



GATOR ALMAR

JULY - AUGUST 2016

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- **Sr. Vice Commandant**
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- **Jr. Vice Commandant**
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- **Quartermaster**
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- **Veteran Service Officer** Bob Wright
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- **Librarian**
Bob Gasche
- **Social Director**
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 OR THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY (MEMBERS)

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2016 MEETINGS & EVENTS

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 19 MCL Staff Meeting
- 23 MLYM Breakfast
- 26 MCL Regular Meeting

AUGUST

- 7-12 National Convention
- 16 MCL Staff Meeting
- 23 MCL Regular Meeting
- 27 MLYM Breakfast
- 27 MCL Garage Sale

SEPTEMBER

- 16 Stand Down
- 16 MIA-POW Day
- 20 MCL Staff Meeting
- 24 MLYM Breakfast
- 27 MCL Regular Meeting

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

- 5 MC Bday Ball
- 15 MCL Staff Meeting
- 22 MCL Regular Meeting
- 26 MLYM Breakfast

DECEMBER

NO MEETINGS

Gator 990 Detachment Activities

Harold Pyne (Regular) and Ryan Lowry (Associate) are our NEW MEMBERS sworn in at our June Meeting. Welcome aboard Harold and Ryan.

GARAGE SALE will take place 27 AUGUST.

STAND DOWN will take place 16 SEPTEMBER.

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL is progressing nicely. Tickets are now available on our Detachment website. Believe it or not, seating space is filling up so do not hesitate to get your tickets.

JUNE AND JULY EVENTS. Despite what was said in the last newsletter, these were active months for the Detachment. Bob Gasche jumped out of a plane to support Combat Wounded Coalition; there was a Flag Day ceremony at the VFW Post; our Color Guard participated in the Micanopy Independence Day parade; various members gave presentations to groups throughout Gainesville, AND

*****Bob Gasche was the MC Commandant's honored guest at the Sunset Parade at the Iwo Jima Memorial on 12 July. (We are working on getting some photos of the event)*****

Commandant's Message:

WE STILL NEED members to get involved with our activities and services. In particular, see the open positions on page 3. I encourage our members to do what they can to help the Detachment fulfill its obligations and to be more active. And a big thank you to those members who have been helping.

If you perform any **SERVICES** on behalf of the Detachment, please let our Sr. Vice Commandant know so that we can keep up our record of service hours.

If you have any changes in your **CONTACT INFORMATION**, please let our Adjutant know so we can maintain our membership database.

Your Commandant, Semper Fi

Gator 990 Detachment Information



EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION CEREMONY
planned for our July meeting has been postponed
until our AUGUST meeting.

SERVICE HOURS:

January - June 2016 / 615 hours
(compared with 363 hours for January—June 2015)

Gator 990 Detachment Positions Needed

- Color Guard Alternates (contact Dave Nettles)
- Memorial Bricks Assistance (contact Jim Yakubsin)
- Eagle Scout Council Liaison (contact Scott DuPree)
- Veterans Court Mentors (contact Jim Yakubsin)

DUES INFORMATION

Since 2014 our dues have been \$40 for renewals and \$45 for new members (Regular and Associate). This was done to cover increased dues at the National and State level.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP fees are: 0-35 \$500, 36-40 \$400, 41-50 \$400
51-64 \$300, and 65+ \$200 [Applies to both Regular & Associate Members]



**GatorDet
Regular Meeting**

First United
Methodist Church
14805 NW 140 St.
ALACHUA

JULY 26
AUGUST 23

6:00
Social & Supper

7:00
Meeting

Dinner will be
BEEF STROGANOFF

Side Dishes
are needed.

History & General Information

Marine Corps History - JULY



Marine Corps Establishment Becomes Law 11 July 1798 / President John Adams approves “An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps”. The following day William Ward Burrows was appointed Commandant and in August Major Burrows opened his headquarters in Philadelphia, which was still the capital at that time.

[The Continental Navy and Marines established in 1775 were disbanded at the end of the Revolutionary War and the Marine Corps was re-established in 1798. The Marine Corps celebrates its Original Birthday, 10 November 1775.]

28 July 1918 / Brigadier General John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2nd Division, U.S. Army in France. He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command.

26 July 1947 / National Security Act of 1947 reaffirmed the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy. The Act provided for Fleet Marine Forces and confirmed the Marine Corps mission of seizing and defending advanced bases and of land operations incident to naval campaigns.

Milton Lewis Young Marines

Cary Hill, Commanding Officer

Jamie Hill, Executive Officer

Col. William Davis USMC (Ret.), National Executive Director / CEO

www.YoungMarines.com / www.MiltonLewisYoungMarines.com

Young Marines are recruiting new recruits age 8—18. They meet every 2nd and 4th Saturday at the VFW Post on Waldo Road. Contact Dick Lester for further information.

The Young Marines will be on a field trip to Camp Lanier at Cumming, Georgia during 24—29 JULY.

MILTON LEWIS YOUNG MARINES
NATIONAL UNIT OF THE YEAR 2009
“Strengthening the Lives of America’s Youth”
Pursuing excellence through Honor, Courage and Commitment
Southeast Division Unit of the Year 2008 First Florida Regiment Unit of the Year 2006 & 2008

The award banner features the Milton Lewis Young Marines logo on the left, which includes the text "MILTON LEWIS YOUNG MARINES", "SEMPER PARATUS", and "GAINESVILLE FL". On the right, there is a portrait of a young man in a Marine uniform, with the text "Sponsored by:" and the Marine Corps League logo below it.

Local Veterans Activities

**ALACHUA
COUNTY
VETERANS
EVENTS,
ACTIVITIES,
AND
ORGANIZATIONS**

JULY / AUGUST

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK renovation starts soon, including the monuments that were destroyed by vandals. It is expected to be completed in November. Additional military operations will be included in the monument that previously ended in 1993 when it was first created. So far over \$120,000 has been raised which will cover most of the costs. If you would like to contribute to this effort, you may send a check to the Veterans Memorial Committee, 3415 NW 46th Place, Gainesville FL 32605. Or you can use a credit card at go-fundme.com/kanapahamemorial

ALACHUA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES

Kim Smith, Director / 352-264-6740

www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/CSS/Veterans/Pages/VeteransServices.aspx

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS * VFW Post 2811

Dick Lester, Commander / www.vfw.org (www.vfwpost2811.org / not up)

AMERICAN LEGION Haisley Lynch Post 16

Victoria Van Buren, Commander / www.amlegionpost16.org

VIET NAM VETERANS OF ALACHUA COUNTY Chapter 1092

Forest Hope, President / vva1092.org

KOREAN WAR VETERANS

dfl.kwva.org

IWO TRIO, Inc.

Bob Gasche, President / 352-376-0402

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Tom Hennessey, Commander / www.purpleheart.org (www.mophchapter0823.org)



www.mclfl.org

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**DISTRICT 2
District 2 VCMDT
John Murdoch**

**District 2
Asst. Vice Commandant
Scott DuPree**

**District 2 includes
Gator Detachment 990
Tri-County
Detachment 1086
SgtMaj Griggs
Detachment 1018**

MCL Department of Florida Information

The INJURED WARRIORS FUND OF FLORIDA has now disbursed over **\$65,000** to needy combat injured warriors.

The SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM this year has now awarded **\$450** each to over 40 recipients.

The LEADERSHIP PROGRAM at the 2015 Fall Conference had nearly **40** participants.

The BOY SCOUTS (EAGLE) PROGRAM will award **156** Good Citizenship Awards.

Department of Florida membership stands at over **3,700** with an additional 630 delinquent members. A major effort will be made this year to reduce this number. **Our Gator Detachment has already made significant progress - we now have no delinquent members.** Also, the Department of Florida was awarded the **Tom Perrone Award** for having the most new members.

Discounts are now available to veterans on Florida public park entrance fees. Also, publicly operated airports are now prohibited from charging parking fees to vehicles with disabled veteran license plates.



MCL National Information

The ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION will take place at Tulsa OK on 7-12 August 2016. Two of the three hotels are already filled. See the national website for information on this Convention.

VA Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry is now open to veterans who served after August 1990 in Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Djibouti, or Africa. (For respiratory and related health conditions.)

MCL has instituted a new **Honorary Active Duty membership category**. Active Duty Marines, FMF Corpsman, and FMF Chaplains can now become Honorary Active Duty members (free) of the MCL for the duration of their enlistment. They will have all rights and privileges of a regular member, except for voting or holding elective office.



U.S. House Committee on Veterans Affairs / veterans.house.gov

U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs / www.veterans.senate.gov

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs / www.va.gov

U. S. Marine Corps / www.marines.mil



www.mclnational.org

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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.

Marine Corps League

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