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**Next General Membership Meeting
June 22nd at 7 p.m.**

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

By the time you receive this the Nevada Department of the Marine Corps League will have held its Annual Convention. The convention was hosted by our Detachment at the Leatherneck Club on 21st and 22nd of May. At this writing there are thirty-one people pre-registered and we have no idea how many will show up on Saturday. We changed the schedule around so all the attendees could attend the Rededication Ceremony of the Nevada's State Memorial, for the fallen warriors from Nevada, at the Red Rock Visitors Center.

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**The deadline for next issue will be
June 22, 2010**

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LEATHERNECK CLUB SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Chicago Police 7 p.m.	2 Bottle Club 7 p.m.	3	4 Social Night	5 Finance Meeting Noon Ball Meeting 10 a.m.
6	7	8 Chips Meeting 7 p.m.	9	10	11 Social Night	12
13	14 Officers Meeting 6 p.m. Marine Riders 7 p.m.	15	16	17	18 Social Night	19 Booked
20 JWV 11 a.m. MCL Appreciation Day	21	22 General Meeting 7 p.m.	23	24	25 Social Night Buy/Sell Gold Party	26
27	28	29	30			

MESSAGE FROM BEHIND THE BAR & GALLEY

Thank you to all of our members for your continuous support of our Detachment. We would like to show our gratitude by having a “MCL Members and Guests Appreciation Day”, Sunday June 20th, from 2 p.m. until ??? This day is set aside simply to enjoy the commoradie of our brothers and sisters of our Detachment, as well as to enjoy some of Chef Spiders delicious BBQ. It is our way of saying thanks to our MCL members and their families for all the sacrifices they have made throughout the years to keep our Detachment strong and growing. We hope to see you all there!

There are a couple of other dates to keep in mind as well. June 25th we will be having a “Buy/Sell Party”. Contact Deb or Knuckles for information or to reserve your spot.

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MESSAGE FROM BEHIND THE BAR & GALLEY

Also, the Marine Riders Annual “Toys For Tots” kick-off party will be held July 17th.

Thanks again for your support ! Spider & Giggles

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT CONT'D.

Both Basic and Desert Pines High School held their awards nights last week and the girls made off with most of the top honors at both schools. Those cadets who will join the ranks of new Marines will certainly have an advantage over those recruits who did not participate in a Jr. ROTC program in high school. A congratulations to the staff of both schools is definitely in order.

A small group of us passed out MCL Roses at Sam’s Club a few weeks ago. We raised over \$700. We are going to have a table on four different weekends in the summer however, the locations have not been determined yet. I’d really like to see some new faces step forward and participate.

In the last month, we provided two color guards; a meeting of the Las Vegas Chapter of the Oath Keepers and the Nevada Postmasters. Those who participated were Bruce Russell, Bill Coveny, Rich Z, Amelia Kushneruk, Roger Kruse, Dave McGrath and myself. We did not participate in the HellDorado Day Parade. There just wasn’t enough time to get organized. We will next year.

There will be a service on Memorial Day at our Iwo Jima Memorial, at Boulder Veteran’s Cemetery, on May 31st at 1100. USAF Lt. Randy Yi will be the bugler.

This last week, Tammy Duckworth, the assistant secretary of the Department of Veteran Affairs spoke to our Club. I had the pleasure of introducing her. She was a Major in the Illinois National Guard and was a Blackhawk Chopper pilot. Her aircraft was hit with an RPG and she managed to make a controlled crash landing. She lost both of her legs in the crash. She walked into the meeting and delivered a stirring speech on how America is the best place to live and what we stand for as a nation. She is a true warrior.

See you at our next general meeting on Tuesday, June 22nd.

SEMPER FI,
Jack O’Rourke

VETERANS CHARITIES RATINGS

The American Institute of Philanthropy recently released a report rating various veterans' charities on how well they support the causes they were created to support. We were surprised at some of the ratings in this report; not at others. Before you donate your hard-earned dollars to any charitable organization, check it out to see how much of its revenues actually go to support its charitable purpose, and how much goes to administrative expenses, salaries, and fundraising. You may be surprised! Letter grades were based largely on the charities' fundraising costs and the percentage of money raised that was spent on its charitable activities. Here are the December 2007 veterans charities ratings, by the AIP:

Air Force Aid Society (A+)

American Ex-Prisoners of War Service Foundation (F)

American Veterans Coalition (F)

American Veterans Relief Foundation (F)

AMVETS National Service Foundation (F)

Armed Services YMCA of the USA (A-)

Army Emergency Relief (A+)

Blinded Veterans Association (D)

Coalition to Support America's Heroes (F)

Disabled American Veterans (D)

Disabled Veterans Association (F)

Notice the similarity of the name to Disabled American Veterans

Fisher House Foundation (A+)

Freedom Alliance (F)

Help Hospitalized Veterans/Coalition to Salute America's Heroes (F)

Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund (A+)

Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation (F)

National Military Family Association (A)

National Veterans Services Fund (F)

National Vietnam Veterans Committee (D)

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (A+)

NCOA National Defense Foundation (F)

Paralyzed Veterans of America (F)

Soldiers' Angels (D)

United Spinal Association's Wounded Warrior Project (D)*

* See update on [Wounded Warrior Project](#)

USO (United Service Organization) (C+)

Veterans of Foreign Wars and Foundation (C-)

Veterans of the Vietnam War & the Veterans Coalition (D)

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (D)

VietNow National Headquarters (F)

World War II Veterans Committee (D)

MARINE RIDERS OF LAS VEGAS - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6/06/2010 High Roller Poker Run
6/14/2010 Marine Riders monthly meeting

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

HONOR NEVADA'S FALLEN WITH A WREATH

The veterans cemetery in Fernley, NV, is shown in the link below. Notice the cannon (contributed by Battle Born Detachment of the Marine Corps League), but also notice the wreaths on the grave sites. This is the Wreaths Across America program and takes place every year the second Saturday in December. Starting at noon at Arlington National Cemetery and going west across the nation at 9:00 a.m., here in Nevada wreaths are simultaneously placed on gravesites of our deceased military heroes who are laid to rest in various veteran cemeteries. Northern Nevada, for some unknown reason, has embraced this program and always gets over 4,000 wreaths donated compared to the 2,000 or so donated to the Southern Nevada Veterans cemetery. We have over 24,000 veterans buried here. Each and every one of those gravesites should be honored with a wreath. We need to see that happen.

Wreaths are only \$15 each. You can purchase them from any member of the Battle Born Chapter of the Women Marines Association. I am shamelessly soliciting each and every one of you to buy a wreath (or even more than one). You can do so directly by going to www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org and doing it online, or you can make a check out to Wreaths Across America and send it to me at 3738 Heritage Avenue, Las Vegas, 89121-4425. If you are doing it online, please designate the cemetery as NVSCMB (Southern Nevada Veterans Cemetery) and the sponsoring group ID number is NVWMABB01 (Nevada Women Marines Association Battle Born 1). In any event, please visit the website and see the wonderful photos of Arlington National Cemetery in December.

Thank you so much.

SEMPER FI,

Cheryl Gardner

Area Director, Women Marines Association

Adjutant, Department of Nevada Marine Corps League

THE FEW AND THE PROUD NEED YOUR HELP

When a soldier, airman or sailor dies in conflict, families receive letters from the Army, Air Force or Navy. Not so with a Marine.

Join our cause to change the name of the Department of the Navy to the "Department of the Navy and Marine Corps." So our Marines get the recognition they deserve.

Two bills are in Congress that would accomplish this. The House bill, H.R. 24, is expected to pass. But the Senate bill, S.504, needs your help. It is easy!

Here is what you can do to help:

Write or call your Representative or Senator.
Sign the petition at <http://www.marinecause.com/>
Sign Up for Email Alerts

You'll be in good company. So far, supporters include:

R. Lee Ermey
Marine Corps League
MarineParents.com Inc.
Former Secretary of the Navy Lawrence Garrett
Col. Oliver North
Veterans of Foreign Wars
The Fleet Reserve Association ... many more!

ADVERTISE IN THE BIRTHDAY BALL BOOKLET

Don't forget the date set for the Birthday Ball is Nov. 13th, 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 advertise your business and/or just wish our beloved Corps a happy birthday.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Have you moved, changed your phone number or email address? Contact Paul Lightfoot at (702) 448-6186, so he can update your information.

MILITARY AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEE DISCOUNTS

All these businesses offer military discounts; all you have to do is ask.

RESTAURANTS

Arby's
A&W
Back Yard Burgers
Burger King
Captain D's
Chick-Fil-A
Cotton Patch
Denny's
Dunkin' Donuts
IHOP
(20 percent discount with military identification)
Java Cafe
KFC
Long John Silver
Pancho's Mexican Buffet
Pizza Hut
Quizno's
Sizzler
Sonic
Taco Bell
Whataburger

SERVICES

AT&T
California Cryobank
Geico
Jiffy Lube
Meineke
Sears Portrait Studio

Travel and Leisure

Blockbuster
Movie theaters
Ripley's attractions and museums
Professional Sports Teams

Products

Apple Computers
AutoZone
Barnhill's
Bass Pro Shop
Bath and Body Works
Big 10 Tires
The Buckle
Champs Sports
Copeland's Sports
Dell
The Discovery Channel Store
Dress Barn
The Finish Line
Foot Action
Footlocker
Gadzooks
GNC
Goody's
Great Party
Happy Harry's
Hot Topic
Jockey
Lerner
Michael's
NAPA Auto Parts
New York & Company
Pac Sun
Payless Shoes
Play It Again Sports
Pure Beauty
Quizno's
Sally Beauty Supply
Spencer's Gifts

Products

Suncoast
Timberland Outlets
Wilson's Leather

CELL PHONE SERVICE DISCOUNT

All Federal employees are able to get a 15% discount on their personal cell phones by calling their carrier and mentioning the "Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 - Discount to Federal Employees Past and Present."

Cingular - 800-319-6393
Sprint - 877-812-1223
T-Mobile - 866-646-4688
Nextel - 800-639-6111
Verizon - 800-865-1825

You will need to know the military member's supervisor's name, phone number, and full address, so that his/her military status can be verified

DISCOUNTED EYE EXAMS FOR VETERANS

On Monday, May 31st, in honor of Memorial Day, eye doctor David Yesnick would like to thank all Veterans for their dedication and commitment to our country with a one time offer. All veterans will receive professional eye care for \$18, on May 31st only. That is a savings of over 80%. This one time offer is exclusively for Veterans. Valid ID required. Please call (702) 966-2020 today to schedule your priority visit. This is strictly first come, first served and will fill up very quickly!! No insurance accepted ... cash pay only. Not combinable with other offers. Does not include spectacle frames, lenses, contact lenses, or sunglasses. The office address is 10198 W. Flamingo, Las Vegas, NV. For more information visit the website at <http://www.theyvc.com/>.

KNUCKLEHEAD IS OFF TO RENO

The members of the Leatherneck Club would like to congratulate Greg, Jr., a.k.a. Knucklehead, on being accepted to the Nevada Boys State. Greg will be leaving on June 13th for Reno ... so if you see him at the Club give him a high five!

SELL YOUR PRODUCTS AT THE LEATHERNECK CLUB

On July 25th the Club will be hosting a "Buy/Sell Party". If you are in the business of selling products, like Tupperware, jewelry, etc., contact the Club to save your spot to set-up and sell.

There will also be a table where you can bring in your unwanted Gold and sell it for a fair price. Most of us have at least one piece of gold jewelry lying around: A ring from an old flame, a pendant from your Aunt Mary or a broken chain you've been meaning to fix for years. So gather up all your gold items, all your friends, and head on down to the Club for an evening of fun. We all know we love a good party!

ADVERTISING ON THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE'S WEB-SITE

If you would like to advertise on the Marine Corps League's web-site contact Rick Reynolds at (702) 633-7577 for more information

DON'T THROW OUT YOUR OLD CELL PHONE

Please remember to bring in your used cell phones and donate them to "Cell Phones for Soldiers". When you donate your old, used cell phone, they provide prepaid calling cards for our soldiers. A box marked "Cell Phones for Soldiers" is located at the Leatherneck Club.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Fellow Marines: On the 10th of May I received a phone call from Mrs. John Wisniewski informing me that John had been hospitalized, diagnosed with pneumonia. During the course of these tests, doctors found a spot on his lungs that proved to be cancerous. At this time, it has not yet been determined what form of treatment will be used.

I visited with John and his family in the hospital and found him to be in great spirits. He has since been released from the hospital and is recuperating at home. John has that great Marine Corps attitude, "he will overcome the problem".

If any of you would like to call John, his home number is 263-7539.

John, please know that the thoughts and prayers of everyone in this detachment are with you.

God Bless You all!
Semper Fi,
Chaplain, David McGrath

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION'S - DELINQUENT

MCL #	Last Name	First Name	Exp.Date
214383	FOUGHNER	JOSEPH	Mar-10
192127	KAHN	LOUIS	Mar-10
X15766	MOORE	BILL	Mar-10
192129	TOSO	CHESTER	Mar-10
X014802	UNDERWOOD	PATSY	Mar-10
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
177655	HELLYER	JOHN	Apr-10
105585	JACKSON	WILLIAM	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

MCL #	Last Name	First Name	Exp.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
215616	FORREST	CORLISS	May-10
166035	JONES	RANDY	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
138563	SANSON	STEVE	May-10
27903	SHARETTS	RON	May-10
227905	WALTERS	JAMES	May-10
114974	WASHIENKO	MIKE	May-10
227906	WHALEN	MARK	May-10

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATIONS FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2010

JUNE

JULY AND AUGUST

MCL #	Last Name	First Name	Exp.Date
X014713	CORBETT	MICHAEL	Jun-10
186025	YOUNG	BROCK	Jun-10
215877	ANDERSON	SCOTT	Jun-10
228471	BAILEY	A. GLENN	Jun-10
228472	BLOMGREN	LEONARD	Jun-10
228473	CLARK	JEFF	Jun-10
228467	JAMES	HOLLY	Jun-10
X24402	REAGAN	JOHN	Jun-10
228468	STOUT	RONALD	Jun-10
228469	VEGA	JAMES	Jun-10
228470	VILLAFANE	ROBERT	Jun-10
228474	WOOL-	DON	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
193950	SALAMONE	MICHAEL	Jun-10
193962	SALAZAR	JIMMY	Jun-10
X20084	SMITH	DAVID	Jun-10
151722	WALLESEN	GARY	Jun-10

MCL #	Last Name	First Name	Exp.Date
150736	COPEN-HAVER	GARY	Jul-10
X07569	HADSEL	DONALD	Jul-10
144320	LEE	JERRY	Jul-10
X009225	MC ELROY	BARBARA	Jul-10
007924	OTT	ROBERT	Jul-10
187108	TURCO	JOHN	Jul-10
187140	WOLF	ROBERT	Jul-10
229706	GARRIGAN	MICHAEL	Aug-10
229158	GILLETT	KEN	Aug-10
229159	GRAEFF	VINCENT	Aug-10
229160	HOOKER	MATTHEW	Aug-10
145081	ROBINSON	CLIFFORD	Aug-10
229170	SKWORZEC	WESLEY	Aug-10
215578	MARTINEZ	CHRIS	Aug-10
223329	BERGMAN	TOM	Aug-10
130916	BORTKO	WALTER	Aug-10
078512	BRAZIL	DENNIS	Aug-10
179665	BYLUND	MARK	Aug-10
X19741	CZECH	ROCHELLE	Aug-10
223380	FUQUA	NORMAN	Aug-10
130913	GARRISON	JAMES	Aug-10
209346	HORSLEY	DELBERT	Aug-10
223328	MILTON	ROGER	Aug-10
030955	RUSSELL	TEDDY	Aug-10
144591	SOUSA	BERT	Aug-10
172824	STEELE	JOSEPH	Aug-10

**STAY IN GOOD STANDING
WITH YOUR
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE.**

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.

READ “THE WORD” ON-LINE

You may have noticed that “The Word” now has four pages more of information for our members? That is because most of you are reading it on-line. Your efforts have cut our mailing cost by 60%; allowing us to publish more for our readers. 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 , so you can be removed from our mailing list.

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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

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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.