Dept. of FL 2019 Spring Conference

April 4th – 7th
Safety Harbor Resort and Spa
Safety Harbor, FL

“Room reservations deadline: before March 2nd”

The MCL Dept. of FL will be holding its 2019 Spring Conference once again at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa. This is an excellent opportunity for those members who have not had the experience of attending the Leadership School/Class and will serve as a refresher for those that have. The Leadership School will be held on Friday, April 5th, from 0800 until 1600.

This is an advanced notice to allow you enough time to make your room reservations, which must be made before March 2nd, 2019. Also, here is a link to the Spring Conference Package Spring-Conference-2019.pdf. There are several registration forms required to complete in advance.

If you have any questions or need further information on the agenda, you can access the Dept. of FL website:

https://www.mcldof.org/

73rd Southeast Division Conference

March 21st – 24th
Crowne Plaza Charleston Airport Convention Center
Charleston, SC

Our Detachment has registered seven (7) delegates for this year’s Southeast Division (“SED”) conference. This year’s conference is being hosted by Low Country Detachment #803

Fundraiser

The Ramona Pavilion
Jacksonville, FL
Saturday, March 16th (0900 – 1600)
Sunday, March 17th (0900 – 1500)

Our Detachment has been invited to set up its display table at this new Gun Show sight. This Gun Show was formally held at the Morocco Shrine Center. Your participation is called upon once again to make this happen.

Contact JVC Loren Gay
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Nomination for Officers

Thursday, March 7th
Regular Detachment Monthly Meeting

At our March meeting Commandant Jerry accepted officer nominations for the coming term beginning in May.

Elected Officer nominees are:

- Commandant: Jerry
- Senior Vice Commandant: Charlie Myers
- Junior Vice Commandant: Dennis Depriest
- Judge Advocate: Dayton Warfle
- Adjutant/Paymaster: Loren Gay
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- Paymaster/Adjutant: Loren Gay

Officer nominations will be open again at our April 4th Regular Monthly Meeting. All detachment members are strongly encouraged to consider taking on a leadership position.

Elections will be held at our regular Detachment Meeting on May 2nd.

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Be on the Lookup!

No winner of last month’s hidden errors:
(1) page 2: *Put the Fun in Fundraiser*: dollar sign on image was reversed,
(2) page 3: “TGA?”, Parris Island should be spelt: *Parris* Island, and
(3) page 3: “Let Us Pray”, it’s not “Jim Thomas”, it’s “James Thomas.”

So, let’s try it again this month. There are three (3) intentional errors in the Newsletter. The first reader to contact the editor with all three (3) errors will receive a reward (*yet to be determined*). The winner will be announced at the next Detachment meeting.

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Commandant’s Korner

Marines,

During March and April this year it is the job of the voting members to put together a leadership team whom we can trust to led us into the next several years. As we learned together at the March meeting, there are several positions coming open. We have only the April meeting to finalize the candidate list and vote our instincts.

Our decisions during these elections need to go much further than just filling holes. For Detachment 059 to continue to lead by example through the vortex of success we need participation. NOW!

While thinking about the elections, positions and candidates be sure to put round pegs in round holes. One management philosophy promotes people into the next higher position based on a “ready or not” mindset. Just because someone functions exceptionally well in one position does not mean they will be capable of similar performance in an office elsewhere in the organization. Summarily, we are not a train. The “next in line” promotion must include mentoring and experience with each officer training the one who will follow. Do not promote to “the point of incompetently” as if “just to fill the chair”. But seek to put the round pegs in the round holes. One management philosophy promotes people into the next higher position based on a “readiness mindset. Just so doing, the Detachment will have leadership representation that we can be proud of and support of as opposed to one that will bring disgrace.

Semper Fidelis
Jerry

Marine of the Month

Congrats to Judy Hession for receiving the well-deserved honor of Detachment “Marine of the Month.”

Giving a Piece of their Life!

Wednesday, March 6th
Lake City Veterans Hospital

Our Chaplain James Thomas, his lovely wife Thelma and Detachment member Charlie Dimich spend the first Wednesday each month bringing smiles to our disable veterans with their visit to the Lake City Veterans Hospital. Special thank you to this trio of visiting angels.

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EA-6B Prowler Retires

After supporting combat operations for the Marine Corps in nearly every conflict throughout the past 40 years, the Marines’ electronic attack aircraft, the EA-6B Prowler, will fly its final flight mid-March.

A deactivation ceremony for the Corps’ final Prowler squadron, Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2, or VMAQ-2 is set to be held Friday.

Some retired Prowlers are making their way to the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona, commonly referred to as “the boneyard.”

But a few of the EA-6Bs will rest at the an air museum in Texas and the Smithsonian near our nation’s capital.

The deactivation marks an end of an era and a storied history that has seen the Prowler jamming enemy communications and systems in conflicts to include operations El Dorado Canyon, Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Deny Flight, Decisive Endeavor, Deliberate Guard, Allied Force, Northern and Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Unified Protector, and most recently Inherent Resolve and Freedom’s Sentinel, a command release detailed.

It’s predecessor, the EA-6A Electric Intruder, even saw action in the Vietnam War.

“Collectively, Marine Corps Prowlers have flown over 260,000 hours during its 42-year service life. Marine squadrons have deployed with the Prowler more than 70 times in support of every major combat operation in the last forty years,” the command release said.

The Corps’ last Prowler squadron, VMAQ-2, wrapped up its final deployment to the Middle East in November, where it was pivotal in jamming ISIS communications and radio-controlled IEDs. The Prowler also can suppress Syrian and Russian air defense systems.

The Corps slowly started to retire its fleet of the electronic attack aircraft in 2016 with the deactivation of Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Training Squadron 1. That deactivation was followed by VMAQ-4 deactivated in June 2017, and VMAQ-3 deactivated in May 2018.

Marine officials have previously told Marine Corps Times that the Navy’s EA-18G will serve as the Defense Department’s sole joint electronic attack platform.

While the Corps is losing its primary electronic attack platform, many of the Corps’ aircraft and even drones are being outfitted with some jamming capabilities. The Corps’ F-35 high-tech stealth aircraft has electronic warfare and jamming capabilities.

The Corps is also pushing electronic attack to its small tactical drones like the RQ-21 Blackjack. That small drone will be equipped with the Intrepid Tiger II counter radar capability payload.

This drone electronic war capability by no means replaces the Prowler, but it does afford grunts at lower echelons of the tactical level the ability to self-deploy electronic attack capabilities.

The last two official Prowler flights will be March 12 at the Flight Museum in Dallas and March 14 at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center at the National Air and Space Museum in Virginia, said 1st Lt. Samuel Stephenson, a spokesman with 2 Marine Air Wing.

(Source: Marine Times)
**Good Citizenship Award**

Friday, February 22nd  
St. Giles Presbyterian Church  
Orange Park, FL

Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Eagle Scout William G. Price II

Our Detachment was honored once again to present the MCL “Good Citizenship Award” to a new Eagle Scout. Congratulations to William G. Price II for going above and beyond to show what it takes to achieve such a high honor.

“All Detachment members are strongly encouraged to attend these presentations.

Just like our Eagle Globe and Anchor, it is not given, it is earned!

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**District 3 Conference & Leadership Training**

Orange Park, FL  
Saturday, April 20th

Barry has announced that there will be another District Conference and Leadership Training to be held on Saturday April 20th. This presents all Detachment members who were unable to attend the Dept. of FL Conference with another opportunity to receive leadership training, which for any Detachment elected officer needs to make all efforts to attend. For regular members, this is an excellent opportunity to experience and learn the functions of our Marine Corps League.

Once exact details come in, we will be sure to pass the word, so stand by!

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**F.Y.I.**

**For your Health:** You are what you eat, better your health by growing some of your own foods in your yard or potted in the house, you avoid damaging pesticides and get a stronger nutrient packed food from your hands. Retake the benefits of how we live long ago and enjoy the fruits of your labor healthier.

**Money Tree:** One of the best ways of improving your financial position is by just being thankful and grateful for what you currently have, with that positive energy you will be surprised and delighted how that will boomerang in the universe and bring back to you the energy you send out.

**Did You Know:** We feed from two foods to exist, what goes in your belly and what goes in your head, if you want poor health eat lots of sugar, fats, and carbs and you will surely get it, if you want to be a positive life loving person, tune out of negative information and such people, we are a products of our environment and info we mentally digest, good in turns into good out, you decide.

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**Let Us Pray**

Our Heavenly Father, I come to you in the name of Jesus, thanking, you for your grace and mercy, you have bestowed on our detachment 059.

I am giving you praise for continue answering our prayers.

Jesus said, everyone who ask receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks the door will be opened. Matthew 7:8.

Jesus, I believe and have faith in your word. Jesus, I just want to thank you for what you about to do, for the names listed below

Bobby Jesonek  
Randy Brynildsen  
Mary Lussier  
Jose Ramos  
Martin Lussier  
Edwin Verrill  
Dottie Winters  
Jerry Jesonek

Thank you, Lord, for what you are about to do. Amen.

Anyone knowing of a member or their family member that is ill or in distress, please contact:

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**When I was a pup, I laid in my twin sized bed and wondered where my brother was!**
Note: Submit your articles, stories and/or material to: Charlie Myers, Senior Vice Commandant  
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