



GatorDet Officers

- **Jr. Past Commandant**
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- **Commandant**
Jim Yakubsin
- **Sr. Vice Commandant**
Vernon Kisling
- **Jr. Vice Commandant**
Gary Van Cleef
- **Judge Advocate**
John Murdoch

GatorDet Staff

- **Adjutant**
Jim Hutto
- **Paymaster**
Jim Hutto
- **Sergeant at Arms**
Bill Beck
- **Chaplain**
Bob Wright
- **Quartermaster**
Bill Beck
- **Veteran Service Officer** Bob Wright
- **Color Guard**
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- **Librarian**
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- **Social Director**
Sandy Golden
- **Newsletter Editor**
Vernon Kisling
- **Web Sgt.**
Scott DuPree



GATOR ALMAR

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2020



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990 Gator Detachment
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❖ **Jr. Vice Commandant** ❖
Gary Van Cleef



Calendar of Events & Activities

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2020



2020 MEETINGS & EVENTS

JANUARY

- 21 MCL Staff Meeting
- 25 MLYM Breakfast
- 28 MCL Regular Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 01 VN Vets Tribute Ride
- 03 SOCIAL
- 03 Four Chaplains Day
- 18 MCL Staff Meeting
- 20 Stand Down
- 22 MLYM Breakfast
- 25 MCL Regular Meeting
- 27-29 Mid-Winter Conf.

MARCH

- 02 SOCIAL
- 12-15 Gator Nationals
- 17 MCL Staff Meeting
- 24 MCL Regular Meeting
- 28 MLYM Breakfast

APRIL

- 2-5 State Spring Conf.
- 03 Relay for Life Walk
- 06 SOCIAL
- 21 MCL Staff Meeting
- 25 MLYM Breakfast
- 28 MCL Regular Meeting

MAY

- 04 SOCIAL
- 19 MCL Staff Meeting
- 23 MLYM Breakfast
- 26 MCL Regular Meeting

JUNE

- 01 SOCIAL
- 16 MCL Staff Meeting
- 23 MCL Regular Meeting
- 27 MLYM Breakfast

JANUARY

- 21 / Tuesday / Detachment Staff Meeting / 6:00
- 25 / Saturday / Milton Lewis Young Marine Breakfast / 9:00
- 28 / Tuesday / **Detachment Regular Meeting / 6:00**

FEBRUARY

- 01 / Saturday / Vietnam Veterans Tribute Ride / 10:00 start at VA Medical Center and ending at Veterans Memorial Park / MCL TENT at Veterans Memorial Park (Tower Road) Setup 8:00 & Event 11:00-3:00
- 03 / Monday / MCL-VVA Social / 5:30
- 03 / Monday / Four Chaplains Day
- 18 / Tuesday / Detachment Staff Meeting / 6:00
- 20 / Thursday / Stand Down / Martin L. King Center / MCL TABLE Setup 8:00 & Event 8:30-2:00
- 22 / Saturday / Milton Lewis Young Marines Breakfast / 9:00
- 25 / **Tuesday / Detachment Regular Meeting / 6:00**
- 27-29 / Thursday-Saturday / National Mid-Winter Conference / Norfolk VA

MARCH

- 02 / Monday / MCL-VVA Social / 5:30
- 12-15 / Thursday-Sunday / Gator Nationals / Gainesville Raceway
- 17 / Tuesday / Detachment Staff Meeting / 6:00
- 24 / **Monday / Detachment Regular Meeting / 6:00**
- 28 / Saturday / Milton Lewis Young Marines Breakfast / 9:00

APRIL

- 03 / Friday / Relay For Life ACS Cancer Walk / Hal Brady Recreation Center, Alachua / MCL TENT Setup 5:00 & Event 6:00-10:00

Gator 990 Detachment Information

OFFICERS 2020-2021

January NOMINATIONS & February ELECTIONS

OPEN POSITIONS needing nominations:
Jr. Vice Commandant (Regular Member)

OPEN POSITIONS with nominations
Commandant (Vernon Kisling), Sr. Vice Commandant (Gary Van Cleef),
Judge Advocate (John Murdoch). Additional nominations can be made in
February before the election.

NEW STAFF

Jim Hutto, Adjutant / Paymaster
Bill Beck, Sergeant at Arms / Quartermaster

SERVICE HOURS 2019

904 Hours / 50 Events / 37 Volunteers
Most service hours: Forest Hope
[2018: 774 Hours / 41 Events]

DUES INFORMATION

Membership is \$40 (\$45 for new members)
SEPTEMBER starts each new year.

FOR NEW MEMBERS

Joining SEP 1 - FEB 28 Membership is \$40 + \$5
Joining MAR 1 - JUN 30 Membership is \$30 + \$5
Joining JUL 1 - AUG 31 Membership is \$40 + \$5

LIFE MEMBERSHIP fees are: 0-35 \$500, 36-50 \$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**

**MEETINGS
JANUARY 28
FEBRUARY 25**

**6:00
Social & Supper**

**7:00
Meeting**

**Dinner will be
BEEF STROGANOFF
Side Dishes
as needed.**

Marine Corps History

JANUARY

25 January 1856

Marines and seamen from the U.S. sloop DECATUR went ashore at the village of Seattle, Washington to protect settlers from Indian raids.

21 January 1918

The 1st Aeronautical Company arrived at Ponta Delgada, Azores, for anti submarine duty, one of the first completely equipped American aviation units to serve overseas in World War I.

January-September 1945 75th Anniversary of the last months of World War II.

18 January 1951

1st Marine Division began mopping-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang area, South Korea.

20 January 1968

The second battle for Khe Sanh began when Marines from 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines attacked a North Vietnamese battalion between Hill 881 and Hill 881 North.

16 January 1991

Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm as forces of the allied coalition launched an air campaign against targets in Iraq and occupied Kuwait in an effort to liberate Kuwait.

29 January 1991

First serious ground fighting of Operation Desert Storm broke out when Iraqi troops mounted an attack into Saudi Arabia. Saudi and Quatari troops, supported by artillery from the 1st Marine Division and attack helicopters and other allied coalition aircraft, re-captured Khafji two days later.

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 / 352-495-2710

Florida has 585 Young Marines in 19 Units supported by 22 MCL Detachments.
Boys and girls 8-18 are eligible. Meet 2nd and 4th Saturday each month, 9:00-3:00.


Breakfast is monthly on fourth Saturday at 9:00 AM. VFW Post 2811 on Waldo Road.



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



Sponsored by:



Local Veterans Activities

JANUARY / WINTER

North Florida / South Georgia Veterans Health System Committees. You are invited to volunteer for a number of committees.

Email VHANFLVetsCommittees@va.gov or call 352-376-1611 ext 3615.

*** See this and other information sheets listed on page six.

These information sheets are available at our meetings. ***

Milton Lewis Young Marine Go Fund Me Campaign to support the Milton Lewis Young Marines in order to carry on the effort established by Bob Gasche. www.gofundme.com/iwo-trio-marine-veterans **ALSO** There is a **Bob Gasche Fund**. Make a donation to the MLYM in honor of Bob. MLYM contact information can be found on page 4.

Veterans Bridge Scholarship at the Santa Fe College Foundation needs contributions to establish the **Alachua County KIA Vietnam** scholarship (to honor our County veterans who died in Vietnam). For more information contact Forest Hope or SFCollegeFoundation.org



ALACHUA
COUNTY
VETERANS
EVENTS,
ACTIVITIES,
AND
ORGANIZATIONS

ALACHUA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES

Kim Smith Davis, Director / 352-264-6740 / kismith@alachuacounty.us
www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/CSS/Veterans/Pages/VeteransServices.aspx

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS / VFW Post 2811

Jack Harris, Commander / www.vfw.org (www.vfwpost2811.org / not up)

AMERICAN LEGION Haisley Lynch Post 16

Jack Fina, Commander / www.amlegionpost16.org

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA / ALACHUA COUNTY Chapter 1092

Forest Hope, President / vva1092.org

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION / Gen. James A. Van Fleet Chapter 267

Norm Tankersley, Commander / dfl.kwva.org

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

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



www.mclnational.org

NATIONAL STAFF / Commandant Dennis Tobin,
Sr. Vice Commandant Johnny Baker, Jr. Vice Commandant Warren Griffin,
Judge Advocate T.J. Morgan, Jr. Past Commandant Wendell Webb

www.mcl dof.org

DEPT STAFF / Commandant Frank Glassford,
Sr. Vice Commandant Scott Westervelt, Jr. Vice Commandant Mike Armstrong,
Judge Advocate John Gionet, Jr. Past Commandant George LaMont



DISTRICT 2 / District 2 VCMDT John Murdoch
District 2 Asst. Vice Commandant Scott DuPree
District 2 includes Gator Detachment 990, Tri-County Detachment 1018
SgtMaj Griggs Detachment 1086

U. S. Marine Corps / www.marines.mil
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
MCL Marines Helping Marines / www.marineshelpingmarines.org

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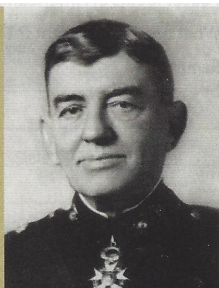
INFORMATION SHEETS AVAILABLE ON THESE TOPICS:

- AGENT ORANGE list of related diseases treated by VA
- VIETNAM RELATED Bile Duct Cancer and Liver Fluke Infection
- CAMP LEJEUNE Water Contamination Claims
- GULF WAR Medically Unexplained Illnesses
- VETERANS CRISIS LINE Fact Sheet & VA MISSION ACT Information
- N FL / S GEORGIA VA Committees—Volunteers Needed



National MID-WINTER CONFERENCE, 27-29 February 2020, Norfolk VA
State SPRING CONFERENCE, 2-5 April 2020, Safety Harbor FL
National CONVENTION, 9-14 August 2020, Daytona Beach FL

Founded in 1923
by Lieutenant
General John
A. Lejeune,
the Marine
Corps League is
the only federally chartered
Marine Corps-related
veterans organization
in the United States.



Gator Detachment 990
received its Charter on
9 February 1998.

