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Message From The Division Commandant



**Merry Christmas,
Happy Hanukkah and
Happy New Year.**

I am looking forward to the New Year! I know this year had some bumps in the road. Do not focus on the

The mission is more valuable than you think. We are here to carry on our history to pass on to the next generation. Doing so, we try to inspire other fellow Brothers and Sisters to join the Tribe. This mission is more important than just one person. We are here as one, one Family. When one goes down, we together pick that Brother or Sister back up. When we work together as one, we strive and can accomplish anything we set our minds to it. Everyone in the New England Division's Family has a purpose and adds value. Do not feel you have no worth, you do and we need you. Please remember you are not alone! Holidays can be tough, but we are here together. Never feel like you are a burden and a bother so you do not reach out.



negative issues we have encountered, but praise the great strides we have accomplished. Recognize the hard motivating work that brought this Division further to success. I cannot be any more proud to be part of this Family. Thank you all for what you do for the Family and Communities of the New England Division.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Mid-Winter in Norfolk Virginia. A zoom meeting will be held prior to be able to hear from everyone. Stay safe and looking out for one another. Semper Fi

David M Porter
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Then as we head toward New Years we will remember what has passed. The happy days, celebration days and all our friends who passed. Then on that night as the clock strikes 12 we turn the page on a new year and we close the books on 2022. What will the new year bring?

My wishes for all of you are many. When I was in high school I had a friend who was Italian and before we went to the party or event for New Years Eve we would stop at his parents house. His parents were great and would pour us all a drink to toast the new year with them, and they had this custom, which they said was Italian, but I really don't know. The prepared seafood for the evening and on the table was food, cash, and alcohol to toast the new year with friends. I always thought no matter whose custom it was it was a nice custom.

So my wish for you and your families and all our brothers and sisters is this. May you have an ocean of seafood for your table so that no one ever goes hungry. May your table be filled with an inexhaustible pile of cash, so that you want for nothing in the new year. Lastly, may the drink of your choice be endless so that you may toast the new year in a manner befitting the hopes and dreams that we all are hopeful for in the new year.

Then if you will hold you glasses high in one last toast to all of those who have left us this year, we miss them all.

From The Editor

Greeting Marines, The celebrations are over, our Birthday, Veterans Day, and even Thanksgiving. We now move forward to the Holidays of Christmas, Hanukkah and the like, looking to celebrate with family and friends in the spirit that these holidays spread into all of our lives.

Much like children waiting for Santa, we too have wishes on Christmas eve, whether we utter them aloud or just mention them in prayer. Give us and all our families and friends health and happiness. Let no one go hungry or have needs that are not met. Let our brothers and sisters who are deployed and far from home this holiday season be safe and out of harms way. May

Walt Benson



CONNECTICUT



BUSY TIMES ...

Greetings fellow Dept of CT MCLeaguers. At this writing, lots is going on. At the time this newsletter is published, lots more will have occurred. I would like to first take a moment to publicly thank Detachment Commandants Marine Peters (Thames River), Marine Pina (Brass City Memorial), Marine Lee (Paul C Houghton), Marine Debigare (Peter P Monaco), and Marine McQuire (Dept of RI Commandant) for each having extended to me an invitation to participate in their celebration of our

company of family and friends, but also to reflect for a moment on how this great big experiment of democracy began. It is also that time of year when Toys for Tots is in full swing. I hope to hear from any and all detachments on what was done and how your respective communities were impacted by your selfless acts of kindness. With regards to our bi-monthly department business meetings, beginning Sunday December 4, 2022 we are going to try something a little different. Instead of waiting



beloved Corps' 247 th birthday. I was able to attend all but Peter P Monaco's and each was an exceptional event. Thanks!!! In addition to celebrating and honoring the Marine Corps Birthday, we had Veterans Day (A BIG THANK YOU to all for having chosen to honorably wear our country's uniform). The Thanksgiving holiday was also celebrated and I hope and trust each of you and yours were able to take time on this day to enjoy the

until the end of our meetings to eat "lunch", we are going to probed lunch prior to the start of the business meeting. There are quite a few of our members who because of age, health, etc need to eat at regular intervals because of medications. The plan is to have lunch served prior to the start of the December 2022, February 2023 and April 2023 business meetings. During the June convention business meeting, we certainly can discuss in-depth, if need be, as to continue or revert back to eating after the meetings. Finally, I ask that all of us continue to check in on our detachment members. Some may not be able to attend detachment meetings now due to the cold, and early darkness. I continue to consider myself privileged to serve as your Department Commandant and always look to you for guidance and mentoring on how we can improve ourselves at the Department level. SF Patrick T. McMahan
Commandant Department of Ct

MAINE

HOMETOWN HERO AWARD



Charles Paul Commandant of the Central Main Detachment 810 was recently honored with the Modern Woodsmen "Home Town Hero" award. Modern Woodsmen selects people who have done outstanding volunteer work in the community. My work with our veteran community was recognized by this wonderful organization. In addition, they gave me a check for \$100 to one of my favorite charities. I chose Wreaths Across America.



SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE



The winner of our Scholarship Quilt was Doug Lord. A member of Central Maine Det. 810.

His words when told he had won.

"I never win anything."

Congratulations Doug.

I would like to Thank everyone who purchased tickets for our Scholarship raffle. It was a huge success and we look forward to doing it again next year.

Charlie Paul Commandant
Central Maine Det. 810

MAINE



Charles Paul was Awarded Department of Maine Marine of The Year



The Department of Maine celebrated our 247th Birthday in a fine New England Tradition with a cake cutting ceremony and some awards to Marines and some Quilts of Valor were awarded as well.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
MARINES**

MAINE



I want to thank all who attended our 247th MC Birthday celebration on Thursday, and as luck would have it even fell on November 10th. This was the first year that we catered the event, instead of pot luck, and I have heard feedback that it was well received. There was plenty of food for the 44 members and their families plus we opened it up to the bar patrons as well, even if they were Air Force. A huge shout out to the Post Auxiliary for catering, set up of the room and cleanup. I also would like to thank Marty and Dick as cake bearers, Chuck Devine for the reading of the 38th Commandant's message, Dona for the reading of the 13th Commandant's message, Jay-Missing Man Table and McKenzie for Audio Visual and Jaimy-Chaplain. George Baron was the oldest Marine present and our newest member, Caleb Cram, was the youngest Marine present. SF Dave



MAINE



VETERAN'S DAY

MASSACHUSETTS

Oak Ridge Detachment #628 recently gave away 25 Full Thanksgiving Dinners to veterans in need, at the Building Bridges Initiative veterans Lunch in Greenfield. They included a turkey, rolls, potatoes, cranberry sauce, pie and squash. Some Pictures are attached.

Oak Ridge also plans on doing 20 Christmas Dinners which include a large ham, potatoes, carrots, dinner rolls, applesauce and a pie. to be located at a few years back. Any recipes made to resemble ours at that booth is an imitation and



you should give us a call for the real thing



Marine Corps League
Department of Massachusetts
85th Department Convention
June 2022

Double Tree Hotel
Hyannis, MA 02601

Once a MARINE
Always a MARINE

**Brian Brook
Commandant
Department of
Massachusetts
Semper Fi!**



VERMONT

QUAD STATE CONVENTION APRIL 28TH—30TH COLCHESTER VERMONT

The 2023 New England Division Conference and Quad State Convention of the Marine Corps League will be held April 28th --30th, 2023 at the Hampton Inn, 42 Lower Mountain View Drive, Colchester, Vt 05446. Telephone # 802-655-6177, For hotel. Or you may email: Amanda Chaput at Amanda.chaput@hilton.com or her phone 802-318-9041 for registration.

DIRECTIONS: When coming North on Interstate I89, take exit #16 staying in the extreme right lane and at the bottom of the ramp, turn right staying in the extreme right lane to the top of the small hill, at the light again turn right and the first right hand turn after is the entrance to the Inn. When coming from the North going South, take exit #16 and at the bottom of the ramp, turn left and stay in the extreme right lane and follow the same as above. All reservations should be made by March 28th 2023 directly through the Hampton Inn. To obtain the discounted rates, mention the Marine Corps League convention code "MCL". Please make your reservations early so that you will be assured a room. We have made arrangements with the Hampton Inn for the same rates for those who wish to come earlier or stay later to enjoy the Greater Burlington Vermont area.

We are honored this year to have as our special guest speaker (to be announced).

Registration will be held starting at 12:00 pm to 5 pm on Friday April 28th 2023 to continue on Saturday April 29th at 8 am to 10 am for those not already registered. A registration fee of \$25.00 is requested to help defray the cost of the materials that will be handed out.

ROOM RATES:

Rates are \$ 139.00 per room per night plus 10% tax

MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE:

Friday Night Buffet \$ 34.58 per person tax included

Saturday Night Banquet Dinner \$ 58.52 per person tax included

Saturday Morning Breakfast Free in the lobby 6 am to 10 am

Sunday Morning Breakfast Free in the lobby 6 am to 10

CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY "March 28th 2023" PAYABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT. MCL and mailed to: Paymaster Barbara Kaufmann P.O. Box 311 Jericho, Vermont 05465

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 28th at 6:00pm in the BANQUET Room a brief opening ceremony will be held with the posting of Department Colors. Visiting Dignitaries will be introduced to be followed by a pre-Growl Buffet. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

The Growl of the Pack will run from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. All Dogs are encouraged to attend and bring Strays and Pups. There will be an initiation of Dogs advancing and Pups joining the ranks of the Order. All Forms for Strays and **Advancement must be submitted by March 28th, 2023** to Dog Robber Barbara Kaufman, Green Mountain Pound # 249 PO Box 311, Jericho, VT 05465

Note: Passport fee to the Doghouse is Five Big Bones Plus a Five pound bag of dry Dog Food.

Saturday, April 29th weather permitting, The Fallen Comrades Ceremony will be held at 9:00 am on the front lawn of the Inn or the courtyard. If inclement weather, it will be held in the Banquet room. At approximately 9:30 am we will start the business meeting.

The New England Division Officers will be introduced by the Department of Vermont Commandant and they will have the floor for business at hand.

The Department of Vermont Commandant will then have the floor to discuss issues of concern. This will be followed by individual State Department caucuses. At approximately 12:00 pm we will recess so all can enjoy the attractions of the Greater Burlington area or shopping. A bus will be available to transport people to downtown Burlington and elsewhere as planned. Return bus service pickup will be at 4:30pm at the drop off point. NOTE: You will have to sign up on Fri. or Sat. before noon for the bus. Lunch will be on your own and you will find many fine restaurants nearby or you can remain at the Hampton Inn for lunch..

We will meet for a social hour at 6:00 pm. (This will be a cash bar). At 7:00 pm we will start the Dinner and Dinner Ceremonies. We will have, National Vice Commandant, New England Division, David Porter to say a few words followed by our special guest speaker (to be announced) This will be followed with the installation of officers, then awards ceremony and the raffles from the hospitality room.

Sunday, April 30th, breakfast in the lobby- Free from 6 am to 10 am. Safe travels home. We thank you for attending the conference and convention. Check out time is at 11:00 am

For those extending your stay, be sure to mention the Hampton Inn's agreement to the special rate.

Thank you all for attending the Quad State/ New England Division Conference of 2023. We hope you had a Great time and enjoyed your stay in Vermont. Please drive safely and have a safe trip back home. "SEMPER FIDELIS".

VERMONT

QUAD STATE CONVENTION APRIL 28TH—30TH COLCHESTER VERMONT

REGISTRATION FORM

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE \$25.00 . MCL MEMBERS ONLY

NAME: (Rank) _____

SPOUSE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DEPARTMENT: _____ DETACHMENT: _____

MEALS: (MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE)

FRIDAY NIGHT BUFFET— \$34.58 PER Person (Includes all taxes) How many ___ total _____

(ITALIAN BUFFET)---Meat Lasagna – Spaghetti with Meatballs – Tossed Salad –

Minestrone Soup – Garlic Bread – Zucchini with Red Peppers and Olive Oil –

Vermont Apple Pie with Sharp Cheddar cheese.)

SATURDAY BREAKFAST In the lobby Free 6am to 10am

SUNDAY BREAKFAST In the lobby Free 6am to 10am

SATURDAY NIGHT BUFFET—\$58.52 PER PERSON (Includes all taxes) How many ___ total _____

(VERMONT SPECIAL BUFFET)---Beer Brine Pork Chops – Crusted Salmon – Vt. Turkey with Stuffing – Vt. Maple Glazed Ham – Red Potato Salad – Almond and Apple Cole Slaw – Maple Glazed Baby Carrots – Herb Roasted Potatoes – Chive and Cheddar Mashed Potatoes – Rolls and Vt. Butter – Vermont Maple Cheesecake – Peanut Butter Chocolate Cake – Fresh Fruit Plate.)

Please let us know if you have any special food concerns or requirements!

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And mailed to:

Paymaster Barbara Kaufmann

P.O. Box 311

VERMONT

QUAD STATE CONVENTION APRIL 28TH—30TH COLCHESTER VERMONT

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT-Marine Corps League 2023 New England Division Conference And Quad State Convention PROGRAM BOOK

To: All Departments, Detachments, Pounds and Packs

The 2023 Marine Corps League New England Division Conference and Quad State Convention will be held April 28th - 30th at the Hampton Inn, 42 Lower Mountain View Drive, Colchester, VT. 05446

Telephone 802-655-6177

Your support of the convention by placing ads in the program book is greatly appreciated.

PRICE LIST

FULL PAGE COLOR \$150.00 ____ B/W \$100.00 ____

HALF PAGE COLOR \$125.00 ____ B/W \$75.00 ____

B/W only

QUARTER PAGE \$50.00 ____

BUSINESS CARD \$25.00 ____

NAME ONLY \$5.00 ____

It is suggested that Ads be developed in Microsoft Word in PDF form and e-mailed to herbdrewjr@gmail.com

Submit a separate form for each advertisement. Make checks payable to: Department of Vermont MCL and mail to:

Paymaster Barbara Kaufmann

P.O. Box 311

Jericho, Vt. 05465

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Size of Ad: _____

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RHODE ISLAND

The Department of Rhode Island has been busy over the last several weeks with Marine Corps birthday planning/celebrating, Veterans Day events, organizing Toys for Tots collection dates. It was nonstop for a while but all worth it once the events took place.

The RI MCL became friends with a very special woman, Capt. MaryJoe Majors, USN Ret. It all started early in 2021 when a Veterans Alumni recognition event at St. Anselm's College in New Hampshire needed a color guard. The RI Young Marines and their XO Wayne Hamilton were on guard. They honored to assist and made the trip to St. A's. Since then we have had some interactions with Capt. Majors and decided it would be an honor to have her be our guest speaker. Her quite impressive career in the Navy is talked about the most is her work with the FMF Marine. It was truly an honor to have her speak at the Birthday ball.

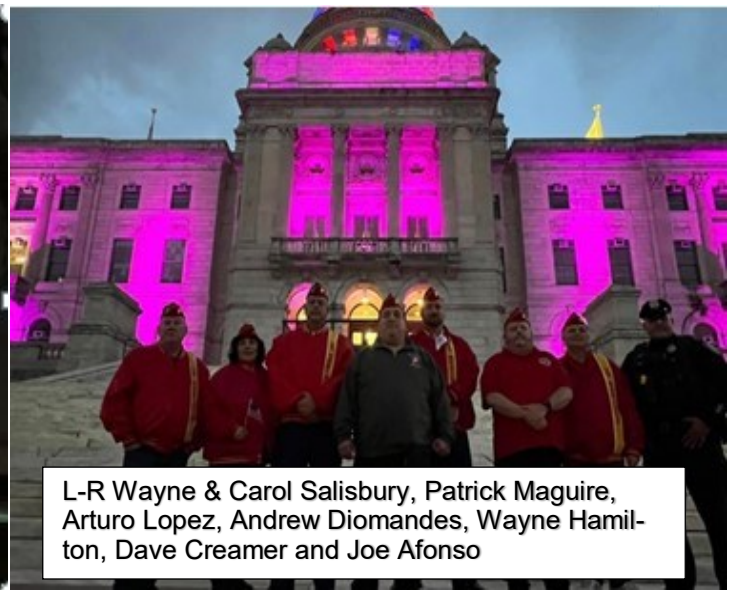


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The Department participated in the "Light to Unite" event that took place country wide. We were hoping to have a ceremony on the steps of the state house but due to circumstances beyond our control that could not take place. Although there were some obstacles that we had to overcome but with some persistence, we were able to make the lighting happen.

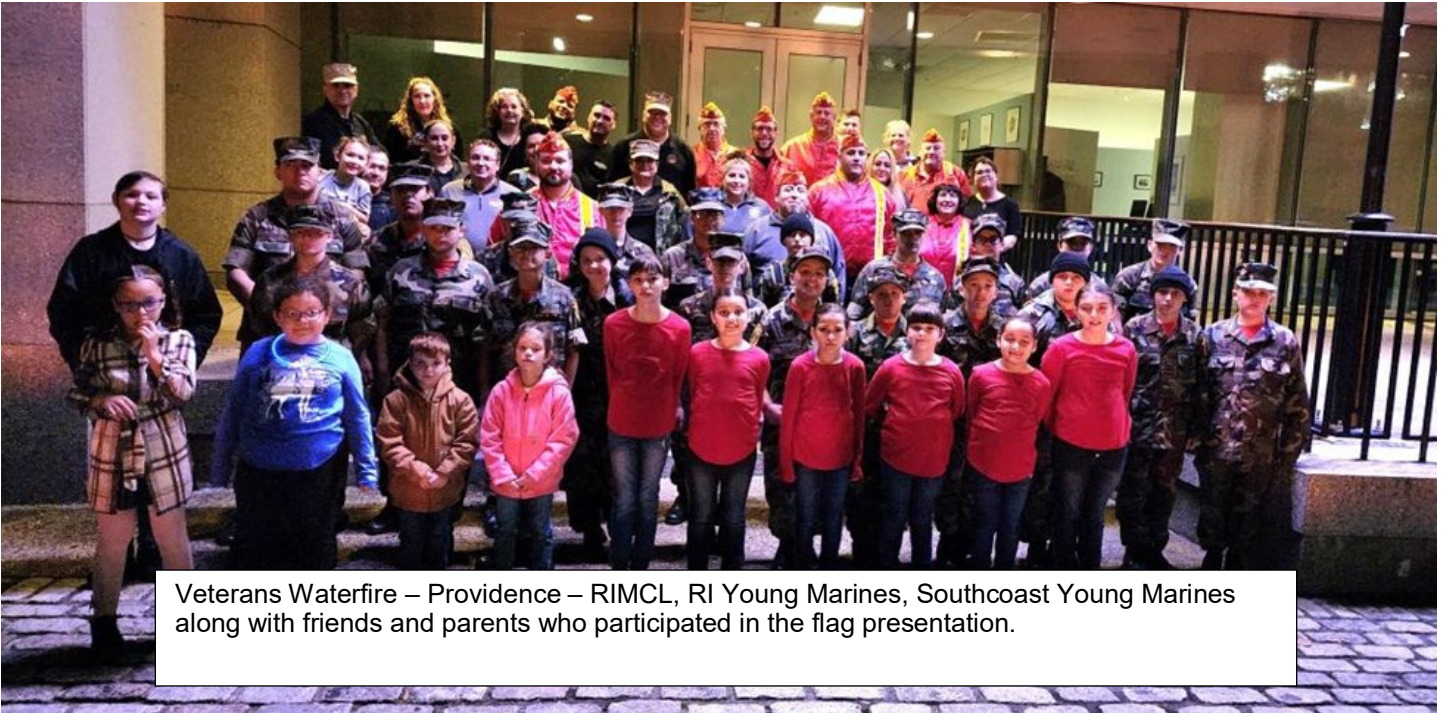


Rhode Island State House



L-R Wayne & Carol Salisbury, Patrick Maguire, Arturo Lopez, Andrew Diomandes, Wayne Hamilton, Dave Creamer and Joe Afonso

RHODE ISLAND



Veterans Waterfire – Providence – RIMCL, RI Young Marines, Southcoast Young Marines along with friends and parents who participated in the flag presentation.

Toys for Tots – this year the program did really well in comparison to previous years. The reason for that is because of one Marine, Dave Creamer. Dave is a new member, jumping right in to help his (Bucci-Atwood) Detachment. He wanted to help with the Toys for Tots program, not only did he “help” he took it and ran with it. He scheduled collection dates at several Walmart’s every weekend since the beginning of October, dropped off boxes at different businesses as well as holding events at local bars and restaurants. Granted, the Young Marines were at most of these events but it goes without saying that Dave was very passionate about the program and was determined to make it a success. Just after Thanksgiving, Dave met up with Cpl. Ortiz, our local T4T’s liaison, and presented a check for \$12,146 and just a little shy of 4000 toys. And he still has boxes and donations to pick before the deadline. Outstanding job Dave, we appreciate your dedication and you have put the “Merry” in kids Christmas this year.



Wayne & Carol Salisbury, Dave Creamer, Cpl. Ortiz and Joe Afonso



RHODE ISLAND



MARINES
DEEP DOWN, YOU'VE ALWAYS KNOWN
WHO WAS SANTA'S FAVORITE

The Department of Rhode Island would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! May God Bless those who are serving during this holiday season



SCRATCHING'S FROM THE DOGS



Lobster Pound #119, Maine Pack is conducting our latest raffle for the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital.



Some History: This 75th Anniversary pistol was raffled off by the MODD. Kevin Mitchell, a Lobster Pound #119 Pedigree Devil Dog, won this beautiful piece. Kevin's has since passed away and his wife gave me the pistol and said he wanted you to have it. I can't think of any better way to honor this Marine than to raffle off the pistol and use it to benefit something that is important to the MODD, Lobster Pound #119, Kevin and I. The children! Tickets are \$10.00 for 1 and \$20.00 for 3. The drawing will be held on May 30, 2023. Winner need not be present but must be able to pass a background check.

This raffle is all about the CHILDREN. I would of loved to keep it for myself but this kids is what Kevin and I believe in. That is why we are Devil Dogs 1000 tickets have been printed. If you are interested please contact Charlie Paul at charlespaul293@gmail.com or 207-393-7667.

I am hoping to have it at the Vermont Quad State if I get their permission to bring it. Charlie Paul Maine Pack Leader Lobster Pound #119 Pound Keeper



YOUNG MARINES



As many of you are aware, I have been selected by Young Marine National Headquarters as the new Division One Commander, replacing Bob Dittrich who has retired from the program.

I have started assembling a Division team so we can hit the ground running in 2023. Our first goal is to build upon the MCL and the Young Marine relationship. Our team is looking forward to attending your meetings and functions. We would like to get the Young Marines more involved with their local detachments, and vice-versa. We feel both organizations are missing out on excellent opportunities to build on the strengths of each other. We are also looking to open more units within our Division, and the MCL is a good avenue to assist us with our goal. This will not only strengthen the Young Marine program, but it will also give more opportunities for both organizations to work together. We are always looking to our Marine Corps Veteran's to lead a new unit, with the proper Leadership, Discipline and Teamwork.

Just some of the things our youth need to succeed in our world today. We are planning a couple of events that will sure spark the interest of the Young Marines. Another one of our goals is to bring the Division

together and have multiple events throughout the year, as well as leadership opportunities.

However, with drastic budget cuts, it is increasingly difficult to plan for large, scaled events. HQ's has slashed the budgets of all Divisions with their lack of funding from

Congress. Each Division is responsible for doing their own fundraising. Therefore, we are seeking different funding sources and hoping that we can build our account. This will allow the Young Marines to seek different types of leadership opportunities, as well as connections to other events.

Joe Couture

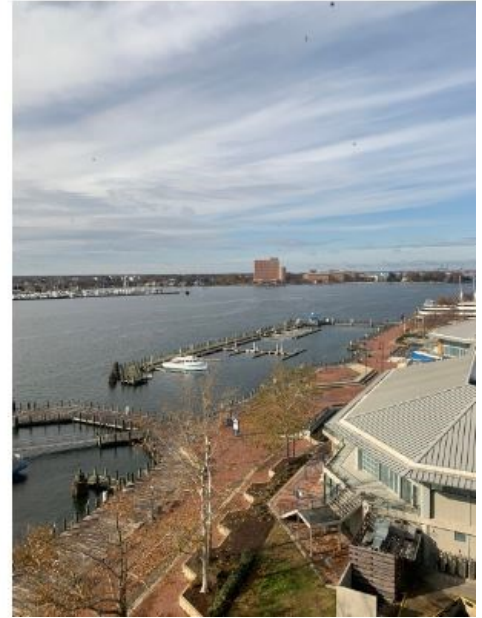
YM - Division One Commander

(800) 717-0060 x301



2023 MID WINTER NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel



[HOTEL RESERVATION LINK](#)

[Reservations: 1-800-325-3535 or call the hotel direct at \(757\) 622-6664](#)
2/23/2023 – 2/25/2023 (check in 2/22, check out 2/26)

- Room Rate: \$151.35 (inclusive of 15% tax & \$3 resort fee) and includes buffet breakfast for two (2) and garage parking.
- Parking: Offsite garage parking is \$14 per day per entry **IF NOT STAYING AT HOTEL** (each time entering garage each day). Valet Parking is \$30 per day
- \$50 per amount of days staying will be held on the card you use to check in with for incidentals
- Any cancellations after February 10, 2023 will forfeit the one night deposit
- It has been determined that Uber or Taxi are the best method of transport from the airport

Thursday arrivals & stores are open in the afternoon

2023 MID WINTER NATIONAL CONFERENCE

MID-WINTER NATIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

February 23 – 25, 2023 Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel
 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510
 Phone: (757) 622-6664 \$129.00 per night (Includes Breakfast)

ALL DEADLINES ARE FEBRUARY 4, 2023

Online registration is available at MCLeagueLibrary.org/Conference

To have your name tag printed and packet prepared prior to your arrival you must be pre-registered. Pre-registration is \$10; registration at the conference is \$12. Please print and complete the following information as you want it to appear on your name tag.

Name: _____	Name: _____
Title: _____	Title: _____
Det/Unit: _____	Det/Unit: _____
Street Address: _____	Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____

*A program book will be printed. All units of the MCL, MODD, and MCLA are all encouraged to support the program book to help offset the cost of the Conference. **It is recommended that you E-mail your ad for better resolution***

Program Book (place # of ads on appropriate line)

Full page @ \$100 _____
 Half page @ \$60 _____
 Quarter page @ \$30 _____

Business card @ \$25 _____
 Patron listing @ \$2 _____

Banquet Meals @ \$60 Each

No. of Beef _____
 No. of Chicken _____
 No. of Fish _____
 No. of Vegetarian _____
 Total # of Meals _____

	Quantity	Dollars
Total number pre-registration	_____	_____
Total number of banquet meals	_____	_____
Program book ads	_____	_____
GRAND TOTAL DUE	_____	_____

Check or money order enclosed Check / MO # _____ Amount _____
Please make checks and money orders payable to MCL, Inc. or Marine Corps League, Inc.

Email _____

Signature _____

**** For Visa, MasterCard and Discover; please use online registration at MCLeagueLibrary.org/Conference***

Please mail to: Marine Corps League HQ, Attn: Mid-Winter Conference
 P.O. Box 1990, Stafford, VA 22555-1990

We request the ad book submissions be emailed to LWilliamson@mcleague.org

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★ **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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Adam	Krzynowek	12	12/24/59
Edward	Lee Jr.	12	12/31/49
Daniel	Lutty	12	12/06/47
John	Malley	12	12/16/35
Robert	Marchese	12	12/19/35
Andrew	McKinn	12	12/03/68
Edward	Orlowski	12	12/26/25
Henry	Otte	12	
Richard	Rampone	12	12/01/41
Francis	Russell	12	12/02/48
Dennis	Taricani	12	
Caron	LeRoy	1	01/07/44
Clark	John	1	01/30/30
Connors Jr.	William	1	01/26/70
Enriquez	Robert	1	01/08/40
Fitzpatrick	Leo	1	01/04/38
Lantz	Richard	1	01/09/83
Lugo	Angel	1	01/20/38
Madigan	Charles	1	01/11/44
Mullaney	Garrell	1	01/06/47
Ostertag	Donald	1	01/10/73
Padelli	Matthew	1	01/31/48
Parker	Thomas	1	01/01/37
Rivard	Raymond	1	1/9/1934
Smith	Robert	1	01/18/48
Wilson	Marion	1	01/12/35
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WHEN IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ?



HUMOR AROUND THE DIVISION



**WHAT'S MORE DANGEROUS
THAN AN LT WITH A COMPASS?**

MARINE LTS WITH EXPLOSIVES

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LIKE IF YOU SEE



MARINE BOOT

**IT AINT WHAT IT
USED TO BE**

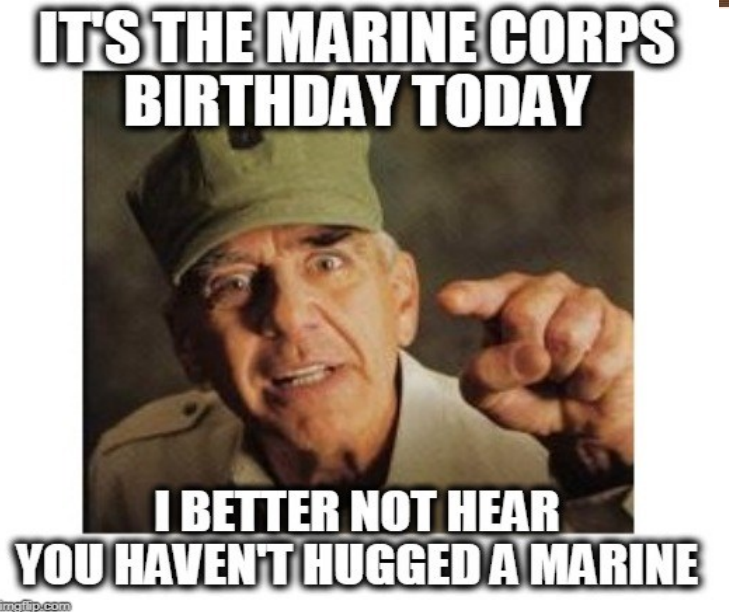


WHAT'S WRONG

**IT'S THE MARINE CORPS
BIRTHDAY TODAY**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
BROTHERS!!!**



**I BETTER NOT HEAR
YOU HAVEN'T HUGGED A MARINE**

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DIVISION RECRUITING



The Marine Corps League is Looking for a Few Good Marines

Why did you join The Marine Corps League? We all have different reasons and we all think our reasons are good, but the bottom line is that we are all looking to still serve. Whether it is our fellow veterans or our community, that same driving force that led you to be Marines has led you to do this. It is a good feeling to help others and a sense of pride that goes with it. That pride is very similar to the pride we have every time we put on that uniform. There are many other Marines out there that either do not know about the league or may need a little push to join us.

How do we reach them? Well when I go to meetings at work we always get asked the same silly question if we are doing something and are successful at it, "What's your Secret"? There is no secret, no miracle, no magic, just hard work, and planning. I know a member that carries little packets in his car with information on the league, his contact information and an application. If he passes a house or a car with Marine Corps Flag or decals he stops and leaves them a packet. We now have a QR Code that we can give to someone and they can put in the application from their phone. Before you ask on how are we going to find people to give it to, let me say this. When they call us the proud, they could not have been more accurate. I am often asked, Don't you have anything to wear that doesn't have Marine



DO YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

JOIN THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY

MARINES WANTED

FIND A DETACHMENT
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on it? To be honest I think I have one or two shirts that do not, but they are old and when I get the new ones they will not be without the EGA. We can post upcoming meetings on social media or hang flyers at community centers. If you get an opportunity to speak to any veterans group take it. There is no such thing as a quiet Marine. If you have something that is working for you I would love to hear it because if it works for you, it may work for me. I have heard of some members setting up a table once a month at the VA to attract new members. Remember we want Marines but we want associate members as well. Let's make this a New Years Resolution to bring in new members.

Walt Benson

Are You Ready?



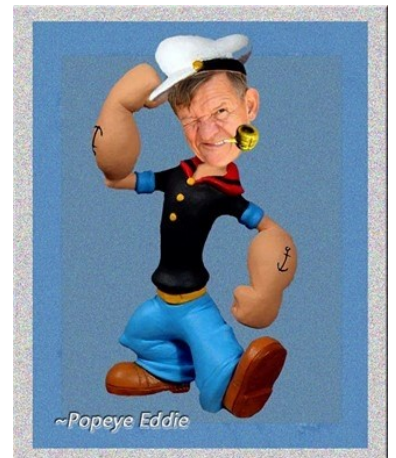
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DON'T LET
THIS
HAPPEN TO
ANY OF
OUR
BROTHERS
AND
SISTERS



DIVISION SPOTLIGHT

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.

Charles Paul, has just become the Commandant of The Department of Maine. Char-



lie has been making great strides in bringing attention to the

Department of Maine. He has represented Maine at the past two National Conventions. He was recently awarded the Department Marine of the Year and received the Modern Woodsmen “Home Town Hero” where he received a check for his favorite charity, for which he chose Wreaths Across America.

He worked with the Lewiston/Auburn Veterans Council to raise funds for a Vietnam war memorial along with a bench to be installed in Veterans Park Lewiston. His plan was to raise \$6500 and to do this he went every Wednesday from 10am till noon. He accomplished this in three Wednesdays. Just goes to show what, “ The Marine Can Do Attitude”, can accomplish.

Semper Fi, Charlie Paul

Pat Maguire, National Assistant Vice Commandant of The New England Division, and Department of Rhode Island Commandant, is truly

someone that deserves the spotlight. If you attended any event this year, you saw Pat Maguire. Quad State this year was amazing, as was the Birthday Ball, he MC'd for, The Connecticut and Massa-



chusetts Convention, National and local events all over New England. Now someone out there might say that going to all of these events is no big deal but let me tell you why it is. When one of us and I mean the collective us, Marine Corps League Members, Detachment or Department Officers, Division Staff or Officers, it is a big contribution. It shows the MCL in a positive light and the more people make that presence known, the More the League will grow and be recognized. Every hand you shake across a table is a contact and new friend, that could help you expand your membership and help you with your mission. If I had to list where he has been and what he has done reaching across that table I would go on for pages. His work and dedication truly make him an ambassador for the “Good Of The League”. Maybe in the future with all the awards we present and recognize, maybe one for “Good Of The League”. Should be among them.

Semper Fi, Pat Maguire



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December

January

Marine Corps History



DECEMBER

4 December 1950: LtCol Raymond G. Davis led his battalion into Hagaru-Ri, Korea after four days of intense fighting in the mountain passes against a numerically superior hostile force. His battalion, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, helped clear the way for the 5th and 7th Marines, and LtCol Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism.

6 December 1928: A small detail of Marines under Captain Maurice G. Holmes defeated Nicaraguan bandits near Chuyelite. GySgt Charles Williams was mortally wounded during the fighting. Capt Holmes was later awarded the Navy Cross for gallantry, and a posthumous award was given to GySgt Williams.

8 December 1941: Japanese aircraft attacked Wake Island within hours of the fateful attack on Pearl Harbor. Marines of the 1st Defense Battalion and Marine Fighting Squadron 211 resisted Japanese invasion attempts for over two weeks before finally succumbing to an overwhelming force.

9 December 1992: Marines of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations capable) landed in Somalia kicking off Operation Restore Hope, the largest humanitarian relief operation of its kind.

10 December 1995: In Bosnia, 22 Marines from Marine Corps Security Force Company, Naples, Italy were among the first American troops to arrive. They provided the security for Allied Forces Southern Europe headquartered at Sarajevo. About 2,500 NATO troops would be in place by 19 December taking on the task of peace enforcement in former Yugoslavia from the U.N.

15 December 1948: The Secretary of the Navy signed a "Memorandum of Agreement" with the State Department which laid the basis for the modern Marine Security Guard program at U.S. embassies throughout the world.

19 December 1972: The Marine detachment of the USS TICONDEROGA provided shipboard security for three U.S. astronauts, Eugene Cernan, Ronald Evans, Harrison Schmitt, and their Apollo-17 space capsule. The astronauts had successfully completed a (then) record lunar stay of more than 75 hours.

20 December 1989: Operation Just Cause was launched in Panama to protect American lives, restore the democratic process, preserve the integrity of the Panama Canal Treaty, and apprehend dictator General Manuel Antonio Noriega. One Marine, Corporal Garreth C. Isaak, was killed and three other were wounded during the operation.

23 December 1941: Japanese forces launched a predawn landing on Wake Island and Wilkes Island, while their carriers launched air strikes against Wilkes, Wake, and Peale islands in support of the landing force. After nearly 12 hours of desperate fighting, the three islands were surrendered.

26 December 1957: Twenty helicopters from Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 162, were rushed to Ceylon onboard the USS PRINCETON where Marines participated in the rescue and

11 January 1945: The first elements of Marine Aircraft Group 24, commanded by Colonel Lyle H. Meyer, landed at Lingayen, Luzon, Philippine Islands, to provide close air support for Army forces. Over the next three months, MAG-24 and MAG-32 would fly a total of 8,842 combat sorties and drop more than 19,000 bombs as part of the Fifth Air Force in support of the Sixth Army.

16 January 1991: Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm as forces of the allied coalition launched an all-out air campaign against targets in Iraq and occupied Kuwait in an effort to liberate Kuwait and enforce the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. Overall, in the theater of operations, the coalition forces included more than 415,000 U.S. troops.

18 January 1951: Marines of the 1st Marine Division began mopping-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang area, South Korea, following the Division's return from its epic battle with Communist Chinese troops at the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir.

20 January 1968: The second battle for Khe Sanh began when Marines from the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines attacked a North Vietnamese battalion between Hill 881 South and Hill 881 North. More than 100 of the enemy were killed.

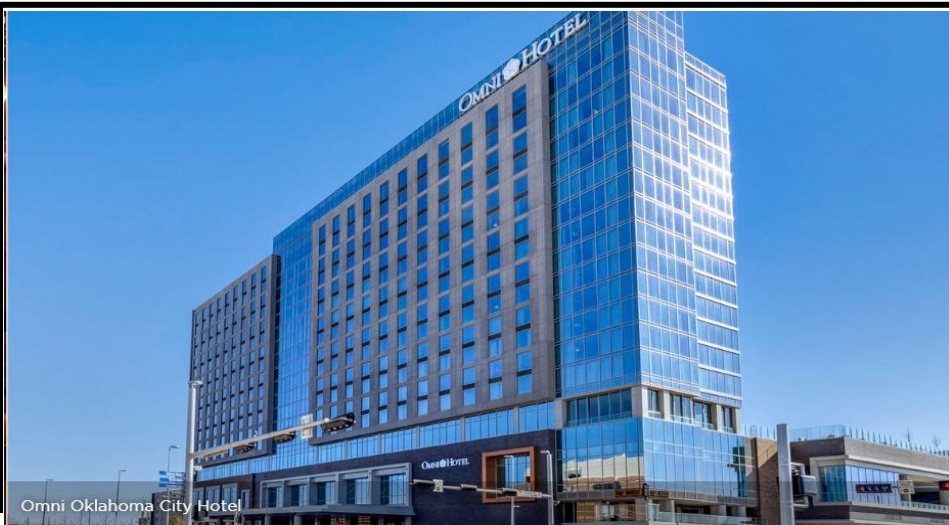
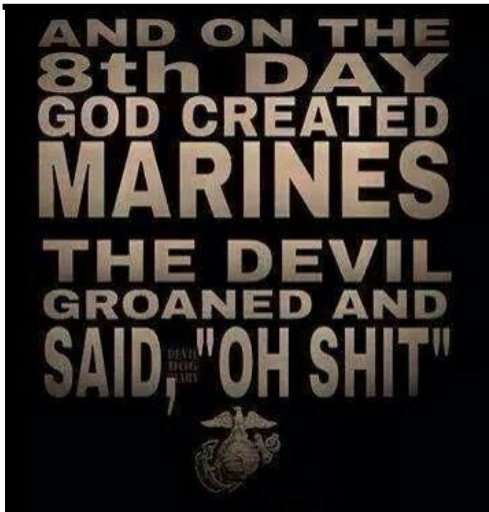
21 January 1918: The 1st Aeronautical Company arrived at Ponta Delgada, Azores, for anti-submarine duty. That unit was one of the first completely equipped American aviation units to serve overseas in World War I.

22 January 1969: Operation Dewey Canyon, perhaps the most successful high-mobility regimental-size action of the Vietnam War, began in the A Shau/Da Krong Valleys when the 9th Marines, commanded by Colonel Robert H. Barrow, and supporting artillery were lifted from Quang Tri. By 18 March the enemy's base area had been cleared out, 1617 enemy dead had been counted, and more than 500 tons of weapons and ammunition unearthed.

25 January 1856: Marines and seamen from the U.S. sloop DECATUR went ashore at the village of Seattle, Washington, to protect settlers from Indian raids. The Indians launched a seven-hour attack but were driven off later that day after suffering severe losses. Incredibly, only two civilian volunteers were killed and no Marines or sailors were lost.

27 January 1988: About 400 Marines and sailors from the 2d Marine Division, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, and 2d Force Service Support Group deployed for the Persian Gulf. The Contingency Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) CM 2-88 would relieve Contingency MAGTF 1-88 in the volatile Persian Gulf and provide the effective landing force capability to Joint Task Force Middle East.

29 January 1991: The first serious ground fighting of Operation Desert Storm broke out when Iraqi troops mounted an attack into Saudi Arabia along a 40-mile front. Iraqi units centered their efforts on Khafji, a port city six miles south of the border. Saudi and Qatari troops, supported by artillery from the 1st Marine Division and attack helicopters and other allied coalition aircraft, recaptured the town two days later.



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

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SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Dept of Maine Commandant Ed Lake is dealing with Pancreatic Cancer. Get well cards would be greatly appreciated.

His address is: Edward Lake, 15 McSheffery Rd, Houlton, ME 04730

Central Maine Marine Armand "Toby" Blais is dealing with a number of medical issues and get well cards would be greatly appreciated.

His address is: Armand "Toby" Blais, 2 Revere St, Lewiston, ME 04240-4313

Herb Drew— Recently suffered a stroke and then pneumonia . He is currently in a Nursing Home

His address is 145 Shady Ln. Colchester VT.05446-0311