



WELCOME ABOARD MARINE

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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.

Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But the Marines don't have that problem.

Ronald Reagan, President of the United States; 1985

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Harold Larry Oppenheimer was a retired brigadier general in the Marine Corps and Chairman of Oppenheimer Industries Inc., a cattle land management, and investment company based in Kansas City, Mo.

A Harvard anthropology major ('39) he graduated cum laude at 19, then set off for Bolivia and Peru.

Attracted to the rugged life, he dropped plans for his Ph.D. and joined the Marines. The General became, at 23, the youngest battalion commander in the Corps. General Oppenheimer, who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, wrote of his combat experiences in the book entitled, "March to the Sound of the Drums."

He was one of the nation's leading authorities on cattle investments and was the author of five books on agriculture, including perhaps his most well-known book, "Cowboy Economics"

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Current elected Officers + Jr. Past Commandant

2023 - 2024 DETACHMENT OFFICERS



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Auditor

MEETINGS / WEBSITES / OTHER DATES

Meeting: The MCL Detachment meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of the Month

Time: Meeting @ 6:30PM Scuttlebutt gathering prior to meeting @ 06:00PM

Place: VFW Post 7397 - 9550 Pflumm Road Lenexa, KS 66215

Detachment Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MCLEAGUE1025>

MCL Department of Kansas Website: <http://www.mcleaguekansas.com>

MCL Mid-West Division: www.midwestdivisionmarinecorpsleague.org

Marine Corps League National Website: <http://www.mcnational.org/>

MONTH		LOCATION	TIME	MEETING TYPE
January	4 th Wed	VFW Post 7397	1830	Scholarship Announce / Budget Forecast
February	4 th Wed	VFW Post 7397	1830	Officer Nominations
March	4 th Wed	VFW Post 7397	1830	Officer Elections
April	4 th Wed	VFW Post 7397	1830	Detachment Meeting
May	4 th Wed	VFW Post 7397	1800	Officers Installation Dinner
June	4 th Wed	VFW Post 7397	1830	Present Next Fiscal Budget
July	4 th Wed	VFW Post 7397	1830	Detachment Audit
August	4 th Wed	VFW Post 7397	1830	MOY & Semper Fi Nominations Annual Membership Dues Renewal
September		VFW Post 7397		Detachment Picnic
October	4 th Wed	VFW Post 7397	1830	MCL Detachment Member Awards
November		VFW Post 7397	1800	Birthday Ball Celebration
December	THERE IS NO MEETING THIS MONTH			

DETACHMENT SCUTTLEBUTT SESSION 6PM - 6:30PM PRIOR TO DETACHMENT MEETINGS / BRING A NEW MEMBER

Detachment Officers Meeting

The Detachment Officers meet the 2nd Wednesday of the Month @ VFW 1830 (06:30PM)

Detachment Monthly Breakfast / Location & time announced at monthly MCL meeting prior to next breakfast.

Detachment M/SGT Luis Romero, Jr. Scholarship Program DATES

Scholarship Announced / Posted **January 15**

Completed Applications **MUST** be received by **JUNE 20**

Marine of the Year & Semper Fi award nominations due in writing to committees by the August Detachment Meeting.

UNIFORM OF THE DAY

FOR ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS ANNOUNCED PRIOR BY COMMANDANT

ACTIVITIES & COMMITTEES

The Detachment is involved in several activities supporting the Marine Corps, local communities, and the mission of the Marine Corps League. If you would like to participate in any of the activities, please contact the chairman. Qualifications: MCL current, active member interested in serving the Detachment.

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General Lejeune stated that leadership is “the sum of those qualities of intellect, human understanding and moral character that enable a person to inspire and to control a group of people successfully.”

Marines I see as two breeds, Rottweilers, or Dobermans, because Marines come in two varieties, big and mean, or skinny and mean. They're aggressive on the attack and tenacious on defense. They've got short hair and they always go for the throat.
RAdm. "Jay" R. Stark, USN; 10 November 1995

UNIFORM

UNIFORM OF THE DAY

- **ANNOUNCED BY COMMANDANT PRIOR TO ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS.**
- 1st April to 30th September-short sleeve white shirt, dress blue trousers
- 1st October to 31st March- Long sleeve white shirt with black tie and MC tie bar, dress blue trousers

MCL UNIFORM ITEMS ORDERED FROM THE MCL SEMPER FI STORE	PRICE
Covers	
Gold EGA Cap Ornament	
Cover Detachment Embroidery / Two Lines	
MCL Logo 3" Patch	
American Flag Patch	
Sunburst Collar Ornaments	
Tie Clasp – Check Semper Fi Store / 3 Types	
Web Belt & Anodized Buckle	

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE UNIFORMS / Shirts / Shoes / Dress Blue Trousers
Camp Lejeune MCX Main Store / Extension 155

<http://myNavyExchange.com>

ADDRESS: 1231 Birch St., Camp Lejeune , NC, 28547

PHONE Main: (910) 451-5030

RED BLAZER – UNIFORMS IN STOCK

<https://www.uniformsinstock.com/products/executive-apparel-winston-mens-red-blazer?variant=18574223179835>

MCL UNIFORM GUIDE & COVER VIDEO <http://www.mcleaguekansas.com/detachments.html>



MARINE OF THE YEAR

The Marine of the Year Award is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a regular member of the General Larry Oppenheimer Detachment. The candidate for this award is a Marine who stands out above all others, a Marine who is always willing to roll up his or her sleeves to do that tough job; the Marines of the detachment should use this award to recognize that special Marine. The recommendations are screened by the Officers of the Detachment. The new Marine of the Year is introduced and honored at the Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Dinner.

MARINE OF THE YEAR GUIDELINE

1. The MOY Committee will consist of 5 members. The past 4 MOY and the Commandant. If the Commandant is one of the 4 MOY, the 5th member will be from the chain-of command starting with the Senior Vice Commandant, Jr. Vice Commandant, and so on until there are 5 Members on the Committee.
2. Recommendations **in writing** for the MOY will be turned in no later than the August Detachment Meeting. They must be submitted to a member of the MOY Committee or any Detachment Officer. Only one (1) candidate from the Detachment will receive the MOY award. The recipient must have been voted on and approved by the MOY Committee and presented to the Officers of the Detachment at the October Officers Meeting.
3. The Name of the MOY recipient will be announced at the Detachment's United States Marine Corps Birthday Dinner. The MOY will be awarded the **Marine of the Year Medallion, MOY Ribbon w/ Fleet Marine Force Device**, a plaque, \$50.00 Gift certificate and his / her name will be added to the Detachment MOY plaque that is displayed on the wall of the VFW
4. Eligibility: Any Detachment member in good standing within the Detachment with the following qualifications
 - a. Activities within the Detachment which demonstrate devotion to the principles and purposes of the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League.
 - b. Achievements and activities in the Marine Corps League and other Veterans organizations.
 - c. Achievements and activities in community, civic, and social organizations which would enhance the posture of the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League, and the Detachment.
 - d. NOTE: Candidates must have achieved the above qualifications during the fiscal year immediately preceding the date of the Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Dinner at which the submission is made.

Amended: January 2019

M/SGT LUIS ROMERO, JR. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

1. During the annual next Fiscal Year budget re-forecast process in January, the Board of Trustees will determine the number of scholarships and amount of each for the current year Scholarship Program, based on current funds available not budgeted. This will be the number advertised on the application. The application will be provided by the sponsor to their descendant applicant. The application deadline is June 20th•
2. This program is aimed at qualified students who are seeking a higher education level beyond high school, not to include advanced degrees.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

3. The primary prerequisite for this scholarship is that all applicants must have a father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, or great-grandparent who served an honorable period of service in the United States Marine Corps, FMF Chaplain, FMF Corpsman or other FMF personnel in the United States Navy.
4. Scholarships are available to descendants of Marine Corps League Detachment #1025 members in good standing (current and/or deceased members).
5. Applicant must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher on current transcript to apply.
6. Scholarship funds are limited, meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee scholarship selection.
7. This is a one-year scholarship award with no provisions for renewal.
8. The Scholarship Committee will strictly observe all eligibility criteria and requirements to ensure compliance throughout.
9. All decisions by the Scholarship Committee are final and not subject to review after their selections are reviewed by the Board of Directors.
10. Applicant must submit the following documents:
 - DD form 214 discharge certificate or other discharge certification from qualifying member.
 - Official high school/college transcript that includes current last semester completed.
 - 3 Letters of recommendation from principals, teachers, coaches, or managers.
 - Complete list of extracurricular activities including part-time jobs.
 - Letter of acceptance to a school of higher learning.
 - An essay stating why you want the scholarship.
 - Signed application.
11. All application packages should be submitted to the Marine Corps League, Scholarship **Program NO LATER THAN JUNE 20th**. This deadline applies to all required documents and materials including current official student transcript, letters of recommendation, and essay.
12. The Scholarship Committee will present the selected student(s)' qualifications to the Board of Trustees for final review.
13. Scholarship(s) will be awarded to selected students at a designated date/time as determined by the Board of Trustees.

SEMPER FI AWARD PROGRAM

Section M Detachment Semper Fi Award

Detachment Administrative Procedures / JULY 2022

Requirements

- *Presented to a Non-Member of the MCL for service to the veteran community.*
- *Special recognition only one per year **IF** any at all.*
- *Service over a long period of time that has impacted the veteran communities in an outstanding voluntary, heroic, civil, or benevolent manner, or who have participated in and/or organized community activities that impact Marine Corps, FMF Corpsman, FMF Chaplain or the Marine Corps League veterans' families above and beyond.*
- *Write ups submitted to Awards Committee Chairman.*
- *Write up submitted by a MCL member - August meeting same as MOY*
- *Applications reviewed and voted by the Awards Committee and Officers.*
- *Award presented at annual MCL Birthday Dinner / November Meeting.*

Certificate Reads

DETACHMENT SEMPER FI CITIZEN AWARD

The Marine Corps League General Larry Oppenheimer Detachment recognizes with this award a public servant who demonstrates excellence in their delivery of services to their veteran communities in an outstanding voluntary, heroic, civil, or benevolent manner, or who have participated in and/or organized community activities that impact Marine Corps, FMF Corpsman, FMF Chaplain or the Marine Corps League veterans' families above and beyond.

MAX DEWEESE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Detachment Administrative Procedures / January 2020

Requirements

- *Presented to a MCL for service to the veteran community.*
- *Special recognition only one per year **IF** any at all.*
- *Write ups submitted to Awards Committee Chairman.*
- *Write up submitted by MCL member - August meeting same as MOY*
- *Applications reviewed and voted by the Awards Committee and Officers.*
- *Award presented at annual MCL Birthday Dinner / November Meeting.*

Certificate Reads

DETACHMENT SEMPER FI CITIZEN AWARD

MEMBER NAME is presented this annual award which is recommended by the Detachment Commandant and Awards Committee to an honored Marine Corps League Member. *MEMBER NAME* is recognized for his Life Achievement of Patriotism, Dedication and Service to the United State Marine Corps, Marine Corps League Detachment and Community

CHARTER MEMBERS JUNE 14, 1999

Alva Byars

Aaron Wunder

Robert Cunningham

Michael Humphery

Ralfh Johnson

Don Marsolek - Commandant (Active)

John McCoin

Frank McGough

Warren Okeson

Remy Mayes

Pat O'Malley

Richard Meyer

Thad Pearson

Jerry Rogers

James O. Smith Jr.

Raymond Soetaert

John Stacy

H.A. Statler

Jerry Sullivan – (Active)

Loueta Tostrud - (Active)

Max Zimmerman

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEETING - ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1) Opening ceremony
- 2) Roll Call of Officers – Declare Quorum present before starting meeting
- 3) Applications for membership
- 4) Balloting on applications for membership to be approved by a majority vote of those present and qualified to vote. Either a voice vote or secret ballot may be used.
- 5) Ceremony of Installation (Full or abridged form depending on size of Detachment, time, and circumstances)
- 6) Minutes of previous meeting
- 7) Correspondence
- 8) Report of Paymaster – Current Bank statement, Investment statement & Detachment Quicken statement available for review by membership request.
- 9) Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress
- 10) Report of Officers
- 11) Report of Standing Committees
- 12) Report of Special Committees
- 13) Unfinished Business
- 14) New Business
- 15) Ceremony of Installation of Officers.
(At the proper time of year according to the Detachment Bylaws & Procedures. NOTE: Installation meetings may be open to the public, if desired. If so, it is recommended that all regular business be omitted by a motion and the meeting adjourned following the opening ceremony)
- 16) Good of the League
- 17) Announcements
- 18) Closing Ceremony

NOTE: TO RECESS A MEETING: The chaplain will close the Bible. Sergeant-at-Arms will lead in a salute to the Colors and declare the meeting in recess.

TO REOPEN A MEETING: Sergeant-at-Arms will lead in a salute to the Colors. The chaplain will reopen the Bible. Sergeant-at-Arms will declare the meeting reopened for the conduct of Official Business.

DETACHMENT PAST COMMANDANTS

- Don Marsolek - 1999
- Aaron Wunder - 2000
- Bill Clinton - 2001
- Pat O'Malley - 2002
- Bill Clinton - 2003
- Luis Romero - 2004
- Bob Patterson - 2005
- Gonzalo Reyes - 2006
- Bob Patterson - 2007
- Pat O'Malley - 2008
- Mike DeBauche - 2010
- Marcia Sands – 2011 & 2012
- Jim Denton – 2013 & 2014
- John Byrnes – 2015, 2016 & 2017
- Ken Fain – 2018, 2019
- Joel Wilson – 2020 -2021
- Al Sanchez – 2021- 2023
- Kimberley Mancuso - Current

DETACHMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR

- Max Deweese - 2013
- Frank Mcgough - 2013
- Bill "Top" Clinton - 2014
- Jim O'Connor - 2015
- Steve Thomas - 2016
- Joe Hughes - 2017
- Paul Cummings – 2018
- Ken Fain – 2019
- Loueta Tostrud – 2020
- Al Sanchez- 2021
- Joel Wilson – 2022

DETACHMENT SEMPER FI CITIZEN AWARD

Paul Chapa - 2020
Friends In Service of Heroes

Sean Winn - 2021
<https://www.patriotfeatures.org/>

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS COMMANDANTS FROM THE DETACHMENT

- Gonzalo Reyes – 2008-2009
- Joe Hughes – 2018-2019-2020
- George Waugh – 2021-2022

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT DUES
General Larry Oppenheimer Detachment #1025

DUE YEARLY BY SEPTEMBER 1
\$35.00

Dues can be paid to the Detachment Paymaster by cash, check or Venmo



@MarineCorpsLeague1025

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



Date of Application _____

Full Name _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ E-Mail Address _____

Date of Enlistment/Commissioning _____ Date of Discharge/Retirement/Separation _____

Type of Application - New () Renewal () Membership Type---Regular () Associate () Dual ()

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES NO If yes is checked, I agree to waive my rights under the Privacy Act and disclose the nature of the felony conviction for consideration of membership in the Marine Corps League.

() I hereby apply for membership in the _____

Detachment # _____ Profile ID # _____ Detachment, Marine Corps League and enclose \$ _____ for one year's membership *

(Includes free subscription to "Semper Fi", The Magazine of the Marine Corps League) *

I hereby certify that I am currently serving or have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, "ON ACTIVE DUTY," for not less than ninety (90) days and earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor;* or have served or am currently serving in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and have earned no less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points; or that I have served or am currently serving as a U.S. Navy Corpsmen who has trained with Marine FMF Units in excess of ninety (90) days and earned the Marine Corps Device (clasp) or the Warfare Device worn on the Service Ribbon, authorized for FMF Corpsmen; or have served or are currently serving as a U. S. Navy Chaplain and have earned the FMF Badge serving with Marines; If discharged, I am in receipt of a DD Form 214 or a Certificate of Discharge indicating "Honorable Service". ("Honorable Service" will be defined by the last DD Form 214 or Certificate of Discharge that the applicant received). *General Discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable.* By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of honorable service/discharge upon request. I understand the DD Form 214 may contain information such as military awards, training, and character of service.

(Sponsor where applicable)

Applicant's Signature

OATH OF MEMBERSHIP REGULAR MEMBERS

"I, _____, In the Presence of Almighty God, do solemnly swear, that I will uphold and defend the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America and the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League. That I take this obligation willingly and in good faith and I will follow the directions and guidance of elected and appointed officers of the League. That I will participate and support the missions and activities of the Marine Corps League, and that I promise to govern my conduct in such a manner that I will never bring discredit upon myself, Members of the League, or the Marine Corps League, so help me God.

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WHO / WHAT IS THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE?

The Marine Corps League (MCL) is the only Marine Corps-specific veteran service organization, founded, in part, by General John Lejeune in 1923 and chartered by Congress in 1937.

The MCL is an annual membership dues-based, not-for-profit organization, registered with the IRS as a 501(C)(4). Membership dues will vary by each local Detachment with a portion supporting the National organization's budget. Membership eligibility is in two categories:

* Regular Members - open to qualifying Marines (those on active duty and those no longer on active duty) and FMF Navy personnel.

* Associate Members - open to honorable citizens that support the traditions, heritage, actions, and policies of the USMC and the MCL.

There are organizational 'tiers' within the MCL supporting communication flow and policy direction/enforcement.

* A Detachment is local unit (first tier) and serves as the heart and soul of the MCL. Membership recruitment, membership activation, membership retention, and the basis for mentoring and leadership is fostered within the local Detachment. The greater impact for outreach within our MCL communities is exercised by the local Detachment. The MCL has well-over 1,000 local Detachments across the United States. A local Detachment typically meets once a month and hosts various activities within a year.

* A Department is the statewide organization (second tier). It is comprised of all the local Detachments within one State's boundary. One of the primary needs for a Department is to support/facilitate communication from the national organization to the local Detachment and vice versa, along with providing training to support the needs of the local Detachment. A Department typically meets twice a year, some meet quarterly.

* A Division is the regional assembly of Departments (third tier). The MCL maintains ten (10) Divisions across the US that also supports MCL members overseas. As with Departments, the primary need of a Division is to support/facilitate communication and policy direction from the national organization to the Departments, and vice-versa. A MCL Division also provides training needs for their respective Departments (and its members). MCL Division meetings are typically held twice a year and may rotate around the Division-area they represent.

* The National MCL (fourth tier) serves as the anchor and corporate body of the MCL organization. The National MCL maintains an office and staff, outside of Washington DC area. As a national organization, the MCL facilitates relationships with the USMC and multiple USMC organizations, national legislative activities, national policies and directives and maintains the multitude of national MCL committees in place to support the efforts of the local Detachment and the greater good of the MCL. The National MCL (and its entire membership body) meet twice, annually; at locations across the United States.

Leadership within each tier of the MCL (Detachment, Department, Division, National) is elected. While the National MCL maintains numerous committees to support the programs of work for the organization (as a whole) and its Divisions, Departments, and Detachments, the multitude of activities executed by the MCL (et al) is through the combined efforts, ideas, initiative, and motivation of the local membership.

For more information on the Marine Corps League, Reach out to your local Detachment and seek how you can continue your service to your fellow Marines, their families, and the Marine Corps communities in which we serve.

MCL Department of Kansas Website: <http://www.mcleaguekansas.com>

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

National Commandant (Elected by membership @ National Convention – 1yr)

National Senior Vice Commandant (Elected by membership @ National Convention – 1yr)

National Junior Vice Commandant (Elected by membership @ National Convention – 1yr)

National Judge Advocate (Elected by membership @ National Convention – 1yr)

Junior Past National Commandant (Appointed @ National Convention)

National Division Vice & Assistant Commandants (10) (Elected by Division membership @ National Convention – 2yr)

Chief Operating Officer (Hired by elected members of Board / all COO decisions approved by Board)

DIVISIONS (w/Profile Number) CONSIST OF INDIVIDUAL STATE DEPARTMENTS

CENTRAL DIVISION (1) – Michigan (5), Ohio (6), Indiana (3), Illinois (2), Wisconsin (7), Kentucky (4)

MIDEAST DIVISION (12946) – Virginia (12951), West Virginia (12952), North Carolina (12950), Delaware (12948), Maryland (12949), District of Columbia (12947), Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom

MIDWEST DIVISION (19751) – Missouri (19755), Iowa (19752), Kansas (19753), Minnesota (19754), Nebraska (19757), North Dakota (19756), South Dakota (19758)

NEW ENGLAND DIVISION (23584) – Maine (23587), New Hampshire (23588), Vermont (23589), Massachusetts (23586), Connecticut (23585), Rhode Island (23589)

NORTHEAST DIVISION (26937) - New Jersey (26938), New York (26939), Pennsylvania (26940)

NORTHWEST DIVISION (40283) – Alaska (40284), Washington (40288), Montana (40286), Oregon (40287), Idaho (40285)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION (42779) – Colorado (42780), Utah (42782), New Mexico (42781), Wyoming (42783)

SOUTHEAST DIVISION (44242) – Alabama (44243), Florida (44244), Georgia (44245), South Carolina (44248), Mississippi (44247), Louisiana (44246), Tennessee (44249)

SOUTHERN DIVISION (54215) – Oklahoma (54217), Texas (54218), Arkansas (54216)

SOUTHWEST DIVISION (57281) – Arizona (57282), California (57283), Nevada (57285), Hawaii (57284)

CONVENTION ROTATION QUADRANTS

Effective as of 1998, the MCL National Convention shall be rotated within four (4) geographic sections of the country as follows:

- (1) **Eastern Quadrant** - consisting of New England, Northeast, and Mideast Divisions.
- (2) **Western Quadrant** - consisting of Rocky Mountain, Northwest, and Southwest Divisions.
- (3) **Southern Quadrant** - consisting of Southeast and Southern Divisions.
- (4) **Central Quadrant** - consisting of Central and Midwest Divisions.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE SERVICE RIBBONS

Ribbons worn on a MCL uniform can be DOD or MCL, NOT MIXED



DEVIL DOG'S CREED

I am an American: I was born in France. I have held the title of United States Marine, and understand the commitment of holding the title, Devil Dog. It is a tradition born at Belleau Wood in the year 1918, of a Force In Readiness and the "First To Fight". As a Devil Dog, I ask no quarter and give no quarter. I will do everything in my power to uphold the objectives of the Military Order of Devil Dogs and to carry out my duties to a swift and satisfactory completion.

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs is the fun honor society of the Marine Corps League which meets separately and has its own charter and rituals. Participation is voluntary.

Main Purpose:

Promotes good fellowship amongst the members of different Marine Corps League Detachments. The Order provides amusement and entertainment at all gatherings of the League, when and where advisable, preserves and strengthens the principles and ideals of the League, and maintains true allegiance to the United States of America and its Constitution and laws. It fosters and extends American institutions of freedom and defends America against all enemies foreign and domestic. **The Order is also VERY active in raising funds for children's hospitals, and associated children's charities.**

How to Join:

"Must be a paid-up member and in good standing in the Marine Corps League, Inc. The applicant must be active in his or her Detachment in the League and must be **invited** to join the Order. He or she must be recommended by his or her Detachment Commandant and be sponsored by two DEVIL DOGS or PEDIGREED DEVIL DOGS. The applicant is then interviewed by the members of the Pound at a Pound Growl. (A meeting is called a Growl.) If accepted, the applicant must undergo an initiation and obligation ceremony. Then he or she becomes a Pup in the order."

Organization:

The Pound is on a local level and is usually made up of members of different Marine Corps League Detachments. On the State level there is the Pack, and on the National level there is a Kennel. There are three different degrees in the Order. The lowest degree is that of a Pup. The next degree is that of a Devil Dog. The highest degree is that of a Pedigreed Devil Dog. The Pup wears a black ribbon, the Devil Dog wears a red ribbon, and the Pedigreed Devil Dog wears a gold ribbon.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE RIBBONS

SHOWN IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

Heroism	Distinguished Citizen Gold	Distinguished Citizen Silver	Distinguished Citizen Bronze
Distinguished Service	National Marine of the Year	National Associate of the Year	Division Marine of the Year
Division Associate of the Year	Department Marine of the Year	Department Associate of the Year	Detachment Marine of the Year
Detachment Associate of the Year	National Recruiter Gold	National Recruiter Silver	National Recruiter Bronze
Past National Commandant	National Staff Elected	National Staff Appointed	Department Commandant
Department Staff Elected	Department Staff Appointed	Department Recruiter - Silver	Detachment Commandant
Detachment Staff Elected	Detachment Staff Appointed	Detachment Recruiter Bronze	Community Service
Board of Trustees Commendation Victor T Fisher	National Unit Commendation	Department Unit Commendation	Individual Meritorious Commendation
Ceremonial Guard Ribbon	Marksmanship Rifle Ribbon	Marksmanship Pistol Ribbon	Kennel Dog of the Year
Chief Devil Dog Commendation Individual	Pack Dog of the Year	Pack Leader Commendation Individual	Pound Dog of the Year
Pound Keeper Commendation Individual	Past Chief Devil Dog	Past Pack Leader	Past Pound Keeper
	Marine Corps League Membership		

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