



Newsletter



Indian River Detachment 058
Marine Corps League

Monthly Meeting: Every 4th Thursday of each month **Next Meeting: Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 1900**
Location: Victory Center, Indian River Mall, 6200 20th Street, Suite 160
Uniform of the Day: Casual with Cover.

August League Meeting:

District Vice Commandant Cary Haerlin and Asst. District Vice Mike Ambrosino attended the meeting and provided the Detachment several items of information.

Members discussed the election of Officers for Veterans Council.

Vic Diaz informed us another homeless home is available. It is at 38th Place and US1. It is a duplex with 2 people per room.

Sick and Distressed:

Ken Dansby Ernie Miller

Information:

The Detachment is sponsoring a Marine Corps Ball on November 12 2016 at The Club at Point West. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 PM and Festivities begin at 6:15 PM. Tickets for the Ball are \$50.00 per person and the Main Course will be a choice of chicken or fish. Tickets can be purchased and seating arrangements made at John Michael Mathews Fine Jewelry at 645 Beachland Blvd, Vero Beach.

We are in dire need of members to participate in the Ball functions such as 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.

The Florida Marine Corps League Fall Conference will be held during the period of 6-9 October 2016. The location of the conference will be at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott located at 400 RCA Boulevard, Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33410.

History: Marine Corps Ball

The official birthday of the United States Marine Corps is on 10 November 1775. That was the day when the Second Continental Congress established the Continental Marines. Tun Tavern, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is regarded as the birthplace of the Corps as the location of the first Marines to enlist under Commandant Samuel Nicholas.

On 21 October 1921, Major Edwin North McClellan, in charge of the Corps' fledgling historical section, sent a memorandum to Commandant John A. Lejeune, suggesting the Marines' original birthday of 10 November be declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated throughout the Corps. Lejeune so ordered in Marine Corps Order 47.

The first formal ball was celebrated in 1925, though no records exist that indicate the proceedings of that event. Birthday celebrations would take varied forms, most included dances, though some accounts include mock battles, musical performances, pageants, and sporting events.

The celebrations were formalized and standardized by Commandant Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr. in 1952, outlining the cake cutting ceremony, which would enter the Marine Drill Manual in 1956. By tradition, the first slice of cake is given to the oldest Marine present, who in turn hands it off to the youngest Marine present, symbolizing the old and experienced Marines passing their knowledge to the new generation of Marines. The celebration also includes a reading of Marine Corps Order 47, republished every year, as well as a message from the current Commandant, and often includes a banquet and dancing if possible. In many cases, the birthday celebration will also include a pageant of current and historical Marine Corps uniforms, as a reminder of the history of the Corps. Another modern tradition includes a unit run on the 10th. Marines are reputed to celebrate the birthday, regardless of where they may be in the world, even in austere environments or combat.^[1]

Semper Fi

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^[1] Marine Corps Ball; Wikipedia