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2015 ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Flag Day Ceremonies / 13 June (Flag Day is 14 June) / VFW Post on Waldo Road. Ceremonies start at 10:00.

MCL State Annual Convention / 18-21 June / Altamonte Springs.

Milton Lewis Young Marine Breakfast / 27 June / VFW Post on Waldo Road starts at 9:00.

Independence Day / 4 July / Our MCL Gator Detachment Color Guard will be at the Micanopy parade which starts at 11:00.

Milton Lewis Young Marine Breakfast / 25 July / VFW Post on Waldo Road starts at 9:00.





2015 MEETINGS EVENTS

JUNE

- 14 Flag Day
- 16 MCL Staff Meeting
- 18-21 MCL State Annual Convention
- 23 MCL Regular Meeting
- 27 MLYM Breakfast

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 21 MCL Staff Meeting
- 25 MLYM Breakfast
- 28 MCL Regular Meeting

AUGUST

- 18 MCL Staff Meeting
- 22 MLYM Breakfast
- 25 MCL Regular Meeting

Gator 990 Detachment Information

MCL Department of Florida SCHOLARSHIP FUND
ALL TICKETS WERE SOLD - THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED

STAND DOWN 2015

This event is not until 11 September but we want everyone to know that we voted to provide \$1,500 to buy food for the homeless veterans at this event. Hitchcock's has now matched our contributions, so we will have \$3,000 for this event, as well as some donated food beyond what we buy. This is a great event that provides many services for the veterans. More on this later when it gets closer to the date. (This event is held at the Martin Luther King Center at Waldo Road & 8th Avenue—behind Citizens Field—7:00-2:00)

Service Hours / Activities

During January - March we provided 117 service hours. This included AL Post 16 open house, Veterans Court graduation, Mike Harrell funeral, Gator Nationals, Ben Cunard funeral, Waldo Elementary School flag replacement, Garage sale and VA visits.

In April - June we provided 140 service hours. This included the Alachua Spring Festival, Hot Rods For Heroes, Relay for Life Cancer Walk, War Dog memorial service (our Color Guard), Dwayne Dewey Award, Gainesville High School ROTC award, Hague Dedication, a garage sale work day, Memorial Day and Flag Day. In addition, Bob Wright provides visits to the VA each month.

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



MCL Annual Department of State Convention will be held at Altamonte Springs on 18 - 21 June.



Welcome to our NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER - **PAUL CLENDENIN**

Marine Corps History

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] WE WILL BE HONORING VIET NAM VETERANS AT OUR 2015 MC BIRTHDAY BALL IN NOVEMBER.



JUNE

10 June 1898 First Marine Battalion landed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and raised the U.S. flag there the next day.

26 June 1918 Fourth Marine Brigade took Belleau Wood after 20 days of combat and over 4,000 casualties.

15 June 1944 The 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions established a beachhead on the west coast of Saipan, Marianas Islands.

25 June 1950 North Korea's army crossed the 38th parallel and invaded the Republic of Korea. President Truman authorized the use of U.S. troops in Korea on 30 June and two days later General MacArthur requested a Marine regimental combat team deployment to Korea.

25 June 1966 The 2nd Battalion 1st Marines and 4th Marines surrounded the North Vietnamese 812th Battalion in Operation Jay near Hue.

8 June 1995 Marine tactical recovery team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit rescued a downed USAF pilot from Bosnian-Serb territory in Bosnia.



HELP NEEDED - TIME TO GET INVOLVED

We now have Martha Brown as ADJUTANT - PAYMASTER to replace Sandy. This is an important position and we thank Sandy for her work in this position.

We still need alternatives for the Color Guard, assistance with the Memorial Bricks, and an Eagle Scout Council liaison.



GatorDet Regular Meeting

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

JUNE 23

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

**Dinner will be
ROAST BEEF
SANDWICHES
bring side dishes.**

**Positions
Still Needed**

**Color Guard
Alternates**

**Memorial Bricks
Assistance**

**Eagle 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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