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SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2018

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2018 MEETINGS & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 00 NO SOCIAL
- 8 Bday Ball Meeting
- 11 Patriot Day
- 11 Patriot Revival
- 15 Operation Barnabas
- 18 MCL Staff Meeting
- 21 POW-MIA Day
- 22 Bday Ball Meeting
- 22 MLYM Breakfast
- 25 MCL Regular Meeting
- 30 Patriot 5K Run

OCTOBER

- 1 MCL-VVA SOCIAL
- 4-7 State Conference
- 16 MCL Staff Meeting
- 23 MCL Regular Meeting
- 27 MLYM Breakfast

NOVEMBER

- 3 Vet Ceremony at Turkey Creek
- 5 MCL-VVA SOCIAL
- 9 Veterans Concert
- 10 Vet Golf Tournament
- 10 MC Bday BALL
- 11 Veterans Day
MCL TENT at Vet Park
- 11 WWI Armistice Day
- 20 MCL Staff Meeting
- 22 Thanksgiving
- 24 MLYM Breakfast
- 27 MCL Regular Meeting

DECEMBER

- 00 NO MEETINGS

Calendar of Events & Activities

PATRIOT DAY
11 SEPTEMBER 2018

POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY
21 SEPTEMBER 2018



SEPTEMBER

- 00 / Monday / NO MCL-VVA Social this month
- 8 / Saturday / MC Birthday Ball Meeting / Turkey Creek 19th Hole Restaurant / 11:30
- 11 / Tuesday / Patriot Day
- 11 / Tuesday / Patriot Revival Annual Banquet / 5:00
- 15 / Saturday / Operation Barnabas Fundraiser - Details to come
- 18 / Tuesday / Detachment 990 Staff Meeting / 6:00
- 21 / Friday / POW-MIA Recognition Day / Ceremony at Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center Auditorium / Forest Hope, Guest Speaker / 10:00
- 22 / Saturday / POW-MIA Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park
- 22 / Saturday / MC Birthday Ball Meeting / Turkey Creek 19th Hole Restaurant / 11:30
- 22 / Saturday / Milton Lewis Young Marines Breakfast / 9:00
- 25 / Tuesday / **Detachment 990 Regular Meeting / 6:00**
- 30 / Sunday / Red, White & Blue Patriot 5K Run / 6:00

OCTOBER

- 1 / Monday / MCL-VVA Social
- 4-7 / MCL Department of Florida Fall Conference / Palm Beach Gardens FL
- 16 / Tuesday / Detachment 990 Staff Meeting / 6:00
- 23 / Tuesday / **Detachment 990 Regular Meeting / 6:00**
- 27 / Saturday / Milton Lewis Young Marines Breakfast / 9:00

Gator 990 Detachment Information

MC BIRTHDAY BALL RESERVATIONS / TICKET SALES

All seats have been reserved. In order to keep your seat reservations, Jim Yakubsin would like you to pay for the seat **TICKETS and select your menu choices NOW**. If you have not yet reserved your seats let Jim Yakubsin know so you can be put on the waiting list. Folks on the waiting list will be given seats that have not been paid for.
PROGRAM ADS need to be submitted NOW as well.

SERVICE HOURS for 1st Quarter 2017 & 2018 / 117 & 186 hours
SERVICE HOURS for 2nd Quarter 2017 & 2018 / 173 & 291 hours
SERVICE HOURS for 3rd Quarter 2017 & 2018 / 78 & 126+ hours
SERVICE HOURS for 4th Quarter 2017 / 145 hours

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Kenneth Brown / Regular Member
 Bobby Teston / Regular Member

DUES INFORMATION

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

LIFE MEMERSHIP 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**

**SEPTEMBER 25
OCTOBER 23**

**6:00
Social & Supper**

**7:00
Meeting**

**Dinner will be
MEAT LOAF &
MASHED POTATOES**

**Side Dishes
are needed.**

Marine Corps History

Marine Corps History - SEPTEMBER

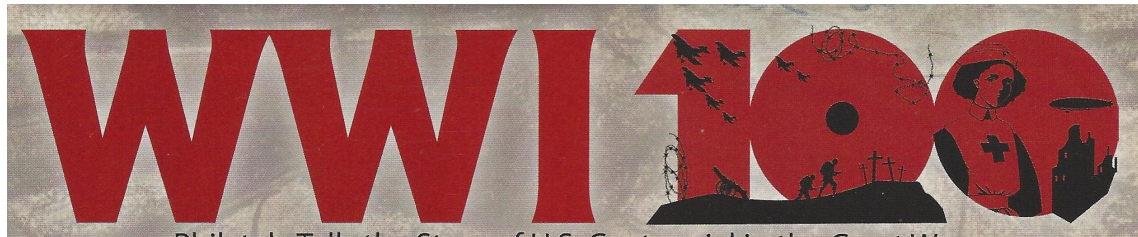
24 September 1873 / Marines and seamen from the USS Pensacola and Benicia landed at the Bay of Panama, Columbia to protect the railroad and American lives during the revolution.

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.

WORLD WAR I

JULY—NOVEMBER 1918 / **BEYOND BELLEAU WOOD** / Fighting at Belleau Wood in June stopped the German advance on Paris and turned the tide, resulting in the defeat of Germany. 11 NOVEMBER is Armistice Day.




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 at 9:00 AM on the fourth Saturday. 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

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER / FALL

Red, White & Blue Patriot Run (5K) will be held at Tioga Town Center, Newberry 30 September starting at 6:00. Signup at www.eventbrite.com / 2018 Red White & Blue Patriot Run. Proceeds benefit Final Salute, whose mission is helping homeless women veterans. Contact Christie or Wade Wheeler.

Veterans Community Council Outing & Lunch will be held for local veterans at the First Presbyterian Church, High Springs, 5 October, 10:00-12:30.

Veterans Concert (Buchholz High School Band) will be held 9 November at the UF Center for the Performing Arts, 7:00 PM. Free admission with donation of canned good or non-perishable food.

War Veterans Golf Tournament to be held 10 November at Ironwood Golf Course, 8:00 start. \$85.00 fee per person. Sponsored by VFW.

MC Birthday Ball 10 November

Veterans Day / WW I Armistice Day Centennial 11 November

MCL TENT will be at Veterans Memorial Park / 8:30 Setup / 11:00 Ceremony.



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

ALACHUA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES

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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

VIET NAM 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

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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****NEW WEB SITE****

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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 **\$90,000** to 86 needy combat injured warriors.

The SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM this year now has 43 applicants (2017-18).

The LEADERSHIP PROGRAM at the 2017 Spring Conference had **62** participants.

The BOY SCOUTS (EAGLE) PROGRAM awarded **39** more Good Citizenship Awards (April-June 2017).

Department of Florida membership stands at over **3,606** with an additional 695 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. **And we are #2 in the State for administrative efficiency.**

FALL CONFERENCE / 4-7 OCTOBER at Palm Beach Gardens

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

DEVIL DOGS Pound 299 Salty Swamp Dogs. To join you need to be an MCL member. Dues are \$20. See Dick Lester for additional information.



DEVIL DOGS

MCL National Information

Department of Defence Online Exchange Shopping. This service is now open to all honorably discharged veterans effective 11 November 2017. Veterans must register first (registration begins 1 June 2017) at 844-868-8672.

Ardie R. Copas State Veterans Nursing Home in St. Lucie County has been funded and work should begin this Fall on the 120 bed facility. Construction should be completed in 18-22 months.

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.

NATIONAL CONVENTION at Buffalo NY, 12-17 August 2018.



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

MCL Marines Helping Marines / www.marineshelpingmarines.org



www.mclnational.org

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Johnny Baker

National Judge Advocate
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Richard Gore



243 YEARS

10 NOVEMBER
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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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