder, corn on the cob and dessert - price is \$30.00 per person; includes, one draft/bottle beer/wine.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER - CONT'D.

The Golf Tournament registration form is below. I need to know how many are going to play by the middle of this month. We also need help with getting sponsors ... so if you know of any sponsors please have them fill out this form or contact the Club. Remember, the fee is \$100 per player; which includes a golf shirt with a MCL logo, two drinks at the golf course, (beer, soda or water), plus lunch and raffle prizes at the Leatherneck Club after the tournament. **Please sign up for this event so we do not have to cancel ... it is for so many worthy causes.**

### GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Date: 5 June 2009  
Time: 7:00 a.m. Shotgun  
Place: Las Vegas National Golf Club  
1911 E. Desert Inn Rd., LV., NV. 89169  
Cost: \$100 per player

#### **Entry fees due no later than June 1, 2009**

- Limited to 144 players
- Early Arrival Recommended

#### **Name/Shirt Size (XXL, XL, L, M, S)**

Captain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **T-BOX SPONSORS**

Tee box signs are available @ \$300 per sign.

Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail payments to: Marine Corps League, 4360 W. Spring Mountain Rd., LV,  
NV. 89102. Phone: 702-368-1775.

**ALL PAYMENTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE:**

**TAX ID# 94-3003623.**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT CONT'D.**

There has been a lot of press about foreclosures, unemployment, economy, and the increasing number of homeless. Many people are just one or two checks away from being homeless. We must be frugal with our finances. The economy and related matters will turn, they always do, but it might take awhile ... so just hang in there.

The kitchen under Greg's control has been exciting to watch grow. It has come a long way from just a few items for lunch. The menu has a wide selection of tasty items and the prices are right. If you haven't had the opportunity to eat at the Club lately, come in and enjoy one of the great selections on the menu. You will be glad you did!

The Nevada State Department of the MCL is holding its annual convention in Reno on May 21st, 22nd and 23rd. The event will be held at the Sands Regency Hotel and Casino ... phone number of the Sands is (775) 348-2200. The rate is \$32.00 for Thursday and \$64.00 for Friday and Saturday. The Club will be renting a 15 passenger bus to make the trip to Reno. Those that chose to ride in the bus will share the price of the gas. We'll leave early Friday morning and return on Sunday. Call me at (702) 399-3209 to save your seat or let the Club know and they will relay the message to me.

There are a lot of things going on at the Club, so feel free to take advantage of the opportunity to have some fun and do some bonding. It is **your** Club.

Jack O'Rourke

## **GENERAL MEETING REMINDER**

Next General Meeting is May 26th. All associate/regular members are welcome.

## **PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR MAILING COST DOWN**

In order to keep mailing costs/printing expenses to a minimum we are asking our members, who have access to a computer, to get "The Word" on-line. Go to <http://www.mcldet186.org/newsletters.cfm> then click on "The Word" Current Issue. If you decide that this will work for you, please email Mary at [editor@mcl186.org](mailto:editor@mcl186.org) so you can be removed from the mailing list. Thanks for your support.

## **MARINE RIDERS OF LAS VEGAS - CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

5/1/09	Marine Riders Cross Country Kick-Off Party
5/2/09	Marine Riders Cross Country - trip start
5/3/09	Ironcrossmen MC MayDaze Run
5/8/09	IOOB MC 2nd Friday Party
5/9/09	IBEW LV 357 - 1st Annual Poker Run
5/11/09	Marine Riders Monthly Meeting
5/14/09	COC Meeting
5/15/09	Nellis Desert Eagles Poker Run
5/16/09	Comedy Night 8 p.m. Leatherneck Club
5/19/09	ABATE Meeting (TBA)
5/23/09	Down and Dirty MC Party
5/30/09	Soldiers for Jesus 6th Annual Holy Thunder Run

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

## **NEW POLICY ON SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS FOR ID CARDS**

The DOD has decided that in an attempt to take a step to prevent identity theft they will change the ID numbers on retirees' and their dependants' ID cards by removing Social Security numbers. Changes to ID cards will occur when the cardholder's expired cards are renewed. If you are a retiree, with an indefinite expiration date, and wish to replace your card with one without the SSN on it, the earliest you may do so is January 2010. For more information go to <http://www.militaryfinancenetwork.com/2009/03/26/dod-remove-ssn-military-id-cards/>

## **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COLOR GUARD ACTIVITY**

We had one function this last month. It was for the Republican Party's annual Abraham Lincoln Dinner at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino. Lubin Espinosa, Mike Lamb, Bruce Russell and Jack O'Rourke participated. It makes my heart sing to be at Present Arms while the National Anthem is being sung.

## **WANTED**

The Club is looking for pictures of the conflicts between Vietnam and Iraq (such as Panama, Grenada, Somalia, Lebanon, etc.). We would like to place them in the display case in the banquet room at the Club. You can drop them off at the Club to my attention. Thanks ... Jim Grach

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

I would like to express my thanks to all the members for their thoughts and prayers while I was hospitalized. Thank you!

A big thank you to the Marine Riders for their appearance at two funerals in Boulder City; one was for James Jett and the other was for Doug Leigh.

Memorial Day is upon us and I hope to see many of the league members in Boulder City.

I will ask that we all remember, in our prayers, the daughter of Col. Earl Rutledge, and the wife of one of our members, as they both have cancer.

I hope that everyone will have a safe and happy summer. If you go on a trip, please get there safely and have a safe return home. I will keep all of you my prayers. Be safe, be happy and enjoy!

Thank you God for all our health, for all our Marines and for all members of the Armed Forces. Keep them safe and out of harms way, but most of all, thank you for your abiding presence that makes every day a day of thanks.

R. Moran  
Chaplain

## **COMEDY NIGHT PRESENTED BY THE MARINE RIDERS**

The Marine Riders are hosting a "Comedy Night" on May 15th, at the Leatherneck Club. There are several comedians joining us to make this a fun, laughter filled evening. It all begins at 8 p.m., so come on down.

## **"SMOKE OUT"**

Join us for the "3rd Annual Smoke Out" at the Leatherneck Club, Saturday, May 16th., at 6 p.m. Please sign up early!

## **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](mailto:clubmgr@mcldet186.org) for pricing and availability.

## **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.

### **DD-214's ARE NOW ONLINE**

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following web site for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's online: <http://www.vetrecs.archives.gov/>

### **VA LAUNCHES NEW WEB SITE**

The Department of Veterans Affairs has launched its new “Returning Veterans” web site to welcome home Veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. This is a social, Veteran-centric web site focusing on their need and questions. To learn more visit the site at <http://www.oefoif.va.gov/>

### **MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATIONS FOR MAY 2009**

<u>MEMBERS #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
192893	Mark Adams	5/31/09
106834	Donald Romano	5/31/09
193016	Sanford Ward	5/31/09

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**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.