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JUNE - JULY 2016

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 OR THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY (MEMBERS)

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2016 MEETINGS & EVENTS

JUNE

- 16-19 State Conference
- 21 MCL Staff Meeting
- 25 MLYM Breakfast
- 28 MCL Regular Meeting

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

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

Gator 990 Detachment Activities

Gary Vancleef is our NEW MEMBER sworn in at our May Meeting. Welcome aboard Gary.

STAND DOWN will be supported again this year by Hitchcock's Markets. They will match our \$1,250 contribution to provide food and nutritional information to homeless veterans. This will take place September 16.

SCHOLARSHIP TICKETS were SOLD OUT thanks to the efforts of Forest Hope. Many Detachments did not sell out, or even sell any, tickets. It was decided at the State Conference that scholarship applications from Detachments that did not sell tickets would not be accepted.

MEMORIAL DAY events were held May 28 at Micanopy and May 30 at Forest Meadows East on Hawthorn Road. We participated in both ceremonies.

There are no JUNE events planned.

There are no JULY events planned. However there is a Patriotic Event being held at the Northwest Baptist Church (5514 NW 23rd Avenue, Gainesville) on JULY 3 / Cookout 5:00 & Concert 6:00 / Tickets \$2,00 (352-377-5076). AND the City of Alachua will hold their fireworks display on July 4th at the Hal Brady Recreation Complex, 3:00 - 10:00 with fireworks at 9:30.

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 June meeting has been postponed
until our JULY meeting.

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**

**JUNE 28
JULY 26**

**6:00
Social & Supper**

**7:00
Meeting**

Dinner will be

**ROTISSERIE
CHICKEN**

**Side Dishes
are being provided.**

History & General Information

Marine Corps History - 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.

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.




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"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



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Local Veterans Activities



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

JUNE / JULY

MEMORIAL DAY ceremonies took place on May 28. We had a Color Guard in this parade and Bob Gasche was a featured speaker. We also had our MCL tent at the May 30 ceremonies at Forest Meadows East, 3700 SE Hawthorne Road, 11:00—12:00 followed by a free BBQ lunch provided by Forest Meadows Funeral Home.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK is being completely renovated, including the monuments that were destroyed by vandals. 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 gofundme.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

df.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.

***** New Officers were elected at the FLORIDA SUMMER CONFERENCE
See list to the left. *****

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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