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# LASKEY'S TELEGRAPH



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## Message From The Division Commandant



Welcome to the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Laskey's Telegraph. Time is going by quickly, but hopefully everyone has been enjoying their summer. I know we have been busy in June with two outstanding conventions with some great guest speakers. Guest speaker Lt. General Charles Chiarotti (President and CEO of Marine Corps Association) enjoyed his first trip to Massachusetts. Marines represented the Marine Corps League very well by showing the General our New England Hospitality to make sure he and his wife enjoyed their trip. The partnership is vital to build a strong community! In a few months we will be tapping into that community with Toys for Tots.

I would like to welcome our newest Department Commandant, Commandant Patrick McMahon. Commandant McMahon was sworn in at the end of the Department of Connecticut's Convention. Welcome back Commandant Monnell (Department of New Hampshire) who was sworn in June. Commandant Brooks (Dept. of Ma), Commandant Lake (Dept. of ME), Commandant Drew (Dept. of VT), and my assistance Commandant Maguire



(Dept. of RI) who are all on their second term of office. I look forward in continuing working with you and your staff. You all now got your feet wet; let's see you all run with what you learned!

Our work is never done, and our knowledge keeps growing. You have to have the love for it to succeed to help grow your Detachment, Department, and your Division. As we face our challenges, we only grow stronger.

This newsletter is for all, and for all to get involved. This newsletter is to promote

and spread the word of what your Detachments are doing in your Department. This newsletter is full of great reading. Hope everyone enjoys this Newsletter. I am looking forward to seeing everyone who can make it down to the National Convention in Daytona, Florida this month.

Semper Fi

David Porter

National Vice Commandant

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Walt Benson 1969 - Now



Bill "Top" Lee 1974- Now

Father/ Son, Father / Daughter, Mother / Son etc. we can defiantly group them together. Some people didn't have their boot camp picture and that's fine, you just need one from that period it doesn't have to be Blues. You can send these pics directly to me, just include your name and the year you went to boot camp.

This Newsletter is a toll used for communications and it also speaks to the work and effort being put forth by the Marines who work so hard to promote The Marine Corps League, so that we can reach more Marines and have them join our ranks to fulfil our mission. It also tells of the many services and help we offer to our fellow veterans and our communities. Thank you for all you do and I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer. If you plan on going to National I hope to see you there

**Walt Benson**

## From The Editor

Greeting Marines, this issue completes our first year with a Division Newsletter, and it has been a great honor to be part of it. I have met some great people and hope to meet even more as we continue on into year two. We have done many things this year and hope to do many more in the future, you're feedback and ideas will make us better. This is not my Newsletter, it is our Newsletter. In the next issue we will cover October and November, which will Cover Birthday Ball Announcements, as well as, Veterans Day. I have sent this out to the De-



## UNCOMMON VALOR AND A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

### HERSHEL W. "WOODY" WILLIAMS

OCTOBER 2, 1923— JUNE 29, 2022

Hershel W. "Woody" Williams, was called to his final post on 29 June 2022. Initially rejected by the Marine Corps because of his size, he eventually did become a Marine, and on October 5, 1945, he was awarded this nations highest honor. The citation for his Medal of Honor reads, *"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as demolition sergeant serving with the 21st Marines, 3d Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 23 February 1945. Quick to volunteer his services when our tanks were maneuvering vainly to open a lane for the infantry through the network of reinforced concrete pillboxes, buried mines, and black volcanic sands, Cpl. Williams daringly went forward alone to attempt the reduction of devastating machinegun fire from the unyielding positions. Covered only by 4 riflemen, he fought desperately for 4 hours under terrific enemy small-arms fire and repeatedly returned to his own lines to prepare demolition charges and obtain serviced flamethrowers, struggling back, frequently to the rear of hostile emplacements, to wipe out 1 position after another. On 1 occasion, he daringly mounted a pillbox to insert the nozzle of his flamethrower through the air vent, killing the occupants and silencing the gun; on another he grimly charged enemy riflemen who attempted to stop him with bayonets and destroyed them with a burst of flame from his weapon. His unyielding determination and extraordinary heroism in the face of ruthless enemy resistance were directly instrumental in neutralizing one of the most fanatically defended Japanese strong points encountered by his regiment and aided vitally in enabling his company to reach its objective. Cpl. Williams' aggressive fighting spirit and valiant devotion to duty throughout this fiercely contested action sustain and enhance the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service".*

He was discharged from the Marine Corps in 1946, only to re-enlist in the Marine Corp Reserve 1in 1948, until1949. In 1954 he enlisted in the organized Marine Corps Reserve, where he worked his way through the ranks to become a Warrant Officer. He retired from the



Marine Corps Reserve in 1969 after 17 years of service.

Prior to his entering the Corps he worked delivering telegrams to families notifying them of death of a loved one. He realized then that consideration for these families was very inadequate. Upon leaving the Reserves woody joined the Marine Corps League as well as other veterans organizations and continued to serve veterans. In 2010, the not-for-

profit Hershel Woody Williams Congressional Medal of Honor Education Foundation, Inc. was established "to honor Gold Star Families, relatives, and Gold Star Children who have sacrificed a loved one in the service of their country." To date, Woody and his foundation are responsible for establishing 104 Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments across the United States with more than 71 additional monuments underway in 50 states.

On 30 June, 2022 the Department of Defense issued a statement, "The passing of Hershel Woody Williams at 98, marks not just the death of a hero, but the end of a line of heroes from the Greatest Generation". Heroes are a culmination of their life's work, not just one brave act. What you do at 98 may be more courageous and be more meaningful than what you did at 20. Those who answer the call to serve see it as a lifelong mission, and like Woody serve till the end. They never say I'm too old. They never feel I'll let someone else do it. They usually say how can I help and where do you need me? Woody was all of these and now he will serve in heaven with all the Marines and Heroes who have gone before him. Semper Fi my brother.

**Walt Benson**





# CONNECTICUT



Peter P. Monaco detachment hosted the CT. 2022 Convention and a great time was had by all. It was a relaxed atmosphere we had plenty of time to reconnect with old friends and make some new ones as well. If you didn't come you missed a good time with Great raffles and food as well. We had a lot of laughs at the Grand Growl, some more laughs hanging out in the lobby and concluded with a Banquet and a new Marine of the year and for the first time an Associate Member of the Year. Look at what happened.



Outgoing Commandant Dave Rosa Welcome all to the



Head Table: Mike Monaco, Brig. Gen Ron Welch, Dave and Rose Rosa



Guest Speaker, Brig. Gen Ron Welch,



Gharise Hewitt, Mike Monaco, Gen. Welch, Dave Rosa

Below the Banquet attendees





# CONNECTICUT CONVENTION 2022



Walt Benson was Presented with The Four Chaplains, The Legion of Honor Humanitarian Award. By Larry Herrmann and Ron Perry Also pictured Teri Benson, Larry's wife Noor, and Ron's Wife



Jack Dougherty Tasking us with our mission to find our a Marine of the Year and an Associate Member of The Year. At the business meeting during the day prior Dept. Marines of the year meet and vote on the nominations until we have one clear winner. Then at the banquet we are tasked to find those people and escort them to the podium.



Teri Benson pinning The Four Chaplain Pin on Walt. Below Ron Perry, Larry Herrmann, Walt Benson and their wives



Department of Connecticut Marine of The Year 2022 is Richard Michaud from the Hardware City Detachment.





# CONNECTICUT CONVENTION 2022



## DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT 2022

Front Row: Rivers McCalop Jr., Mike Bolash, Rich Michaud, Jack Dougherty, Jon Debigare, Jim Lauber, Skip Hamell, and Susie Lee.

Second Row: Bruce Katz, George Gutmann Jr., Bill Lamb, Jim Soder, Mike Monaco, Pat McMahon, Charise Hewitt, Tom Peters, John Reek, Lou Verrette, Walt Benson, Ray Burrington, and Bill Lee.

Last Row: Kevin Mathiau, Doug Fisk, JR, Dave Porter, Pat Maguire

Up Top : At the missing gun Dave Rosa



PDC Jim Lauber, Connie Lauber, and Ron Perry and his wife

# CT. SPECIAL EVENTS

# MAINE

## SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

Central Maine Detachment 810 MCL will be raffling off a beautiful quilt in honor of two Marines. Money raised will go to a scholarship fund. We plan on awarding two \$500 scholarships for the 2023 school year. One scholarship will go to Edward Little High School in honor of Marine Kevin Mitchell, the other scholarship will go to Lewiston High School in honor of Marine Leon Burgess. Below is a picture of the Quilt

Drawing will be held on November 10, 2022, at our 247<sup>th</sup> USMC Birthday Dinner.

Tickets are \$5.00 for 1 ticket  
3 Tickets for \$10.00

You can get tickets from  
any Central Maine Det. 810 MCL member

or Charlie Paul (207-393-7667  
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**PIG ROAST IS FROM NOON TO 5 PM**  
**PRIZES SIDE DISHES LIVE MUSIC**

**Pig Roast**  **Pig Roast**

Marine Corps League Valley Detachment  
 56 West Street • Seymour, CT  
 Saturday, August 27, 2022 • Noon  
 Rain or Shine • Draft Beer While Supplies Last  
 Live Entertainment

No. 001 \$40.00 per person No. 001

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 40,000 steps to represent US Veterans  
 experiencing homelessness on any given night.

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**KICKOFF! AUGUST 6TH**

Join us at the **University of Bridgeport Pedestrian Mall**, for the kickoff party.

- Live Entertainment
- Refreshments

**9 AM to 12 NOON**



Set up a team with your business or organization!

**HELPING VETERANS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ONE STEP AT A TIME...**

**AUGUST 6TH-14TH**

Complete the challenge as a team or individually. All ages and all abilities welcome to participate. Compete against individuals, businesses, organizations, and families.

**HOMESFORTHEBRAVE.ORG / STEPOUT2022**

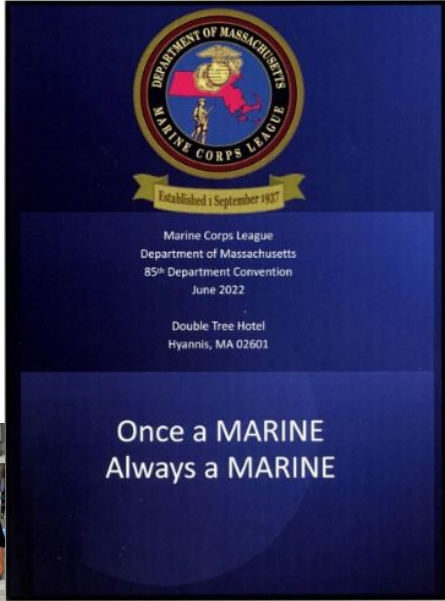
Contact: (203) 338-0669  
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# MASSACHUSETTS

The Department of Massachusetts Convention was held on June 3rd through June 5th, in Cape Cod. For those of you that went you can attest that it was a great time and if you didn't here is what you missed and feel free to start planning to attend next years event.

For some of us it started a day early at the Leadership Award Dinner, where, LT. Gen. Charles Chiarotti, was presented the, PNC Jim Laskey Leadership Award by NEDVC Dave Porter.



Cheryl Griffin and Massachusetts and New England Division members make a



On the opening day of the convention we started early with the business meeting and then

presentation to a Women's Group Another important event of the day is as always lunch today was Pizza Day.

broke for the remembrance ceremony held in the parking lot outside the hotel where the names of those who went to



their final post this year were read.



**Brian Brook  
Commandant  
Department of Massachusetts**

# CONVENTION BANQUET & AWARDS

The guest speaker for the evening was LT. Gen. Charles Chiarotti who was a fantastic speaker. Most speakers are OK but some raise the bar significantly and LT. Gen. Chiarotti is going to be hard to beat. He also demonstrated his extreme leadership qualities as he went around the room to speak with other guests, such as the Young Marine of The Year and her family, as well as making the rounds to many of the tables to meet and talk to other attendees. We usually do not see this, it is usually the other way



Bruce Katz NE Division Young Marine Liaison Presenting the Young Marine of The Year Award to Alanah Kelliher



Alanah Kelliher and her Family including her two sisters who also have gone through the Program



around. Pictured above are LTGen. Charles Chiarotti and his wife, Joan at the banquet.



Ed Aucoin and Rodger Hoffman Present Steve Coddens with the Marine of The Year Award 2022



Brian Brooks and Jon zwirblia Present Liz Anderson with the Associate Member of The Year Award 2022

# CONVENTION BANQUET & AWARDS

All people are different in how they react to things as well as what is important to one, may not be important to another, but luckily we have JR. who goes the extra step in all that he does. So a person calls and asks how to go about getting a Flag and JR initially replies just come on down and we could get you one, but then he goes further and asks what do you need a Flag for and the woman explains. "I'm a Marine", and with those three words the conversation changes and we need to know more. Upon a further conversation JR find out that they live in the Cape Cod area, so he invites them to the Convention, where we all get to meet them and hear their story of how a brother and sister both served in the Corps. Ross Laporte served during WWII and was at Iwo Jima, and Esther served during the Korean War and was stationed at Camp Pendleton. Each were awarded a Distinguished Service Award, and hopefully applications to the League. Pictured below L, Joe Delaney, Keith Buckhout & Esther Lassard, C. Esther Lassard, Ross Laporte, & Ida Keane. R. Esther, Ida & Tom Keane, JR, & Ross, Below Left LT. Gen Chiarotti, Brian Brooks, Dave Porter, Ross Laporte & National Senior Vice Warren Griffin.



Dept. Commandant Brian Brooks Presented Individual Meritorious Commendations to the following



LT.Gen Chiarotti, Brian Brooks, NEDVC Dave Porter, Ross Laporte, National SR. Vice Commandant



Dept. Adjutant, Frank Serra

Dept. Chaplain Roger Hoffman

Cape Cod Detachment



Dept. Paymaster, Bernie Heaney

Honorable Few Detachment

LCpl John J Van Gyzen Detachment

# CONVENTION BANQUET & AWARDS

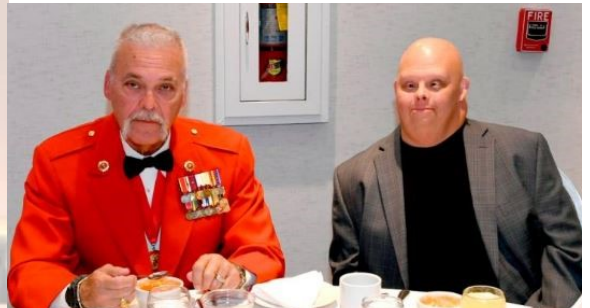


Department Commandant Brian Brooks Presented Meritorious Unit Citations to Pvt. Charles J Shutt Detachment & Westover Detachment



Department Commandant Brian Brooks Presented Certificates of Appreciation to Cheryl Griffin, Accepting for her NSVC Warren Griffin, Beverly Bishop, Tabitha Marsden, and Latrice Cheney

Brian Brooks Presented Certificate of Appreciation to Dept. Quartermaster John MacEntegart



Honored Guest JR. Past National Commandant Dennis Tobin and his Son Kenneth

## NEDVC. ANEDVC. AND STAFF



Dave Porter & Liz Anderson,

Pat and Lynn Maguire,

JR and Sandy Rutovich,

Walt and Teri Benson



Bernie and Nancy Heaney,

Tony Garro, and Esther Lassard,

Bruce Katz,

Terry Laskey and Larry Chretien



Larry Herrmann and Noor,

Mike Hinds,

Howard Schaeffer and Jane Deptula,

Warren Griffin

# VERMONT

## SNOW AND COVID BEHIND US VERMONT COMES ALIVE

With August here and summer activities in full swing Vermont is fully engaged in activities of the League. We start off with The Veterans Summit Below where everyone appears to be having a good time, where Marines are readily available to



sign you up for membership or tell you about next spring's Quad State.

Memorial Day is a special holiday not only in Vermont but in all our hearts. It seems Vermont does an excellent job getting that message across.

something similar so that more Marines could Participate in these events.



We Remember what this day is about.



Color Guard at the Local Baseball Game. Well done Marines. Semper Fidelis, on the day we remember all those who served before.



Those who stand today where others have stood before. The LCVF/ Simulated Landing Craft that The Department of Vermont has put together looks awesome. Whoever designed this did an exceptional job. Every Department should have

Herb Drew Jr.  
Commandant  
Department of Vermont  
Marine Corps League

# RHODE ISLAND

It's been a busy summer for the Department of Rhode Island. Members of the Department set up a booth at a "Calling all Veterans" event, we were able to do some networking, raise some money and talk to Marines about the League to entice them to join. The Department along with the Rhode Island Young Marines had a booth set up at the annual Cranston Police festival and we were able to accomplish the same as we did at the Veterans event.



We have had a few fundraising events with more lined up. The Department at a rose collection at a local Market Basket and along with several members of the league and once again the Young Marines coming out to assist, it was a very successful event. Kent County held a cornhole tournament, which for the first one, it was a successful day. The tournament champions donated



**Col. Higgins Det. Commandant Marine Shawn Sexton with Young Marines Reyes and Fania-Ruiz at the Dept. Rose Collection.**

their 1<sup>st</sup> place prize back to the Detachment. They are not members, just a nice gesture.

Col. Higgins Detachment will be having a rose collection soon and we are hoping for two things to happen, we do well on collections and being near the Newport Naval base we are able to sign up some new mem-

bers. Time will tell.

Bucci-Atwood detachment also have a couple of rose collections scheduled but they are busy signing up new members, last count was nine new members over the



**RIYM's XO Wayne Hamilton receiving the unit Commendation Award, presented by Commandant Pat Maguire and Chief of Staff Wayne Salisbury**

last few months. A "GOOD JOB" goes out to Past Detachment Commandant Wayne Salisbury and Detachment Commandant Joe Afonso.

The Department and the Rhode Island Young Marines work side by side at quite a bit of events. One such event was the YM's did the color guard and members of the Department assisted in handing out Vietnam Veteran packets to the alumni of Saint Anselm College up in New Hampshire, it was one part of their salute to alumni veterans of St. Anselm College. Some members helped out at their encampment recently. A good weekend was had by all who attended, The unit received the Marine Corps League Unit Commendation. Congratulations.



Rhode Island has a crew headed to Daytona, we hope to see you there for some good times, laughs and making of memories.

Semper Fidelis  
Pat Maguire  
Dept. of RI Commandant  
Marine Corps league



# YOUNG MARINES



## BUILDING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY



The summer is traditionally a fun and busy time of year for Young Marines. It's the time of year when Summer Programs, Adventures, Challenges and Schools, also known as SPACES. These activities serve to motivate the youth and prepare them for increased responsibilities in the program. As we heard directly from Young Marines CEO Bill Davis at Quad State Convention, funding from the Marine Corps through the federal appropriations process eliminated a significant portion of dollars which support these and other elements of the national YM Headquarters budget.

This was the catalyst for outreach from Headquarters to adult staff members, YM alumni and members of the MCL to express the desire and need for funding to be restored to this vital program which educates young people on the benefits of leading a drug-free, healthy lifestyle. Of course the YM staff continue their work of petitioning members of Congress to help our program do the work our communities desire -- keeping our children

safe and preparing them to become responsible citizens and community leaders. This program is our MCL youth program. We have the ability to shape its future and destiny. Without a few good Marines joining the fight, the battle space becomes increasingly darker for the YM program.

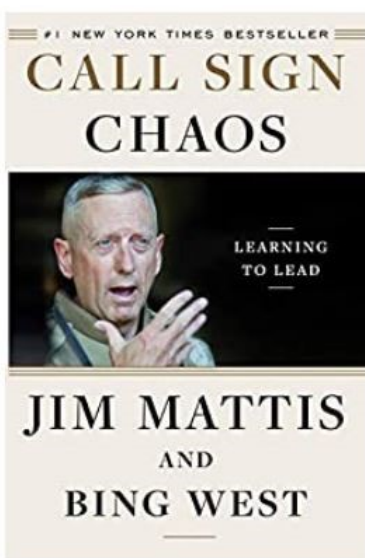
I encourage you all to contact your local YM unit. Ask to visit their drill location and learn more of their needs and areas of concern. Our units need to know we have their backs and we want to offer assistance where we can. There is strength in numbers and there is no battle being waged and won today anywhere in the globe without partnership, collaboration and a shared spirit to overcome that which challenges us. You have the opportunity to make a difference.

**Bruce Katz**

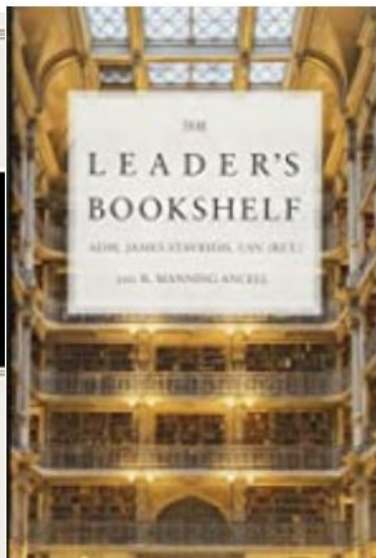


# COMMANDANT'S READING LIST

Each year The Marine Corps Association publishes The Commandant's Reading List. This guide provides information on finding the titles on The Commandant's Professional Reading List (also known as the Marine Corps Reading List) in the Nimitz Library at the United States Naval Academy. This is a list of required annual reading for all officer and enlisted Marines, whether active duty or reserve. It is broken down into 6 categories, Commandants Choice, Profession of Arms, Innovation, Leadership, Strategy, and Foundational. Each newsletter will list books from a chosen category, and links to information on the books as well as how to obtain them. There are certain books that available for free in a digital format from, [Navy General Library Program](#), Click the link to access. This issue we will start with **Leadership**, since it is something we all aspire to everyday in our efforts to become better leaders and role models to those we serve.



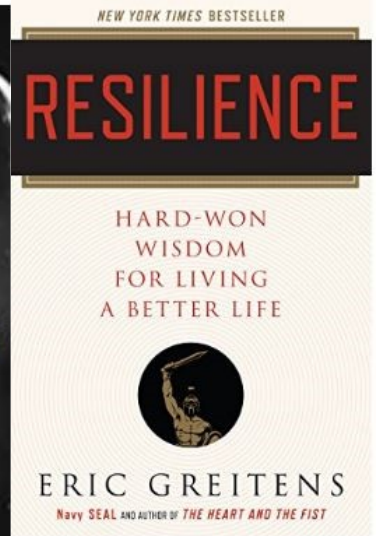
By Jim Mattis and Bing West



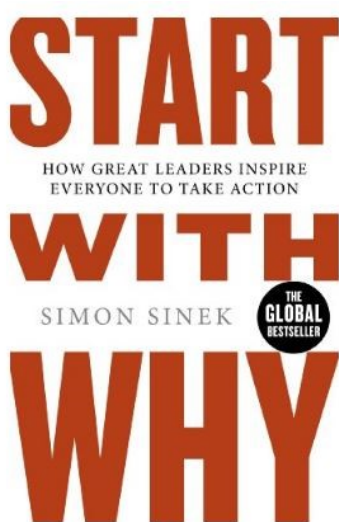
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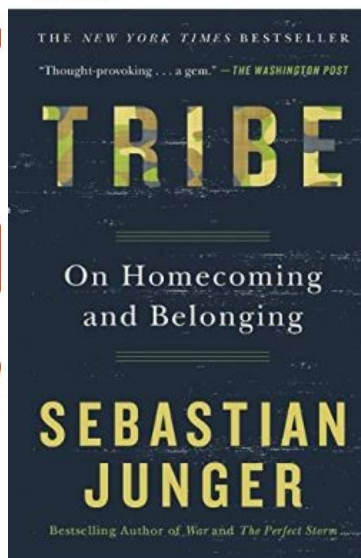
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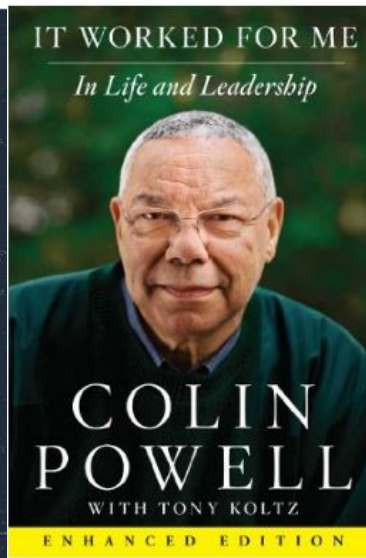
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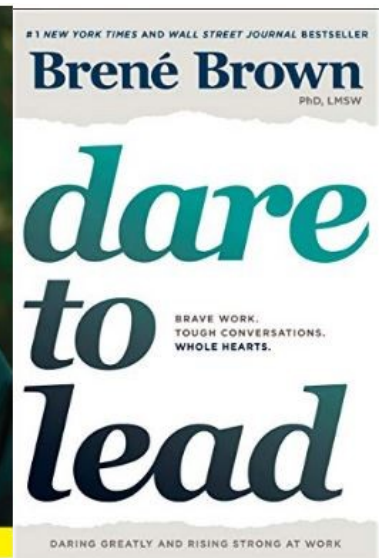
By Simon Sinek



By Sebastian Junger



By Colin Powell



By Brené Brown





# SCRATCHING FORM THE DOGS



# I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Hello, all New England Division Dogs;  
Hope you all are looking forward to Summer & the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This is a quick reminder of what forms and docs will be needed. **REMEMBER TO SEND A COPY OF THE ANNUAL DOCS TO ME.**

1. Pack & Pound Installation: Packs-June 30, Pounds-by November 15<sup>th</sup>
2. 990s-5 months & 15 day after the close of your fiscal year. (We may have to change to fiscal year 1 July-30 June to comply with Bi-Laws)
3. **DUES: ALL INTO KENNEL BY AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup> (TRY TO GET THEM IN SOONER SAY AROUND 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEK OF AUGUST)**
4. State Incorporation: annually or what your state's regulations require (NH is years ending in "0" or "5")

## NEW HONORABLE KENNEL DOG ROBBER STARTING 15 JULY

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**I do this with Great Reservation, who the hell said anyone could retire here? I thought you needed permission. But in case I am wrong.**

**We wish a Happy Retirement to The Honorable Kennel Dog Robber**

**PDD Stephen Joppa Woof Woof!!**

**Any questions or concerns reach out to me- Woof Woof**

**PDD Cherie Monnell**

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When I was a small boy in Vincennes, Indiana, I heard, I think, one of the most outstanding speeches I ever heard in my life. We had just finished reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and he [Mr. Lasswell, the Principal of Vincennes High School] called us all together, and he says, "Uh, boys and girls, I have been listening to you recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester, and it seems that it has become monotonous to you. Or, could it be, you do not understand the meaning of each word? If I may, I would like to recite the pledge, and give you a definition for each word:

**I** -- Me; an individual; a committee of one.

**Pledge** -- Dedicate all of my worldly good to give with out self-pity.

**Allegiance** -- My love and my devotion.

**To the Flag** -- Our standard. "Old Glory"; a symbol of courage. And wherever she waves, there is respect, because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts "Freedom is everybody's job."

**of the United** -- That means we have all come together.

**States** -- Individual communities that have united into 48 great states; 48 individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose; all divided by imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common cause, and that's love of country

**Of America.**

**And to the Republic** -- A Republic: a sovereign state in which power is invested into the representatives chosen by the people to govern; and the government is the people; and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

**For which it stands**

**One Nation** -- Meaning "so blessed by God."

**[Under God]**<sup>1</sup>

**Indivisible** -- Incapable of being divided.

**With Liberty** -- Which is freedom; the right of power for one to live his own life without fears, threats, or any sort of retaliation.

**And Justice** -- The principle and qualities of dealing fairly with others.

**For All** -- For All. That means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.

Now let me hear you recite the **Pledge of Allegiance**:

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country, and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance: Under God. Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said, "That is a prayer" -- and that be eliminated from our schools, too?

This aired on January 14, 1969, to my knowledge no one has ever done it better. This is on the internet every year around this time and I came across it and thought I would share it with you, If you would like to see the video, it is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HGHdFmu5GU>

# MARINE FOR LIFE HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Marine For Life Network (M4L) connects transitioning Marines and their family members to education resources, employment opportunities, and other Veterans services that aid in their career and life goals outside of military service. The Marine For Life Network offers Marines and family members connections to military-friendly employment, education, and other Veteran and community resources. <http://www.usmc-mccs.org/services/career/marine-for-life-network/>

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Bunnell	Roy	E.	8	11
Davis	Donald		8	7
Gilleran	Kevin	M.	8	3
Hamilton	William	F.	8	1
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Kudrycki	Roman	P.	8	9
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Marine	Joseph	A.	8	7
McGoldrick	Frederick	J.	8	8
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Pelegano	Robert		8	15
Sena	David		8	19
Sena, Sr.	Salvatore	V.	8	3
Spencer	Michael	A.	8	15
Sztaba	Michael	T.	8	21
Yepes	Arthur	L.	8	8
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Cop, Jr.	Richard	J.	9	17
Cotter	James	M.	9	21
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Dydyn	Victor	R.	9	19
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Graham	Harold		9	26
Kowalker	Richard	A.	9	21
Leonard	Robert	J.	9	29
Levandowsky	Ronald		9	11
Milalyo	Marianne		9	23
Ouellette	Robert	J.	9	9
Polaske	Eugene	P.	9	16
Renner	Ethan		9	19
Sniadack, Jr.	Bernard	F.	9	24
Truhan	John	E.	9	12
Villaggio	Anthony		9	13
Wennberg	Harry	O.	9	26



# HUMOR AROUND THE DIVISION



Farm kid writes letter home after joining Marines....

Dear Ma and Pa:

I am well. Hope you are. Tell Brother Walt and Brother Elmer the Marine Corps beats working for old man Minch by a mile. Tell them to join up quick before all of the places are filled.

I was restless at first because you get to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m. But I am getting used to it, so I like to sleep late. Tell Walt and Elmer all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot, and shine some things. No hogs to slop, feed to pitch, mash to mix, wood to split, fire to lay. Practically nothing.

Men got to shave but it is not so bad, there's warm water. Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc., but kind of weak on chops, potatoes, ham, steak, fried eggplant, pie and other regular food, but tell Walt and Elmer you can always sit by the two city boys that live on coffee. Their food, plus yours, holds you until noon when you get fed again. It's no wonder these city boys can't walk much.

We go on "route marches," which the platoon sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it's not my place to tell him different. A "route march" is about as far as to our mailbox at home. Then the city guys get

sore feet and we all ride back in trucks.

The sergeant is like a school teacher. He nags a lot. The Captain is like the school board. Majors and colonels just ride around and frown. They don't bother you none.

This next will kill Walt and Elmer with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a chipmunk head and don't move, and it ain't shooting at you like the Higgett boys at home. All you got to do is lie there all comfortable and hit it. You don't even load your own cartridges. They come in boxes.

Then we have what they call hand-to-hand combat training. You get to wrestle with them city boys. I have to be real careful though, they break real easy. It ain't like fighting with that ole bull at home. I'm about the best they got in this except for that Tug Jordan from over in Silver Lake. I only beat him once. He joined up the same time as me, but I'm only 5'6" and 130 pounds and he's 6'8" and near 300 pounds dry.

Be sure to tell Walt and Elmer to hurry and join before other fellers get onto this setup and come stampeding in.

Your loving daughter,

Alice



My Grandma told me that sometimes you have to hug people you don't like, so you know how big to dig the hole.





# RECRUITING "IT'S JOB ONE"!!

Walt Benson



## The Marine Corps League is Looking for a Few Good Marines

I originally had another topic here but I felt this information is more important to help us move forward. Every edition of the Newsletter I talk about recruiting but lets look at what our message should be. We as members of the Marine Corps League need to be able to tell people who we are and what we do. First, we are all Marines, no matter what boot camp, no matter what era. Whether we are Women Marines who served when their job was clerical, Reservists, Grunts, Pilots, and on a good day Hollywood Marines as well. When you become a Marine it is forever, not even death will free you as your post after death is Guarding Heavens Streets, which means you remain a Marine after death.

Marines serve for life. We who are members of the league serve in many capacities but we need more members to come forward to lead, and more Marines to join our ranks. We stand in tribute and witness as those brothers and sisters pass on to their final post, We raise funds to support children and families of veterans with scholarships, medical needs, home repairs and necessities. We serve our communities with color guards for Parades and memorials. Ever notice the applause always gets louder when the Marines go marching by.

We reach out to Marines who are sick and in distress. Whether it is in the Hospital, Rehab or Hospice. We help the youth of our communities to excel and live drug free lives. To gain physical fitness while learning discipline and skills in the Young Marines.

We work with organizations like wreaths across America, The Marine Corps Foundation, Marines 4 Life and Toys 4 Tots. We also support each other with keeping in contact with other members in the league, making sure they get rides to medical appointments or even someone to talk to. We do a lot but the need is great and each of us shares a responsibility to each other and the league. Sometimes the greatest help is an ear to listen or a story to tell. Each of us is important and each of us are part of the family and we leave no one behind, Just like a family we argue , we fight, we scream but at the end of the day you are still my Brother or Sister.

So how do we get our message out? How do we get new members? We ask that's how. When we

do Roses we meet a lot of Marines as well as other Veterans, we should be recruiting them. I know they all say they are busy or I belong to too many organizations. If it's a Marine you have to ask the question, are you a Marine or a Legionnaire? WE are your Brothers and sisters and we want you to come home.

No one else is like a Marine if you go into a neighborhood where three Marines live you would think you are on a Marine Base. Flags, sign, license Plates bumper stickers, and the list goes on. No one beats us at anything but especially Pride. We have to tell our story and ask others to be a part of that story.

So this is what we need to do. Tell our story and what we do overall. Talk to people have information ready to give to them, so they can reach out to them. Take their number and next meeting call them and offer them a ride. Get their email and send them the Newsletter when it comes out. You send it to them so that you become his point of contact with the league, and his friend. If you do not have what they are looking for have him call you back and till him you will get it for him. Do you take any classes at a community college? Go to the Veterans center and start a conversation. I know it sounds like work and you just want to come to a meeting and be left alone. But if you get some friend you could become your own little entourage. You could be a thing. I see that now, there are groups that come to a meeting together, sit together and leave together it's a day out for friends.

Now that we got all the work out of the way, WE PARTY!!!! We do Birthday Ball, we do Christmas, we do Conventions and Banquets, National, Mid Winter, Quad State, Dept of MA, and Dept of CT. We do chicken dinners, picnic's, we do children's picnic's. We could do softball, wiffle ball, bowling, Golf, Casino Outings, shooting, and trips. There is nothing stopping us but us. We can do anything and everything, so lets change direction. Remember as Marines we Improvise, adapt, and overcome. Impossible is not a reality it's only an Opinion.

Semper Fidelis,  
Walt Benson

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# DIVISION SPOTLIGHT

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In each Issue I would like to focus on Marines that are bringing their A GAME to the Division and our mission. I would ask that Detachment and Department Commandants, as well as Pack Leaders send in their choices of Members and Dogs who deserve recognition for the work they do and the contributions they make to our success. You should describe their contributions and why they are being recognized , since you know them the best.

**Pat McMahon**, is the new Department of Connecticut Commandant. Pat has worked his

way through all the chairs at the Department level and has done the same at the Detachment level as well. He has also served as the liaison for the Department of Connecticut to



the Young Marines. Pat is also the Paymaster for the Thames River Detachment and the Dog Robber for Glawackus Pound 131.

Since Pat took office he has been working diligently to fill all of the open positions in CT. Having worked with Pat for quite a few years now I look forward to supporting him in his new role, and I know he will make Connecticut a better and more active Department. He has already developed better communication in the Department, and has started looking at ways to make the Department better and more productive.

**Peter King**, is the New England Division Photographer. Peter travels to Conventions, Confer-



ences, Social Events, Marine Events, basically everywhere the NE Division goes or we participate in and the pictures just keep on coming. I recently contacted Peter to

get some photos for the Newsletter and what he sent me was truly amazing. He sent a DVD with the photos on it but a video made from the photos with music, it was like attending the event again. I have asked NENVC Porter if we could use this on all the Department web sites as this would be great for recruiting as well as bringing attention to the league, and he agreed. I have asked for and gotten one volunteer, Bruce Katz to try and take what Peter has done and put it into a more friendly format. Peter does an amazing job in what he does and I hope we can utilize his work more effectively in the Division.



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# AUGUST

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# August September Marine Corps History



## AUGUST

**1 August 1944:** After nine days of fighting in a battle termed "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II," MajGen Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secured. The combination of surprise, heavy pre-assault bombardment, and effective logistical support was responsible for Tinian's recapture with a much lower casualty rate (344 killed and 1550 wounded) than had been experienced in previous landings.

**3 August 1950:** Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, the famed "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II, launched from the USS SICILY and executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon. After the F4Us delivered their incendiary bombs and rockets on their targets, the Marines concluded their greeting to the Communist troops with a series of strafing runs.

**7 August 1990:** President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area as part of Operation Desert Shield which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.

**9 August 1942:** With the Guadalcanal airstrip secure after heavy fighting with the Japanese, the 1st Engineer Battalion commenced work on the runway using captured equipment. Three days later, on 12 August, the first plane landed on Henderson Field, a Navy PBY which evacuated two wounded Marines. Nearly 3,000 wounded Marines would be evacuated from Henderson Field during the battle.

**17 August 1942:** Just prior to dawn, the 2d Marine Raider Battalion under LtCol Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island from the submarines NAUTILUS and ARGONAUT. The next day the Marines left the island after destroying a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killing about 100 Japanese soldiers.

**21 August 1968:** PFC James Anderson, Jr., was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by Secretary of the Navy, Paul R. Ignatius, for heroism in Vietnam while serving as a rifleman with Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines in February 1967. This was the first Medal of Honor presented to an African-American Marine. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Sr., received the award during ceremonies at Marine Barracks, 8th and I.

**23 August 1984:** The last Marines to serve peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived home. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) arrived off the coast of Lebanon on 9 April to relieve Marines of the 22d MAU who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on 31 July, marking the last presence of U.S. combat troops in Beirut since Marines entered almost two years earlier.

**24 August 1814:** Captain Samuel Miller's 100-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the battle of Bladensburg for the defense of the national capital. After helping to fight back three British charges, Captain Miller was wounded and the enemy began to work around both flanks of the American force. Almost encircled, the force of sailors and Marines was forced to retire to avoid capture. The Marines lost 8 killed and 14 wounded.

## SEPTEMBER

**2 September 1945:** The Japanese officially surrendered to the Allies on board the battleship MISSOURI in Tokyo Bay. With General Holland Smith transferred home in July 1945, the senior Marine Corps representative at the historic ceremony was Lt Gen Roy S. Geiger, who had succeeded Smith as Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

**5 September 1956:** Eleven Marines from the 9th Marines, 3d Marine Division, stationed near Naha, Okinawa, drowned while swimming, from an undercurrent caused by Typhoon Emma. The violent storm, with 140 mph winds, struck the Philippine Islands, Okinawa, Korea, and Japan, causing some 55 deaths and millions of dollars in property damage.

**6 September 1983:** Two Marines were killed and two were wounded when rockets hit their compound in Beirut, Lebanon. Heavy fighting continued for the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit peacekeeping force in the area near their positions around the Beirut International Airport.

**8 September 1942:** On Guadalcanal, the 1st Raider Battalion and the 1st Parachute Battalion, supported by planes of MAG-23 and two destroyer transports, landed east of Tasimboko, advanced west into the rear of Japanese positions, and carried out a successful raid on a Japanese supply base.

**11 September 1992:** Hurricane Iniki devastated the island of Kauai in Hawaii in one of the worst storms the islands had seen in over a century. Marines of the 1st Marine Brigade based at Kaneohe Bay, spearheaded Operation Garden Sweep, the massive cleanup effort.

**15 September 1950:** The 3d Battalion, 5th Marines landed on Wolmi-do Island in Inchon Harbor and secured it prior to the main landing. The 1st Marine Division under the command of Major General Oliver P. Smith landed at Inchon and began the Inchon-Seoul campaign.

**16 September 1814:** A detachment of Marines under Major Daniel Carmick from the Naval Station at New Orleans, together with an Army detachment, destroyed a pirate stronghold at Barataria, on the Island of Grande Terre, near New Orleans.

**18 September 1990:** A new 40-acre training facility for Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) was dedicated at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, by General Alfred M. Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

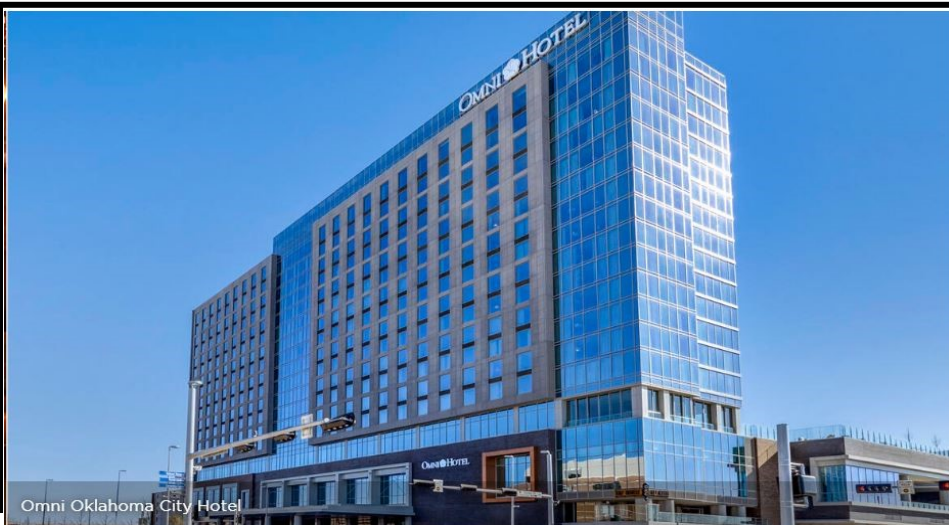
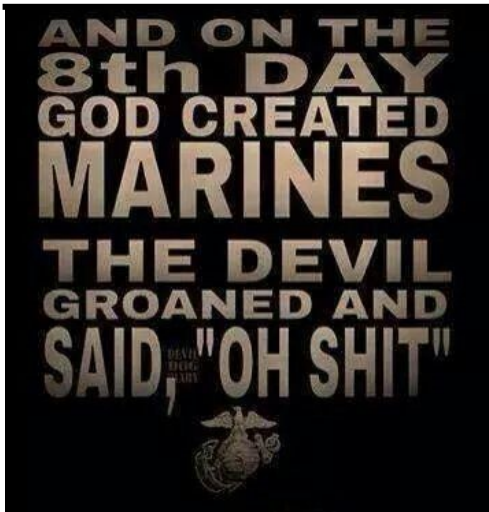
**20 September 1950:** Marines of the 1st Marine Division crossed the Han River along a six-mile beachhead, eight miles northwest of Seoul, Korea. Five days later, the 1st and 5th Marines would attack Seoul and the city would be captured by 27 September.

**24 September 1873:** One hundred and ninety Marines and seamen from the USS PENSACOLA and BENICIA landed at the Bay of Panama, Columbia, to protect the railroad and American lives and property during the revolution.

**27 September 1944:** The American flag was raised over Peleliu, Palau Islands, at the 1st Marine Division Command Post. Although the flag raising symbolized that the island was secured, pockets of determined Japanese defenders continued to fight on. As late as 21 April 1947, 27 Japanese holdouts finally surrendered to the American naval commander on the scene.

**30 September 1945:** Marines of III Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Keller E. Rockey, began landing in North China to assist the Chinese Nationalist government in accepting the surrender of Japanese forces and repatriating Japanese soldiers and civilians.





Regardless of the situation, the Marine Corps has an answer for almost everything.

**A Marines Prayer**

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones, and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family.

Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my Country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer.  
Amen

# Marine Corps League National Convention 2023

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## We Are All Recruiters

**Bring A Friend**



What Started Here.....



**SOME PEOPLE**

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

Continues Here.....

