



MAIL CALL

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Meetings:

4th Wednesday of the Month

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The **Marine Corps League** is the only congressionally chartered United States Marine Corps-related veteran's organization in the United States. Its Congressional Charter was approved by the 75th U.S. Congress and signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on August 4, 1937. The organization credits its founding — in 1923 — to legendary Marine Corps Commandant John A. Lejeune. The group holds a congressional charter under Title 36 of the United States Code.

Marine Corps League 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.

Detachment Commandant's Message

The elections of the Detachment Officers are at this month's meeting due to the new by-law changes that we approved at last month's meeting. Here is the slate of officers on the ballot; George Waugh will be doing the Paymaster duties until someone is appointed. If anyone else is interested in running for a position you will need to be nominated from the floor at the meeting. *Commandant - John Byrnes, Senior Vice Commandant - Ken Fain, Junior Vice Commandant - Rich Campin, Judge Advocate - Bob Patterson, Adjutant - George Waugh, Paymaster - George Waugh, Chaplain - Max DeWeese and Sgt. at Arms - Kevin Elmer*

Bob Patterson, our Judge Advocate has been working on by-law changes and they have been sent out to everyone to review. By-law amendments that were held over from January meeting and were discussed at the February meeting and now can be voted on at the March meeting

By-law Draft #2 V was discussed at the January meeting. Further discussion has changed the budget approval date to the June meeting. This change will need to be discussed and held over for a vote at the March meeting.

By-law Draft #2 VIII was discussed at the January meeting. It has been updated with new language to reflect "if there are no members running for these positions". Since there has been a change, it, too, will need to be held over for a vote at the March meeting.

DANCE LESSONS, the dance lessons will start on April 4th and will be held every Tuesday night. The start time is at 1900 (7:00pm) at the VFW Post, everyone should be there a few minutes before hand so we can start on time. The cost for the lessons is \$20 a person per lesson or \$40 a couple it comes out to \$160 per couple for four lessons. As of right now we have 12 couples that are going to participate, if you would like to join in on the fun or have question please contact Ken Fain 913-980-7464. I would like to thank Ken Fain and his wife Georgia for all the work they have done on getting the dance lessons arranged.

The National Convention is in 5 months and before you know it, it will be here. But before that we have the Midwest Spring Conference in Beatrice, Nebraska and it's the weekend of April 21-23, 2017 and the Department of Kansas Conference in Wichita Kansas on June 3, 2017, if you plan on attending either one you will need to make reservations, you can go to our website and get all of the information and forms to register for both.

From now on all the Detachments Breakfast gatherings will be at the Hy-Vee at 95th and Antioch at 0900 (9pm). The next breakfast gathering is Saturday March 18th and then on Tuesday April 11th at the Hy-Vee at 95th and Antioch, 8501 W 95th St, Overland Park, KS, (913) 894-1983. Hope to see you there.

**John Byrnes,
Detachment Commandant**



GENERAL LARRY OPPENHEIMER

News

NEW DETACHMENT WEBSITE



<http://www.mcl1025.com/>

NEW DEPARTMENT WEBSITE



<http://www.mcleaguekansas.com/>

NEW DIVISION WEBSITE



<http://www.midwestdivisionmarinecorpsleague.org/>

2017 MCL National Convention

<http://www.2017mclnationalconvention.com/>



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

18 MARCH – MCL Detachment Breakfast
09:00AM – Hy-Vee at 95th & Antioch

22 MARCH – MCL Detachment Meeting
MCL Meeting @ VFW 07:00PM
Election of 2017-2018 Officers
MCLA Meeting @ VFW 07:00PM

11 APRIL – MCL Detachment Breakfast
09:00AM – Santa Fe Café – 9946 W 87th St, OP

12 APRIL – Officers Meeting
MCL *Officers Meeting* @ VFW 06:30PM

18 MARCH – MCL Detachment Breakfast
09:00AM – Hy-Vee at 95th & Antioch

21 - 23 APRIL – MIDWEST DIVISION CONFERENCE
Beatrice, NE – Holiday Inn Express & Suites

26 APRIL – MCL Detachment Meeting
MCL Meeting @ VFW 07:00PM
MCLA Meeting @ VFW 07:00PM

2017 Marine Corps League National Convention
August 13 – 18, 2017



M/SGT. LUIS ROMERO, JR. UNIT

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME: we have established a new Marine Corps League Ladies Auxiliary. Our official name is the M/Sgt. Luis Romero, Jr. Unit in honor of Aurora Romero's late husband and Maria Romero's late father.

New member's welcome

Auxiliary President's Message

It was good to see everyone after a long break for the holidays. March brings the beginning of our preparations for the convention. That will be our focus as we have welcome baskets to fill for our National guests, uniforms to get in order and dancing lessons to take for the banquet! We're excited and ready to attend all the events with our guests.

Happy Spring

Next Meeting March 22, 2017 @7:00 @VFW

God Bless America
Maria Romero, President

We are grateful for the opportunity to be of service in our community through the auxiliary, and hope to gain additional support and members from our Marine spouses.



FALLEN MARINES

James Welchert - 29 Jul 2016 (M)

James B. Denton - 14 Sep 2016 (M)

Charles A. Caler – 3 Oct 2016

Larry R. Hardeman – 12 Oct 2016

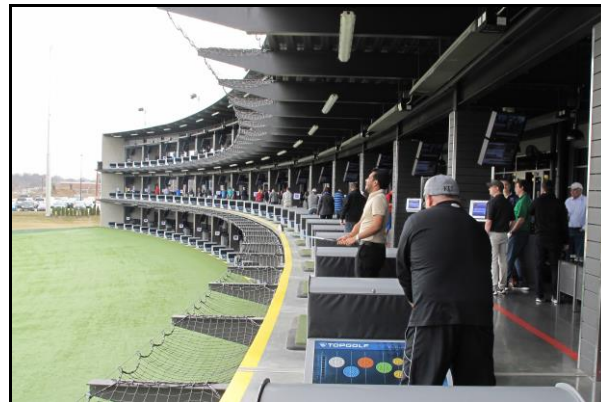
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Please convey information on sick and distressed to Chaplain **Max Dewese**
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PHOTO GALLERY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAX – 96



TOPGOLF 2017 MCL National Convention Fundraiser Event was a great success. Over \$5,000 raised for convention + over \$800 for the Devil Dog Children's Mercy Hospital Fund



1. **DATES** — Lessons will start on April 4th and be held every Tuesday night in April (April 4-11-18-25)
2. **TIME** — Lessons will start at 7:00 PM at the VFW building. Need to be there a few minutes before to start on time.
3. **COST** — The lessons are \$20 a person per lesson or \$40 a couple. That is \$160 a couple total for the four lessons. Everyone should plan to pay at the first night's lesson, or before.
4. **THE LESSONS ARE OPEN TO ALL DETACHMENT & POST MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART.**

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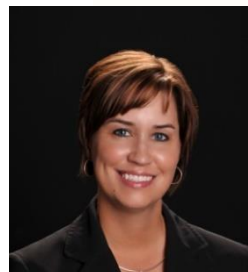
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