



Newsletter



Indian River Detachment 058
Marine Corps League

Monthly Meeting: Every 4th Thursday of each month **Next Meeting: Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 1900**
Location: Victory Center, Indian River Mall, 6200 20th Street, Suite 160
Uniform of the Day: Casual with Cover.

June League Meeting:

The upcoming Marine Corps Ball in November was discussed. Tickets for the Ball are expected to be \$50.00 to \$55.00 and the Main Course will be a choice of chicken or fish. We are in dire need of members for participating in the Ball functions such as receiving people, Raffle Ticket sales and performing the Cake Cutting ceremony. If you are interested and able to assist please contact Heath Harris at phone 643-2554. We also need Vendors who are interested in purchasing advertisement space in the program. If you know of any businesses that would be interested please contact Ron Brooks at 559- 4260. In addition, we are accepting donations in support of the Ball. All individuals donating will be mentioned in the program as Boosters.

Mike Bodnar informed members that as veterans we can now obtain Permits to Carry from the County Tax Collectors Office simply by filling out paperwork and paying the required fees. Provide them with a copy of your DD-214 or discharge papers to fulfill the requirement for weapons training. The permits will be received in 3-4 weeks.

Sick and Distressed:

Ken Dansby Ernie Miller Paul Netzel

Information:

Detachment members assisted in the operation of a Booth at the Vero Beach Air Show as a fund raiser for the Detachment. Members participating on behalf of the Detachment were Dennis Caffrey, John Harris, Dwight Harris, Sue Brooks and Ron Brooks. Also assisting on behalf of the Detachment were Jeff and Debbie Bunnell, close friends of Ron and Sue Brooks. In spite of some very nasty rain the first day and the unfortunate absence of the Blue Angels all went well. We received approximately \$75.00 in donations. We will be notified later of the total revenues received by the Detachment as a result of operating the booth, however it is not expected to be a significant amount since the attendance at the Air Show was very low.

Commandant Dwight Harris, Ron Brooks and Sue Brooks attended the Florida Marine Corps League annual Convention in Altamonte Springs. The Convention was a success and the Detachment received a Convention streamer for displaying the Detachment Colors at the Convention. Cary Haerlin of the

Justin J Wilson Detachment in Stuart, FL, was elected District 8 Vice Commandant (replacing Bob Leon) and Mike Ambrosino with the Jack Ivy Detachment in Port St Lucie, FL will continue as the Assistant Vice Commandant.

History:

The U.S. Marine Corps is the United States' military band of brothers dedicated to pure warfighting. The proud Brotherhood of Marines is guided by principles, values, virtues, love of country, and its Warrior Culture. This brotherhood of American Patriots has no song. Instead, Marine Warriors have a *hymn*. When *The Marines' Hymn* is played, United States Marines stand at attention. They show their pride in their fellow Marines, their Corps, their Country, their heritage, and their hymn. *The Marines' Hymn* is a tribute to Warriors. Marine Warriors stormed fortress Derna, raised the American flag, and gave us "the shores of Tripoli." Marines fought their way into the castle at Chapultepec and gave us the "halls of Montezuma." Marines exist for the purpose of war fighting. Fighting is their role in Life. They "fight for right and freedom" and "to keep our honor clean." They fight "in the air, on land, and sea." The Marine Corps is Valhalla for Warriors. U.S. Marines need no *song*. They have a *hymn*. *The Marines' Hymn* has remained a revered icon of the United States Marine Corps for almost 200 years. In 1929 *The Marines' Hymn* became the *official* hymn of the Corps. Thirteen years later in November 1942 the Commandant approved a change in the words of the first verse, fourth line. Because of the increasing use of aircraft in the Corps, the words were changed to "In the air, on land, and sea." No other changes have been made since that time. When you have attained absolute perfection, there is no need for further modification: From the Halls of Montezuma, To the Shores of Tripoli; We fight our country's battles In the air, on land, and sea; First to fight for right and freedom And to keep our honor clean; We are proud to claim the title of UNITED STATES MARINES. ^[1]

Semper Fi

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^[1] History of Marines Hymn; MCLFL.org

"Once a Marine, Always a Marine"

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