



GatorDet Officers

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- **Veteran Service Officer** Bob Wright
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2015 ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Gator Nationals / 12-15 March / TH 12 is 7-4:00, FR 13 is 7-8:00, SA 14 is 7-6:00 and SU 15 is 7-5:00.



Garage Sale / 21 March / Another sale is to be held at the Alachua Storage Facility (just south of the Progress Park on 441) starting at 5:30 for set up until about 2:00. This is one our big fundraisers so please help by spending as much time at the sale as you can.

MCL SE Division Conference / 26-29 March / Altamonte Springs FL — See their website for details.

Alachua Spring Street Festival / 19 April / MCL Tent set up begins at 9:00. Come out and enjoy a great festival.

Hot Rods for Heroes / 25 April / MCL Tent set up begins at 8:00.

High Springs Pioneer Days is the same weekend as Hot Rods for Heroes so we will not participate this year.

Relay for Life American Cancer Society Walk / 8 May / Our Gator Detachment will have a team in this event at High Springs Civic Center (441 north of the High Springs red light) at 6 PM—Midnight. [See page 2 for more information] Bring a check made out to **American Cancer Society** to the March or April meeting, or go online now to contribute to the Marine Corps League Team: www.relayforlife.org/alachuafl



2015 MEETINGS EVENTS

MARCH

12-15 Gator Nationals
17 MCL Staff Meeting
21 MCL Garage Sale
24 MCL Regular Meeting
26-29 SE DIV Conference
28 MLYM Breakfast

APRIL

19 Alachua Spring Festival
21 MCL Staff Meeting
25 Hot Rods for Heroes
25 MLYM Breakfast
28 MCL Regular Meeting

MAY

8 Cancer Relay for Life
19 MCL Staff Meeting
23 MLYM Breakfast
25 Memorial Day
26 MCL Regular Meeting

Gator 990 Detachment Information

ELECTIONS

The following were elected at our February meeting and will be posted at our March meeting.

COMMANDANT Jim Yakubsin
SR VICE COMMANDANT Vernon Kisling
JR VICE COMMANDANT Bob Gasche
JUDGE ADVOCATE John Murdoch

MCL Department of Florida SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Tickets are now on sale for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00
Drawing will be held in June at the MCL State Convention

RELAY FOR LIFE

This is a new community service project for us. Your donated money helps cancer patients right here in our local community. It was chosen for our support because cancer affects so many families in our community. Please go online [www.relayforlife.org/alachuaf1 click DONATE / DONATE TO TEAM / MARINE CORPS LEAGUE team] and contribute whatever you can or contribute at our meetings with a check made out to the American Cancer Society and we will get your donation to the Relay for Life project. We will also need team walkers on 8 May (6:00—Midnight / we take turns walking so you don't walk the entire time).

*** New Division 2 Vice Commandant ***

John Murdoch is the new Division 2 Vice Commandant replacing Scott DuPree.

Commandant's Message:

Get involved with our many upcoming activities and services. We are also trying to provide opportunities for sharing the work load of the Detachment Officers. There is more to belonging than just coming to meetings. I encourage our members to do what they can to help the Detachment fulfill its obligations and to be more active. Semper Fi, Jim Yakubsin

Judge Advocate's Message. When I submitted our bylaws to the Department of Florida Judge Advocate for approval of the correction of a typographical error in the wording of our bylaws, he reinded me that the requirements as to who is eligible for membership in the MCL have changed since we had our current version of our bylaws approved. I have made changes I believe will comply with the new requirements for regular membership in the MCL. The revised bylaws will be presented at our March 24, 2015 meeting. I am hoping that we can approve the changes to our bylaws at this time and I then can get the approval from the Department Judge Advocate as soon as possible. Semper Fi, John Murdoch

Marine Corps History

MARCH

Viet Nam 50th Anniversary / 8 March / After some ten years of U.S. military advisor support, the first combat troops landed in Viet Nam on 8 March 1965 when Marines of the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB, later renamed the III Marine Amphibious Force) landed at Da Nang to secure the airfield base. The Marine force in I Corps grew to a full reinforced Division / Wing Marine Amphibious Force of 25,000 during the summer of 1965. SE Asia Conflict statistics: KIA 13,073 & WIA 88,633. [Semper Fidelis: The History of the United States Marine Corps. Allan R. Millett. 1991]

31 March 1801 / Lt Col Commandant William Burrows rode with President Thomas Jefferson to look for a proper place to locate the Marine Barracks. They chose a square in SE Washington because it was near the Navy Yard and within easy marching distance of the Capitol.

13 March 1943 / The first group of Women Marine officer candidates arrived at the U.S. Midshipmen School (Women's Reserve) at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass. The Navy's willingness to share training facilities enabled the Marine Corps to begin training Marine Corps Women's Reserve officers one month after the creation of the MCWR was announced.

25 March 1945 / After 35 days of fighting, the assault on Iwo Jima appeared to be over, but on the night of the 25th, a 300 man Japanese force launched a final counterattack. Marines fought until morning with heavy casualties, killing nearly all of the Japanese attackers.

27 March 1953 / The 5th and 7th Marines regained enemy held positions that had been lost to a Chinese assault at Outpost Vegas on Korea's western front.

8 March 1965 / Combat Marine units enter Viet Nam - See above.

17 March 1967 / First woman Marine reported to Vietnam for duty—Master Sergeant Barbara Dulinsky. MSgt. Dulinsky and the other officer and enlisted Women Marines that followed were assigned to the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) based in Saigon.

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NEW MCL DETACHMENT WEBSITE & EMAIL SYSTEM

When you go to our website you will automatically be sent to our new Wild Apricot site. **Please keep Sandy informed of any changes to your membership information** so that we can keep this new roster up to date at all times.



GatorDet Regular Meeting

**First United
Methodist Church
14805 NW 140 St.
ALACHUA**

MARCH 24

**6:00
Social & Supper
7:00
Meeting**

**Dinner will be
lasagna -
bring side dishes.**

**Positions
Still Needed**

**Color Guard
Alternates**

**Memorial Bricks
Assistance**

**Boy Scout Council
Liaison**



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MCL Mission Statement

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps.

Banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy.

Voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.



Founded in 1923 by Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune (13th Commandant, 1920-29), the Marine Corps League is the only federally chartered (1937) Marine Corps related veterans organization in the United States.

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