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# GATOR ALMAR

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## Marine Corps Birthday Ball 2014

**Happy Holidays and All The Best for the New Year**



## Marine Corps Birthday Ball A Great Success

This year we honored the Korean War Veterans as a special tribute in addition to the usual Birthday Ball ceremonies.

**Happy Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year**



## 2014 MEETINGS—EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- 8 MC BIRTHDAY BALL
- 11 Veterans Day
- 18 MCL Staff Meeting
- 25 MCL Regular Meeting

### DECEMBER

- 13 Alachua Cmas Parade
- 17 MCL Social
- NO Meeting

## 2015 MEETINGS EVENTS

### JANUARY 2015

- 20 MCL Staff Meeting
- 27 MCL Regular Meeting

## Gator 990 Detachment Information

### DECEMBER SOCIAL

Our DECEMBER 17 social will be held at Gator's Dockside (3842 Newberry Road next to the movie theaters) at 5:30. This is a Wednesday evening and will be in honor of Bob Gasche's 90th birthday (it is the actual day). Hope to see you there to honor Bob.



### 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.

**Our November meeting dinner will be Fried Chicken - bring side dishes.**

Semper Fi, Jim Yakubsin

**EAGLE SCOUT LIAISON.** We have decided to join with many other MCL Detachments and support the Boy Scout Eagle program. We need a liaison for this program.

**NEWSLETTER ADS AND SPONSORSHIPS.** We are looking for assistance in covering the costs of the Gator ALMAR by accepting ads (business card size, quarter page size, or half page size). Also, if anyone would like to donate a sponsorship to help support the Gator ALMAR please let one of the Detachment Officers know.

## Marine Corps History

### NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

**10 November 1921** First formal commemoration of the Marine Corps birthday. Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47 summarizing the history, mission and tradition of the Marine Corps and directed that it be read each 10 November to celebrate the beginning of the Marine Corps on 10 November 1775.



**7 December 1941** On a peaceful Sunday Morning on the island of Oahu in Hawaii, the United States was thrust into the war that they were trying to avoid. At just before 8:00 AM nearly 200 Japanese planes attacked the Airfields at Pearl Harbor followed quickly by another wave of torpedo bombers that attacked the ships that were anchored there. A total of nine ships were sunk, including the USS Arizona, and 21 ships were severely damaged. Over 2,300 Americans were killed in the attack and nearly 1,200 were injured. (Photo: USS Arizona / AP)



**15 December 1948** The Secretary of the Navy signed a "Memorandum of Agreement" with the State Department which laid the basis for the modern Marine Security Guard program at U.S. embassies throughout the world.



### MARINE CORPS LEAGUE END OF THE YEAR INFORMATION

**No December meeting**

**January meeting is 27 January**

### DECEMBER EVENTS

**Alachua Christmas Parade** is 13 December [meet at noon in Walgreen parking lot / parade is 2-3:00 on Main Street]

**Bob Gasche's 90th birthday social** is 17 December [Gator's Dockside 5:30]

### NEW MCL DETACHMENT WEBSITE & EMAIL SYSTEM

We have purchased a new program to handle our Detachment operations and hope to have it operational in January 2015.



### GatorDet Regular Meeting

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

### NOVEMBER 25

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

**Positions  
Still Needed**

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**Color Guard  
Alternates**

**Memorial Bricks  
Assistance**

**Boy Scout Council  
Liaison**

**Marine Corps League****Semper Fidelis****Esprit de Corps**

[www.GatorDet.com](http://www.GatorDet.com)

**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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