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SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2016

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 OR THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY (MEMBERS)

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2016 MEETINGS & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

- 6-9 State Fall Conference
- 16 Alachua Fall Festival
- 11 MCL Staff Meeting
- 18 MC Band Performance
- 22 MLYM Breakfast
- 22 Oak Hammock Pickup?
- 25 MCL Regular Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 5 MC Bday Ball
- 10 Color Guard-Micanopy
- 15 MCL Staff Meeting
- 22 MCL Regular Meeting
- 26 MLYM Breakfast

DECEMBER

NO MEETINGS

Gator 990 Detachment Activities

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER EVENTS

STAND DOWN was September 16 (also **MIA-POW DAY**). We once again, in cooperation with Hitchcocks Markets, distributed 150 bags of food to the homeless veterans. We had about a dozen bags left at the end and these were donated to Vet Space.

ALACHUA FALL FESTIVAL is October 16 at 9:00-5:00. We will have our MCL tent up and need volunteers for this event.

MARINE CORPS BAND (The President's Own) will perform at the Phillips Center October 18 at 7:30. Tickets are free but are almost gone. Contact Jim who has some or contact the Phillips Center.

NOVEMBER EVENTS



MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL is progressing nicely. Tickets are now just about sold out, so do not hesitate to get your tickets soon. The guest speaker will be Drum Major MSGT Duane F. King. For his bio see the Birthday Ball page on the GatorDet website.

Commandant's Message:

WE 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 Martha Brown know so we can maintain our membership database.

Your Commandant, Semper Fi

Gator 990 Detachment Information



**EAGLE SCOUT
RECOGNITION CEREMONY**
was held at our August Meeting.

**21 Eagle Scouts from our local
communities were honored with
the MCL Good Citizenship Award.**



**GatorDet
Regular Meeting**

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

**SEPTEMBER 27
OCTOBER 25**

**6:00
Social & Supper**

**7:00
Meeting**

Dinner will be

LASAGNA

**Side Dishes
are needed.**

SERVICE HOURS:

January - June 2016 / 615 hours

(compared with 363 hours for January—June 2015)

July - September 2016 / 173 hours

(with the Stand Down tally still to go)

Gator 990 Detachment Positions Needed

Color Guard Alternates (contact Dave Nettles)

Memorial Bricks Assistance (contact Jim Yakubsin)

Veterans Court Mentors (contact Jim Yakubsin)

*****NEW*** DUES INFORMATION**

Dues are \$40 for renewals and \$45 for new members for those renewing now thru December 31. Dues for those renewing January 1 thru July 2017 will be \$30 (\$35 for new members). Those renewing in August for \$40 (\$45 for new members) will receive a 13 month membership. **Starting in 2017 ALL memberships will end August 31 and will last from September 1 thru August 31 and will continue to be \$40 (\$45 for new members).**

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]

History & General Information

Marine Corps History - SEPTEMBER



24 September 1873 / Marines and seamen from the USS Pensacola and Benicia landed at the Bay of Panama, Columbia to protect the railroad and American lives during the revolution.

2 September 1945 / Japanese officially surrendered to the Allies on board the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay. The senior Marines Corps representative at the ceremony was Lt Gen Roy S. Geiger, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

15 September 1950 / The First Marine Division landed at Inchon and began the Inchon- Seoul campaign. On 25 September the 1st and 5th Marines attacked Seoul and the city was captured on 27 September.

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.

Breakfast is monthly at 9:00 AM on the forth Saturday. VFW Post on Waldo Road.

The logo for Milton Lewis Young Marines. It is a circular emblem with "MILTON LEWIS" at the top, "YOUNG MARINES" in the middle, and "GAINESVILLE FL" at the bottom. Inside the circle, there is a globe and the motto "SEMPER PARATUS".

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

A black and white portrait of a young man in a Marine uniform, wearing a garrison cap and looking slightly to the right.

Specialist by:

The Marine Corps League logo, featuring a globe and an eagle, with the text "MARINE CORPS LEAGUE" and "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA".

Local Veterans Activities



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

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK renovation has started. 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.

VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL will be in Dunnellon at the Erie Mill Park September 29 through October 2.

Military Order of the Purple Heart (Chapter 0823 / Gainesville) will present the 3rd Annual **VETERANS HELPING VETERANS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT** November 5 at the Haile Plantation Golf and Country Club. Registration and lunch begins at 11:30 and a shotgun start begins at 12:30. It is \$125 per player or \$500 per team. Contact Stephen Dodd 386-336-2663 or Tom Hennessey 703-362-0610.

Saluting All Who Served **VETERANS DAY WEEKEND** in St. Augustine November 11-13. This includes a parade on the 11th at 11:00, film festival each day, and a Lee Greenwood concert on the 13th at 4:00.

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)



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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

FALL CONFERENCE is October 6-9, 2016 at Palm Beach Gardens FL. See the website for details.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE is March 2-4, 2017 at Fredericksburg VA. See website for details.

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

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.

*** Please note that these State and National news items are repeated since they are only updated on the State and National websites quarterly. ***



MCL National Information

The ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION took place at Tulsa OK on 7-12 August 2016. 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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