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**Next General Membership Meeting  
April 27th at 7 p.m.**

## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

It looks and feels pretty much like winter is now behind us. Daylight savings started last weekend and it doesn't get dark until after 1820... how nice!

Maria Tomao's husband, Craig, was seriously injured in a truck accident in Utah. He is a Boulder City police officer. Maria is our Devil Pup coordinator. The Greater Nevada, Black Mountain and Pahrump MCL's, are sponsoring a fundraiser on Sunday, April 25 2010 to help the Tomao's with some expenses. There will be live entertainment, food, drinks and lots of fellowship. Tickets will be \$10 per person.

Message from the Commandant continued on page 3

**The deadline for next issue will be  
April 23rd, 2010**

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# LEATHERNECK CLUB SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <b>Social Night</b>	3 <b>Finance Meeting Noon Booked</b>
4	5	6 <b>Chicago Police 7 p.m.</b>	7 <b>Bottle Club 7 p.m.</b>	8	9 <b>Social Night</b>	10 <b>Booked</b>
11	12 <b>Officers Meeting 7 p.m. Marine Riders 7 p.m.</b>	13 <b>Chips Meeting 7 p.m.</b>	14 <b>Booked 6 p.m.</b>	15	16 <b>Social Night</b>	17 <b>Booked</b>
18 <b>IWV 11 a.m.</b>	19	20	21	22	23 <b>Social Night</b>	24 <b>Ball Committee Meeting Booked</b>
25 <b>Fundraiser for the Tomao's Noon</b>	26	27 <b>General Meeting 7 p.m.</b>	28	29	30 <b>Social Night</b>	

## ADVERTISING IN THE BIRTHDAY BALL BOOKLET

The Birthday Ball Committee is working hard to ensure this year's ball is as exciting as last year. The date set for the ball is 13 Nov., at The Orleans Hotel & Casino. If you are interested in placing an ad in the booklet that is distributed at the ball every year, please contact any member of the committee: Jim Scott, Jack O'Rourke, Scott Kruse, Marty Essex, Chet Foulke, Cheryl Gardner, Phil Cufari or Rob Ahrens. Prices for an ad range from \$25 to \$100. It's a great way to advertising your business and/or just wish our beloved Corps a happy birthday.

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

American Shooters donated an ST1 2011 45 caliber Pistol with a retail value of \$1,999.95. Raffle tickets will be two for \$10 and there will be other prizes and gifts in a separate raffle.

May looks like it will be a busy month. We will be hosting the Nevada Department State Convention on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Flyers have gone out and are available at the Club. We will have our annual Memorial Day service. at our Iwo Jima statue at Boulder Veteran's Cemetery, on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. We also have three (3) requests for a Color Guard, Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of April, at the Northwest Institute at 5 p.m.; US Senate Debate hosted by Findley Toyota at the Auto Mall, on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of May at 2 p.m.; and Arbor View High School on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May at 6 p.m.

Cage Pennington, one of our charter members, passed away in January, at his home in California. He will be missed. Betty Elinoff had a knee replacement and is having a difficult time with recovery. Rich Moran has been in and out of the hospital, home hospice and a care facility, and is now back home trying to recover. Keep them both in your thoughts and prayers.

Just the other day, I had a long time friend tell me that on the few occasions he has come into the club, he did not feel welcome. It's very important that we personally welcome visitors into our club and make them feel at home and comfortable. That is one way we can help ensure that our League will continue to grow and prosper.

Semper Fi, Jack O'Rourke

## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

The Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) has founded a National Call Center for Homeless Veterans hotline to ensure that homeless Veterans or Veterans at-risk for homelessness have free, 24/7 access to trained counselors. The hotline is intended to assist homeless Veterans and their families, VA Medical Centers, federal, state and local partners, community agencies, service providers and others in the community. To be connected with a trained VA staff member call 1-877-4AID VET (877-424-3838). You can get more information for their website at: <http://www1.va.gov/HOMELESS/NationalCallCenter.asp>

## MESSAGE FROM THE HISTORIAN

I know that this is a chore for many of you ... talking about how and why you chose to enlist in the United States Marine Corps and then giving a little information on what you have done or are doing since. But please won't you, as a member in good standing, help me with our Marine Corps League detachment history? We have forms at the Leathernecks Club ... just ask one of the bartenders the next time you are at the Club for the form. Simply fill it out and return it to the Club.

Remember, if you snap that picture, I would like a copy for the League's "History Book". You can drop a copy off at the Club or call me for a pick-up. Funeral card, obituary notices or any other notification of the loss of one of our fellow Marines, is also appreciated.

Thank you to those who have already contributed and to those yet to come.

Betty Elinoff

## VETS SHOULD FILE PAPERWORK NOW

Tens of thousands of **Vietnam veterans** with **ischemic heart disease**, **Parkinson's disease** or **B cell leukemia** should file claims now with the **Department of Veterans Affairs** for disability compensation, not wait until VA publishes a regulation officially linking these diseases to war-time service.

Advocacy groups are urging the swift filing of claims because veterans eventually found eligible for disability pay for these diseases will be able to receive compensation back to the date their claims were filed. Those who wait for a regulation to add these ailments to VA's list of diseases presumed caused by exposure to Agent Orange and other toxins used in the war could lessen, by several months of compensation, any retroactive pay that they will be due once their claims have been approved. Free help with filing your claim is available through The American Legion.

## UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Have you moved, changed your phone number or email address? If so, we would like you to contact Paul Lightfoot at (702) 448-6186.

## MARINE RIDERS OF LAS VEGAS - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/10/10	4th Annual Run for the Hills
4/12/10	Marine Riders Monthly Meeting
4/17/10	Bandidos 10th Anniversary Party
4/21/10	Laughlin River Run
4/22/10	Laughlin River Run & Day 1 of William, AZ., ride
4/23/10	Laughlin River Run & Day 2 of Williams, AZ., ride
4/24/10	Laughlin River Run, Day 3 of Williams, AZ., ride and A.B.A.T.E. Freedom Ride
4/25/10	Laughlin River Run & Williams, AZ., ride return

For more information on the Marine Riders of Las Vegas go to <http://www.marineriders.us/>

## MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION'S - DELINQUENT

MCL #	Last Name	First Name	Expire Date
226005	CARNEY	JOHN	Jan-10
226007	DESIDERIO	ARNOLD	Jan-10
105714	SMITH	WALLACE	Jan-10
134678	CHILLANO	RAYMOND	Mar-10
214383	FOUGHNER	JOSEPH	Mar-10
192127	KAHN	LOUIS	Mar-10
X15766	MOORE	BILL	Mar-10
214384	PARRY	MATTHEW	Mar-10
192129	TOSO	CHESTER	Mar-10
X014802	UNDERWOOD	PATSY	Mar-10

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

On behalf of the members of “The Greater Nevada Detachment #186 – Marine Corps League - Leatherneck Club”, we would like to say thank you to Bill Candow ... our “**WEB-MASTER**”. If it was not for the efforts of Bill, “The Word” and other important information for our members, would not be published on-line. Bill does an excellent job of keeping our website up-to-date for our members.

Thank you Bill for your time and effort ... it is greatly appreciated!

## **FUNDRAISER FOR CRAIG AND MARIA TOMAO**

Craig and Marie have supported and trained The Devil Pups. Craig is a Boulder City Police Officer who in December was severely injured in a automobile rollover accident in Utah.

**WHEN:** April 25, 2010 Noon - ??????. We will serve hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soda and beer for a \$10.00 Donation. **WHERE:** Leatherneck Club, 4360 W. Spring Mountain Road, Las Vegas, NV 89102.

We will have two types of raffles: Pistol Raffle -2 Tickets For \$10.00 (need not be present to win). Other Raffle Prizes - 6 Tickets For \$5.00—Arms length - \$20.00 (**YOU NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN THESE**).

Raffle Tickets can be purchased at the event or in advance by contacting one of the following: Ron Mosner at 702-260-3317, Richard Horey at 775-537-6374, or Phil Cufari at 702- 243-5953. Make Checks payable to: MODD Pound #176.

If you can't come then consider sending in a donation or purchasing some Raffle tickets.

We will have entertainment: Kuzyn Brucie, DJ; Oldies Music All Day; Celebrity Impersonators and John Encinio & The Full House Band.

### **COME AND SUPPORT THIS GREAT CAUSE!**

This fundraiser is jointly sponsored by Marine Corps League Detachments from Las Vegas, Henderson, Pahrump and the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Pound #176.

## **SPECIAL EXTRA EARNINGS FOR MILITARY SERVICE**

Since 1957, if you had military service earnings for active duty (including active duty for training), you paid Social Security taxes on those earnings. Since 1988, inactive duty service in the Armed Forces reserves (such as weekend drills) has also been covered by Social Security. Under certain circumstances, special extra earnings for your military service from 1957 through 2001 can be credited to your record for Social Security purposes. These extra earnings credits may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit. For more information go to:

[www.ssa.gov/retire2/military .htm](http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm)

## **ANNUAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT THE LEATHERNECK CLUB**

May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> the Annual Convention will be sponsored by the Greater Nevada Marine Corps League Detachment #186. The event will be held at the Leatherneck Club located at 4360 W. Spring Mountain Road, Las Vegas, NV 89102. The phone number for the detachment is 702- 368-1775. You are encouraged to bring your spouse to the dinner.

Room reservations can be made at The Orleans Hotel. Room rates are \$90 for Friday and Saturday night plus tax. The telephone number for The Orleans is 702-365-7111. Request the reservation as a member of the Nevada State Department of the Marine Corps League. Let us know if you need transportation to and from the Leatherneck Club.

Registration will open on Friday, 21 May 2010 at 1300 and ID bracelets will be provided for all attendees. The registration fee is \$5.00. The bracelet will enable you to get drinks at the bar on Friday until 2200 and after dinner on Saturday until 2200.

The Devil Dog Growl will take place in Childress Hall at the Leatherneck Club from 1600-1800 on Friday. For more information on this event contact: Harry Hines, 684 S. Taylor St, Fallon, NV 89406, Phone 775-423-5851, Email [marinedog@charter.net](mailto:marinedog@charter.net).

For more convention details, convention schedule, registration form, advertising rates and order forms go to: <http://www.mcldet186.org/>.

## **BUY STOCK IN THE LEATHERNECKS OF NEVADA, INC.**

Remember, you can become one of "The Owners" and support our MCL detachment by buying stock in the Leathernecks of Nevada, Inc. If you are a shareholder you may run for a seat on the Board of Directors. Deadline is Friday, April 12, 2010. For more information contact Leo Durant at (702) 362-9131 or Phil Cufari at (702) 243-5953.

*The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive how the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation!"*  
**George Washington**

## **WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION'S ASSAY CONTEST**

The Marine Corps Association, in coordination with the Women Marines Association (WMA) is looking for military personnel – active duty, retired, reserve or veterans - and civilians employed by the Department of Defense to enter an educational essay contest ... 1st prize is \$500. The subject must pertain to women in the Marine Corps, and the article should be no longer than 2,000 words. Submission constitutes the author's permission to publish; however, there is no commitment that the winning article will be published

Entries must be received no later than July 15, 2010. E-mail entries to w.ford@mac-<http://www.facebook.com/l/e0e00;marines.org> , or mail them to WMA Essay Contest, Leatherneck Magazine, P. O. Box 1775, Quantico, Va., 22134 Attn: Col Ford. Mailed entries must be in CD/DVD format in MS Word.

WMA will announce the winners in conjunction with the 26th Biennial National Convention and Professional Development Conference to be held in Denver, Colorado, Sept 3 -7. To learn more about WMA visit <http://www.facebook.com/l/e0e00;www.womenmarines.org>

## **DON'T THROW OUT YOUR OLD CELL PHONE**

For those of you who frequent the Leatherneck Club, you may have noticed a box on the floor titled "Cell Phones for Soldiers." This organization has been around for six years now. When you donate your old, used cell phone, Cheryl Gardner turns them in to the organization who in return sends her prepaid calling cards good internationally and in the United States for 60-minutes each. These cards enable returning Marines, sailors, soldiers and airmen who are on their way home to have constant contact with their loved ones on the journey.

For the past four years every Christmas stocking sent to our troops, during Operation Christmas Stocking, has contained at least one of these prepaid calling cards and many cards are sent to chaplains to distribute and to Landstuhl.

Please remember to bring in your used cell phones and donate them to "Cell Phones for Soldiers".

## **GENERAL MEETING REMINDER**

Next General Meeting is April 27th. All associate/regular members are welcome.

## **SUPPORT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION BY ADVERTISING**

To help support the 2010 Department of Nevada Convention, we are asking all of our members to get one business to place an ad in the Convention Program. You can obtain a Convention Program Advertising Form on our website at:  
<http://www.mcldet186.org/>.

All you need to do is print it out and then get one business to purchase the advertising. Be sure to fill out the form and send the completed form, the ad copy and the check for the ad, as indicated on the form.

## **THE VIRTUAL WALL**

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, USA, "The Wall" now has carved into it the names of the 58,260 American military personnel ([eight were women](#)) who were direct casualties of the war, including about 1300 that are still considered Missing In Action (MIA).

When The Wall was built, there were 57,159 names. A few names have been added each year: those where lost records of wartime death were found later or those names of men who died after the war from physical injuries as a result of the war. Each of the branches of the Department of Defense made and continues to make the determinations of eligibility.

The Wall is both partly into the ground, signifying death and mourning, and above ground. The center of The Wall rises above the surrounding terrain as a symbol of life, hope, and resurrection. Although completely open on one side, visitors feel they are walking down, into The Wall. The Wall is both partly into the ground, signifying death and mourning, and above ground. The center of The Wall rises above the surrounding terrain as a symbol of life, hope, and resurrection. Although completely open on one side, visitors feel they are walking down, into The Wall.

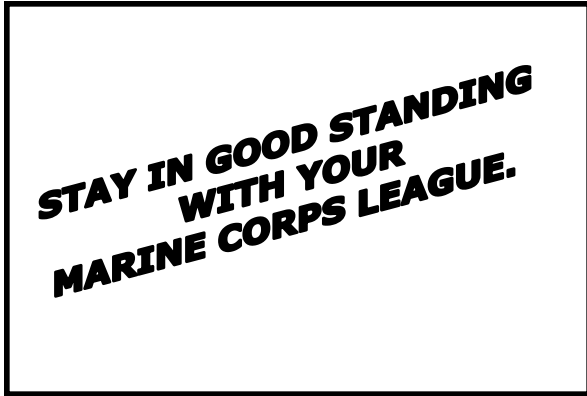
**The Vietnam Veterans Memorial belongs to the people of the United States of America.**

You can get more information on "The Wall" at <http://www.virtualwall.org>.

## MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATIONS FOR APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2010

### APRIL

MCL #	Last Name	First Name	Expire Date
128531	BROOKS	RICHARD	Apr-10
XNEW2	PRESTON	JOHN	Apr-10
177657	BURCH	DENNIS	Apr-10
X19888	CORNELISON	HEIDI	Apr-10
206602	GLUSHKO	JOHN	Apr-10
221523	LUEHMANN	JAMES	Apr-10
206692	QUAGGE	TIM	Apr-10
169813	SANDLER	LESTER	Apr-10
135536	VASSIL	TED	Apr-10
221525	WOOD	BENJAMIN	Apr-10



### JUNE

MCL #	Last Name	First Name	Expire Date
X014713	CORBETT	MICHAEL	Jun-10
186025	YOUNG	BROCK	Jun-10
215877	ANDERSON	SCOTT	Jun-10
228467	JAMES	HOLLY	Jun-10
X24402	REAGAN	JOHN	Jun-10
228468	STOUT	RONALD	Jun-10
228469	VEGA	JAMES (DOC)	Jun-10
228470	VILLAFANE	ROBERT	Jun-10
107399	BYINGTON	RICHARD	Jun-10
299657	ALBERS	GENE	Jun-10
130000	BLACK	ROBERT	Jun-10
143986	CONKLIN	JAMES	Jun-10
207840	DAVILA	OSCAR	Jun-10
193963	FETTERS	JOHN	Jun-10
129993	GEARY	ROBERT	Jun-10
X015072	GRAHAM	BRET	Jun-10
38773	HALICK II	EDWARD	Jun-10
216953	HOKE	ROBERT	Jun-10
149904	KARR	HARRY	Jun-10
193928	KILEY	DOROTHY	Jun-10
178679	LAXTON	CARL	Jun-10
193929	RAPAGLIA	ARIANNE	Jun-10
193951	RAYMOND	LARRY	Jun-10
193950	SALAMONE	MICHAEL	Jun-10
193962	SALAZAR	JIMMY	Jun-10
X20084	SMITH	DAVID	Jun-10
151722	WALLESEN	GARY	Jun-10

### MAY

MCL #	Last Name	First Name	Expire Date
166037	CUNNINGHAM	LAMONTE	May-10
193016	WARD	SANFORD	May-10
215615	TONG	ALLEN	May-10
192893	ADAMS	MARK	May-10
X24286	BEROUD	ANDRE	May-10
X24322	DE WEST	WILLIAM	May-10
X24295	ENGEL	RICHARD	May-10
X24287	FLIPPO	JULIE	May-10
215614	FULLER	CHARLES	May-10
166035	JONES	RANDY	May-10
131518	MC LAUGHLIN	DAVID	May-10
227818	MCCORD	MICHAEL	May-10
159792	MILLER	WILLIAM	May-10
106834	ROMANO	DONALD	May-10
227819	ROSS	JAMES	May-10
227902	SALLABERRY	LOUIS	May-10
27903	SHARETTS	RON	May-10
153450	VIGGIANI	MARY	May-10
X21540	VIGGIANI	LEONARD	May-10
227905	WALTERS	JAMES	May-10
114974	WASHIENKO	MIKE	May-10
X24321	WETTER	ALAN	May-10
227906	WHALEN	MARK	May-10

## **LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRICE INFORMATION**

**As of January 1, 2009**

Up to and including age 35:	\$500.00
Age 36 up to and including age 50:	\$400.00
Age 51 up to and including age 60:	\$300.00
Age 61 and over:	\$150.00

**Application for Life Membership should be made at least 3 months prior to the expiration of your current membership** to ensure that the application makes it through the chain of command to National before your current membership is delinquent. If your membership is delinquent you can pay both the current dues and the life dues at the same time and get a life membership.

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.

## **RENTAL OF CHILDRESS HALL FOR REUNIONS, MEETINGS, ETC.**

Need a place to hold your holiday party, have your wedding/reception, or just hold that monthly meeting? We have that space! For pricing information and availability contact the Club Manager, at (702)368-1775 or email the Club Manager at [clubmgr@mcldet186.org](mailto:clubmgr@mcldet186.org).

## **READ “THE WORD” ON-LINE**

If you have access to a computer visit our web-site at <http://www.mcldet186.org/newsletters.cfm> to view the current or past issues of “The Word”. Then email the editor at [editor@mcldet186.org](mailto:editor@mcldet186.org) , so you can be removed from our mailing list.

**Thank you** to everyone who has agreed to read “The Word” on-line. Our mailing costs have dropped to half of what they were three months ago ... because of your efforts. **Thanks for your support in this endeavor!**

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**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**  
**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouses Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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

Life ( ) Associate Life ( ) See current issue of "The Word" for fees

\*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.