



Newsletter



Indian River Detachment 058 Marine Corps League

Commandant: Dwight Harris

Sr Vice Commandant: John Harris

Jr Vice Commandant: Heath Harris

Monthly Meeting: Every 4th Thursday of each month

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 1900

Location: Victory Center, Indian River Mall, 6200 20th Street, Suite 160

Uniform of the Day: Casual with Cover and Red Polo Shirt

January League Meeting:

Marine, Brian Cook, submitted a complete application for membership and was subsequently unanimously approved for membership. Jr Past Commandant Ron Brooks formerly swore him in.

Members discussed M-1 Rifles and decided to continue obtain 4 functional Rifles for the Color/Honor Guard but not to purchase any since the cost would be prohibitive. The rifles will be obtained from the National Armory.

The Detachment approved for new member Brian Cook to investigate the preparation of a Website and Facebook Page for the Detachment. He will present options at the February meeting. Various Fund raising options were also discussed.

Sick and Distressed:

Doc Copeland, Ken Dansby, Paul Netzel, Ernie Miller

Information:

An Awards Ceremony to recognize and present Marine Sylvester McIntosh the Silver Star for his act of bravery in Vietnam was held at 1300 hours, 30 January 2016 on Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary in Vero Beach.

Ron Brooks, Dwight Harris, John Harris; and Commandant Mike Ambrosino of Jack Ivey League along with one additional member of their Detachment participated in a Marine Corps League Color Guard as part of the ceremony. Vic Diaz and John Michael Mathews also participated in the ceremony. Mike Bodnar, Sue Brooks, Dennis Caffrey, Mike Maguire, Ernie Miller, Tim Nightingale, Yank Yannetelli and members of the Jack Ivy and Barefoot Bay Detachments attended.

Brian Cook, John Harris and Heath Harris participated in the First Annual Hump for our Vets Fund Raiser sponsored by Veterans Council on February 13.

Upcoming Events:

An Officer Nominating Committee was established at the January Detachment meeting with Dennis Caffrey, John Harris and Ron Brooks as the committee members. The committee will present a selection of officers for year 2016-17

at the February meeting and they will be voted on in the March meeting. At the March meeting candidates for elected officer positions may be presented from the floor. Installation of the new officers will be in April.

Elected Officer Positions

Commandant
Sr Vice Commandant
Jr Vice Commandant
Judge Advocate

Appointed Officer Positions

Adjutant
Paymaster
Sgt at Arms
Chaplain
Quarter Master
Historian
Public Relations Officer
VAWS/Veterans Service Officer
Toys for Tots Liaison
Eagle Scout Liaison

History:

In 1918, the Secretary of Navy allowed women to enroll for clerical duty in the Marine Corps. Officially, Opha Mae Johnson is credited as the first woman Marine. Johnson enrolled for service on August 13, 1918; during that year some 300 women first entered the Marine Corps to take over stateside clerical duties from battle-ready Marines who were needed overseas. June 12th, 1948, Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act and made women a permanent part of the regular Marine Corps. By 1975, the Corps approved the assignment of women to all occupational fields except infantry, artillery, and armor and pilot/air crew. Over 1,000 women Marines served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Semper Fi

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“Once a Marine, Always a Marine”

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