



Newsletter




Indian River Detachment 058
Marine Corps League

Monthly Meeting: Every 4th Thursday of each month
Location: Victory Center, Indian River Mall, 6200 20th Street, Suite 160
Uniform of the Day: Casual with Cover

Next Meeting: October 24, 2013 at 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER LEAGUE MEETING

 **TOYS FOR TOTS / MAIN STREET VERO BEACH**
- The Detachment has a free booth for the November 29th, MSVB Friday event. During that event toys and donations will be collected for the Toys for Tots program. Volunteers are needed to tend to the booth.

EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATE, Darcy Seymour requested an Eagle Scout award to be presented to him at his Honor Court by a Detachment member on October 26th.

There will be no Veterans Ball this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING: Instead of a regular November MCL Meeting, Commandant suggested a dinner meeting with guests at CJ Cannons, Saturday, November 16 from 5 to 9pm. All members were in favor. Uniform is black trousers and short sleeve shirt/blouse.

JACK IVY BIRTHDAY BALL: Saturday, November 9th at Sons of Italy Lodge, 765 S.W. Dalton Circle, Port St Lucie, FL 34953. Starts at 6PM. Open bar from 6 to 10PM. Tickets \$55 pp. Advance purchases only. RSVP: Mike 772-204-9622 or 610-248-8305 - Tickets Must Be Presented For Admission.

DETACHMENT 2013 MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL CELEBRATION – The 238th Marine Corps Birthday Ball Sponsored by 4th ANGLICO along with Marine Corps League (District 8 & 10) will be Saturday, November 2, 2013 in Boca Raton, FL.

28th ANNUAL MUSTER & MUSIC FESTIVAL – National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum, Friday, November 8th thru 10th. Activities include: SEAL Demos, Keynote speakers: ADM William H. McRaven, Commander USSOCOM, and Congressman Patrick Murphy. Special Guest: Ross Perot. Medal of Honor Recipient: Tom Norris and Mike Thornton. Music/Cold drinks/beer will be available. See www.NavySEALmuseum.com for more info.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY: Monday, November 11, 2013 Memorial Island Park at 0900. Members are asked to arrive at 0830 to assist in set up. Uniform is short sleeve with dress blue or black trousers.

INFORMATION:

HOW WILL THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AFFECT VETERANS?

Two site you can visit are www.va.gov/health/aca/ : answers questions about Affordable Care Act for Veterans and their families.

Or www.HealthCare.gov (type Veterans Healthcare in the search box) to see the options available to Veterans for attaining or changing health care plans under the Affordable Care Act.

HISTORY:

MARINE CORP BIRTHDAY

* In 1921, 13th Commandant, Gen. John A. Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 1921. The order summarized the history, mission, and tradition of the Corps. It further directed that the order be read to all Marines on 10 November of each year to honor the founding of the Marine Corps. Thereafter, 10 November became a unique day for U.S. Marines throughout the world.

In 1923 the Marine Barracks at Ft. Mifflin, Pennsylvania, staged a formal dance. The Marines at the Washington Navy Yard arranged a mock battle on the parade ground. At Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the Marine baseball team played a Cuban team and won, 9 to 8.

The first "formal" Birthday Ball took place at Philadelphia in 1925. First class Marine Corps style, all the way! Guests included the Commandant, the Secretary of War, and a host of statesmen and elected officials. Prior to the Ball, Gen. Lejeune unveiled a memorial plaque at Tun Tavern.

In 1952 the Commandant, Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr., formalized the cake-cutting ceremony and other traditional observances. For example, Marine Corps policy now mandates that the first piece of cake must be presented to the oldest U.S. Marine present. The second piece goes to the youngest Marine. Among the many such mandates is a solemn reading of the Commandant's birthday message to the Corps.

Semper Fi

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