Who are we? Marines, FMF Corpsman (Navy), and Associate Members

What do we do? Outreach to forgotten veterans (all branches) in nursing homes, honor Marine gravesites, support Marines and their families, promote reduction of veteran suicide, support Young Marines (youth program), conduct annual Military Ball.

BURN PITS and TOXIC SMOKE

The Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense have both been sluggish in recognizing the multi decades of complaints from veterans that they were harmed by exposure to the toxic smoke and fumes given off using burn pits and other sources. The burn pit has long been used by the military as a method of waste disposal, especially in overseas locations. Waste products often measured in tons, included trash, plastics, wood, metal, paints, solvents, munitions, flammable junk, and medical and human waste burned in the open air. Often jet fuel, which contains benzene, was used to start, and maintain the burning process. In hindsight, one does not need a degree in chemistry to realize that this air pollution cocktail cannot be beneficial to human health. These sites give off large volumes of toxins because it is done in the open and then carried by wind currents. Additionally, toxins normally destroyed or reduced by incineration are contained in the smoke because of lower temperatures than contained burning. Most of the focus seem to be on burn pits used post 9/11, but they were reportedly used in Vietnam as well.

Burn pits are not the only airborne hazards that veterans have been exposed to in the service to their country. There was smoke from the oil well fires caused by enemy actions, general air pollution in dangerous levels common in certain countries, exhaust fumes from air and land machinery, and ordinary sand and dust.

The Department of Veterans Affairs now accepts that the following conditions may be caused by exposure to airborne toxins:

- Brain cancer
- Gastrointestinal cancer of any type
- Glioblastoma
- Head cancer of any type
- Kidney cancer
- Lymphatic cancer of any type

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Lymphoma of any type  
Melanoma  
Neck cancer  
Pancreatic cancer  
Reproductive cancer of any type  
Squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx  
Squamous cell carcinoma of the trachea  
Adenocarcinoma of the trachea  
Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea  
Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung  
Large cell carcinoma of the lung  
Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung  
Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung  
Typical and atypical carcinoid of the lung  
Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type  
Asthma that was diagnosed after service  
Chronic bronchitis  
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)  
Chronic rhinitis  
Chronic sinusitis  
Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis  
Emphysema  
Granulomatous disease  
Interstitial lung disease (ILD)  
Pleuritis  
Pulmonary fibrosis  
Sarcoidosis

If you served on or after 09/11/21 in Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Uzbekistan, Yemen, or the airspace above any of these locations. If you served on or after 08/02/90 in Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), or the airspace above any of these locations, the VA presumes you were exposed to burn pit toxins. If your exposure took place in Vietnam (or Southeast Asia Region) you must verify that.

If you feel you might have been exposed to airborne toxins the VA has a registry for veterans to enroll in that includes a medical screening for toxins. It is probably a good idea to register even if you are not experiencing any symptoms as an onset may be delayed and new information regarding your health and possible exposure may surface over time. Go online at: VA Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry - Public Health.

Burning oil rigs sabotaged by retreating Iraqi troops spewing toxic smoke.

Addressing airborne toxins is by no means complete in addressing the health concerns of veterans regarding exposure to toxins while serving their country. The issue of “Gulf War Syndrome,” a cluster of symptoms reported by at least 100,000 is not, as of this writing, recognized, understood, or accepted as presumptive by the VA. One recent study by the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School points in the direction of toxins released in the destruction of Iraqi chemical munitions and chemical munition production sites. Another area of exposure yet to be addressed in terms of recognition and understanding is veterans that were exposed to depleted uranium from munitions used on the field of battle in the Middle East campaigns and Bosnia. While progress has been made in caring for veterans, that journey is far from complete.

Semper Fi
Remembering Detachment Member

Marine “Cy” Kammeier

by

Marine Tim Murphy

It is with great sadness that we report that Detachment Member Marine Cyril Leo “Cy” Kammeier, 89, passed away peacefully in the early hours of Oct. 2, 2022, at the VA Medical Center (VAMC) in Martinsburg, West Virginia, among his veteran friends and the dedicated staff who serve them.

Cy, a retired U.S. Marine Corps veteran, devoted much of his life to serving fellow veterans, including more than 1,500 volunteer hours at the Martinsburg VAMC. Cy was recognized in 2013 by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) as Volunteer of the Year for West Virginia, and in 2015 by the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) as National Patriot of the Year. His duty was serving those veterans and his family.

Cy was born Valentine’s Day, 1933, in Cold Spring, Minnesota. His junior year of high school he met a new girl, Mary Ann Altendahl, and they became sweethearts.

On hiseighteenth birthday, Cy and his older brother enlisted in the Marine Corps. Cy soon shipped off to combat in Korea. Upon returning, he traveled to Texas where Mary was serving in the Air Force, and she agreed to marry him on the first day of Spring, 1954. At various duty stations they raised three children and enjoyed attending conventions of the Marine Corps League and the MOPH. In Mary’s later illnesses, he lovingly cared for her at home until her death in 2020.

Cy served in the Marine Corps for twenty-three years, with tours in Japan and Vietnam. He was a “mustang,” rising through enlisted ranks through officer training and officer ranks, retiring as captain in 1974.

In 1968, after a 12-week training course, he deployed as a South Vietnamese Marine advisor. He served his last five years as administrative assistant to two successive commandants of the Marine Corps. He earned many commendation medals throughout his career, including the Bronze Star with Combat “V”, two awards of the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat “V”, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for exceptional service throughout his career, and the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in Vietnam.

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After his retirement from active duty, Cy served veterans. He became executive director of Leatherneck Magazine, then the Marine Corps League. He worked for Booz-Allen Inc. for three years, then co-founded a company that organized annual national defense exhibitions. In 1998, at age 65 he sold his interest in the business and became editor of Purple Heart Magazine, doing desktop publishing from his home office for 11 years.

Cy was dedicated to the Military Order of the purple Heart. He was a Life Member of the Marine Corps League, Detachment 1143 in the West Virginia Eastern Panhandle. In that detachment he served as Historian and as a long-time editor of this newsletter and raised it to award winning status.

Marine Kammeier is survived by his sister Lila Bernick, his daughter Deborah (Miles) Lee, sons Keith Allan, and John Paul, grandchildren Daniel Lee and Anne Lee (Matthew) Phillips, and great-grandchildren Evelyn and Barrett Phillips.

Marine Kammeier and his wife’s remains will be laid to rest together at Arlington National Cemetery with a military funeral service to be scheduled at a later date.
Chaplain’s Corner: Sick in Quarters

Our Detachment works hard to insure that no Marines are forgotten. With that in mind it’s important to be mindful of those detachment members that are sick in quarters. An email, ecard, paper card, letter, or phone call go a long way in someone’s day that is not feeling well.

The following detachment members have been reported as Sick in Quarters:

   Marine Frank Barna
   Marine Bob Wade

In respect of their privacy we ask that any detachment member wishing to brighten the day of our Brothers to please contact Marine Tim Murphy our Adjutant/Paymaster for their contact information at: timurf@comcast.net

As always, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Semper Fi,
Bobbi Butka, Chaplain

The Corps and Force Design 2030

The Marine Corps recently accepted delivery of its own unmanned ship for experimentation that will act as a platform for recon, and weapons (ship to ship, ship to air, and ship to land).

Our beloved Marine Corps is in a state of transition, under a plan (Force Design 2030) the Corps has transferred its four hundred plus tanks to the Army, mothballed helicopter units, and infantry units are being restructured to operate in smaller numbers and be more agile in combat areas. Cannon artillery has been reduced by 76% to be replaced by “shoot and scoot” mobile missile systems. Infantry battalion numbers have been reduced by 41%.

Because of the precisely guided weapons that our potential adversaries have, the days of concentrated troops are obsolete. Weapons companies will be outdated, and rifle companies will be capable of utilizing a variety of weapons within their own unit. A typical infantry squad member would be capable of operating a rifle, machine gun, or anti-tank missile. Each squad would also have a hand launched drone carried in a backpack that could serve as its own set of “eyes” for the squad.

Marine aviation units will also take on a fresh look and wider range of capabilities. Already the Corps has instituted significant reductions across the board in tilt-rotor aircraft (26%), attack helicopters (29%), heavy-lift helicopters (34%), and fighter/attack aircraft (24%). This reduction is planned to be offset by the increased use of unmanned aerial systems to collect information and to deliver aerial attacks. They will operate from both ships and from shore.

These changes are not without controversy or opposition. A significant number of retired Navy and Marine Corps high ranking officers have expressed the opinion that Force Design 2030 weakens the Corps combat capabilities and ignores lessons learned in combat. No matter what the outcome is it is a sure bet that the future Corps will look quite different to us “Old Corps” Marines. Semper Fi
Chuck retired from the USMC as a GySgt with 20 years, 4 months, and 20 days of service – but who is counting! His last Duty Station was Quantico, VA where he was the S-4 Logistics Chief in for Weapons Training Battalion. He enlisted in the delayed entry program as a senior in Charles Town high school in April 1972 and went to bootcamp in September of that year. He worked the summer on a dairy farm where he was raised and helped to plant and harvest the new seasons crop.

While in the Marine Corps, Chuck held two MOS’s. He started out as Truck Driver and then on his first reenlistment he switched to a Gasoline and Diesel Mechanic. He was stationed at Quantico, VA (3 times), Okinawa, Japan (3 different tours), Cherry Point, NC, Camp Lejeune, NC and 29 Palms, CA. He also served on Recruiting Duty in Wytheville, VA.

Chuck married his wife Kimbaly in 1975. They knew each other in High School and while on leave in his hometown they reconnected and the rest is history.

Chuck is a people person even though he does not boast about all that he does to support the area veterans. He is a true believer that all Veterans need be recognized and respected for their service, especially the older Veterans.

Besides a Detachment Member of the Marine Corps League, Chuck is the Post Adjutant for Post #14, American Legion in Martinsburg. A position he has held since February 2009. He is responsible for Membership and Record Keeping. He takes the time to do in-person visit, even out of state, with members to discuss their membership to make them feel valued as a veteran and as a member of the American Legion. For six years, he also held the District Adjutant position for the 10th District which covers 17 Posts.

Chuck is very active with visiting veterans in the area nursing homes, hospitals and even home visits. Although there have been Covid restrictions he has kept in contact with the veterans.

One of the many ways Chuck gives back is participating in Military Honors. During the past two years Chuck has participated in over twenty funerals folding and presenting the flag to the families. He also hand-makes memorial flag boxes and presents them to the families, so they have a way to display the flag presented at the funeral. He inscribes each box with the fallen veteran’s name, branch of service, wartime era and DOB / DOD. In his spare time, he also makes picnic tables, benches, bird houses and feeders. He loves woodworking.

During the Holiday Season, Chuck is active with the Toys for Tot’s Program. He started working in the warehouse packaging up toys. He would deliver toy to the families that could not make it into the pick-up location to ensure the children had gifts. The past three years you could find Chuck at one of the two Walmart locations in Martinsburg standing tall in his dress blues collecting donations and toys. His dedication has yielded close to 100K in monetary donations (2019 -24K, 2020 – 50K, and 2021 – 36K). Look for him this holiday season and make sure you thank him for his dedication to the incredible program. Chuck believes that there are two reasons for Christmas, they are GOD and children.
MILITARY BALL

HONORING ALL BRANCHES/RETIREEs/ VETERANS/SUPPORTERS

Black Tie or Business Attire

CELEBRATING THE 247TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

When: Saturday, 19 November 2022
Where: Holiday Inn, Martinsburg WV
301 Foxcroft Ave.

5:30 PM Social — 6:30 PM Ceremony
Followed by Dancing till 11:30 PM

Traditional Marine Birthday Ball Program
Commandant’s Message
Cake Cutting, Guest Speaker, Camaraderie

$40.00/Person, Cash Bar
Advanced Reservations are Required
Price Includes Dinner

Guest of Honor: Lt. Col. Robert Barrow, USMC (Ret.)

CONTACT: JOHN S. STOLLERY JR. COMMANDANT EASTERN PANHANDLE MARINES, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE—757-748-1783 OR TIM MURPHY 703-980-3878
Morning Chow

Morning Chow attendees on 09/24/22 were Marines Tim Murphy, Charles Younger, Robert Speaks, Keith Windsor, and Chuck Stanley. Our regular photographer was not in attendance, so no pictures were taken.

Morning Chow is an informal gathering for breakfast of Detachment members, their family, friends, guests, and any Marines or someone considering joining the Detachment. The next Morning Chow will be on 22 October, at 10:00 Hrs. (10:00 a.m.).

Location: Martinsburg Diner, 1001 Foxcroft Ave., Martinsburg, WV 25401 (Ph. 304-901-5930). It is located on Foxcroft Avenue in Martinsburg just two doors down from the Chick-Fil-A. It is a pay as you go event. Please join us and bring your best sea story.

On October 11, 1951, a Marine battalion was flown by transport helicopters to a front-line combat position for the first time when Marine Helicopter Transport Squadron-161 (HMR-161) lifted the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, as a part of Operation Bumblebee, northeast of Yanggu, Korea. Semper Fi JS

A Bit of Marine Corps History for the Month of October

The Marine Corps, more so than any other branch of America's military, values and embraces its history. Beginning in boot camp, every Marine is educated on the Corps' proud and storied past as they learn what it means to be a Marine.

Early on a Sunday morning, October 23, 1983, two truck bombs struck buildings in Beirut, Lebanon, housing American and French service members of the Multinational Force in Lebanon (MNF), a military peacekeeping operation during the Lebanese Civil War. The attack killed 307 people: 241 U.S. and 58 French military personnel, six civilians, and two attackers.

The first suicide bomber detonated a truck bomb at the building serving as a barracks for the 1st Battalion 8th Marines (Battalion Landing Team – BLT 1/8) of the 2nd Marine Division, killing 220 Marines, 18 Sailors and three Soldiers, making this incident the deadliest single-day death toll for the United States Marine Corps since the Battle of Iwo Jima in World War II and the deadliest single-day death toll for the United States Armed Forces since the first day of the Tet Offensive in the Vietnam War. Another 128 Americans were wounded in the blast; 13 later died of their injuries, and they are counted among the number who died. The explosives used were later estimated to be equivalent to as much as 9,500 kg (21,000 pounds) of TNT.

Minutes later, a second suicide bomber struck the nine-story Drakkar building, a few kilometers away, where the French paratroop contingent was stationed; resulting in 58 dead and 15 injured.

Semper Fi JS
RECON REPORTS
(UPCOMING EVENTS)

Sept.: Detachment Meeting 10/19/22
Nov.: Birthday/Military Ball
Nov.: Flags for Marine Gravesites
Nov.: Veterans Day
Dec.: Supplies for Forgotten Vets in Nursing Homes
Fundraising: On Covid Hold
Nursing Home Visits: On Covid Hold

Editor’s Notes: It was with great sadness to have to report the passing of Marine Cy Kammeier. This newsletter is built on the foundation that Cy created as its long-time editor. He built it on the foundation that Marine Paul Turner did with the creation of the Pickle Jar and then brought it to award winning status. It was a life well lived in the service of his country, the Marine Corps, and his brother and sister veterans. As members of the Marine Corps League its members continue to serve their country. The “Meet the Member” article is a great example of that in the person of Marine Chuck Stanley. After a career of service in the Corps he continued to serve and protect in several civilian capacities and today continues to serve and honor his brother and sister veterans when they are laid to rest with painstakingly handcrafted personalized flag display cases. As a member of this Detachment and the Marine Corps League it is inspiring to see the selfless work that its members carry out for the benefit of others and I am proud to be counted in their ranks.

Semper Fi

ARE YOU A VET STRUGGLING WITH THOUGHTS OF SUICIDE, DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, PTSD?
YOU’RE NOT ALONE! HELP IS CLOSE AT HAND:

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 988
National Mental Health Hotline: 866 – 903 – 3787
If you are struggling with anxiety, bipolar, depression, panic attacks, PTSD, or schizophrenia connect with a trained crisis counselor.
Online Live Chat: veteranscrisisline.net
Vet2vet Crisis Line 1-887-VET2VET (838-2838) to speak to a trained vet
Crisis Text Line for Veterans: text “connect to 741741” to connect with a trained crisis counselor.
Give an Hour: giveanhour.org licensed counselors offering free in-person counseling for veterans.
Stop Soldier Suicide: stopsoldiersuicide.org get help with emotional issues, financial aid, housing, alternative therapies, vet/family retreats, education, and service dogs.
Check for state, municipal, and private programs in your area that specialize in assisting veterans with mental health issues.
A LOOK AT OTHER MARINES AROUND THE GLOBE

by
JS

Republic of Vietnam Marine Division

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Engagements
- Vietnam War
  - Battle of Binh Gia
  - Battle of Ba Gia
  - Operation Coronado IX
  - Operation Kien Giang 9-1
  - Tet Offensive
  - Battle of Hue
  - Operation Quyet Thang
  - Easter Offensive
  - Battle of the Paracel Islands
  - 1975 Spring Offensive

Commanders
- Le Nguyen Khang
- Bui The Lan

Insignia

Although the Republic of Vietnam does not exist any longer, and therefore the Republic of Vietnam Marine Division no longer exists I decided to feature them in honor of Marine Cy Kammeier, whose farewell is featured elsewhere in this issue. Cy served as an advisor to the RV Marine Division and was a recipient of the Purple Heart for wounds suffered while serving with them.

The Marine Division traced its origins to French-trained Commandos Marine recruited and placed under the command of the French Navy but officially incorporated in 1960. From 1970 onwards, the South Vietnamese Marines grew significantly into an elite and highly mobile unit. U.S. Army Gen. Creighton Abrams stated that the enemy had no comparable units to match it. This division had earned a total of 9 U.S. presidential citations and remained in the fight until the day of national surrender.

Ed. Note: I verified from multiple sources that the emblem depicted is accurate. I questioned the presence of the red star usually associated with the old Soviet Union and am still wondering why. Semper Fi JS

South Vietnamese Marines on patrol.

South Vietnamese Marines prepping for battle.
WOMEN VETERANS DELIVER COMPASSION WWII PINUP STYLE

The Marine Corps League is not alone when it comes to giving back to our Brother and Sister Marines. A group of women veterans (Pin-Ups for Vets) have found a unique way to raise funds in the form of a retro 1940’s styled calendar available for sale annually. With the monies raised by calendar sales this group has donated over $100,000 to the V.A. for rehabilitation equipment and program expansion, conducted personal bedside visits to V.A. and military hospitals to deliver cheer and gifts, promoted volunteerism at V.A. hospitals, supported homeless veterans with clothing and gifts to shelters, boosted morale for military wives and female veterans with cosmetic makeovers, and boosted morale for deployed troops through care packages.

Their efforts were featured recently on national television and one of the female hosts expressed her original thoughts as this being an exploitation of women. She said that she had changed her mind after listening to the women veterans tell how they spent most of their active duty time appearing as masculine as they could be and they wanted to show that feminine beauty was not ruled out by their being warriors as well. The TV host further commented that the good work that the group did erased any doubts she had about these veterans.

Gina Elise, pictured below, founded the non-profit organization in 2006. As a granddaughter of a WWII veteran she was inspired by numerous articles that depicted veterans hospitalized in V.A. facilities without ever receiving any visitors. Since then she and her corps of volunteers, many of whom are female veterans, have visited veterans in 31 states. Her organization has received numerous awards and continues to grow.

If you’ve ever been hospitalized for a time friendly smiles will make a better day. This vet seems to agree.

Three Marines active in Pinups for Vets.

Reminding a veteran, he’s not forgotten.

You can find more information about this group at their website: https://ww.pinupsforvets.com

Semper Fi
**The “Pickle Jar,” what’s in a name?**

In the “Old Corps” on payday we grunts would stand and work our way down the table collecting our monthly pay in cash, and settling up our various bills, such as dry-cleaning, and at the end of the line would be a pickle jar that you were encouraged to make a deposit in for various benevolent causes.

We keep that tradition alive at our meetings having a pickle jar near the sign-in sheet to pay for any chow served and to support our Detachment’s projects.

Marine Paul Turner picked the name as the founding editor and we owe kudos for making it happen and starting a great tradition for the Detachment, first published in March, 2012. When Paul stepped aside to become the Toys for Tots Regional Coordinator Marine Cy Kammeier took the helm and with his strong background in publishing and writing brought the “Pickle Jar” to the level of “award winning” until failing health took hold.

Both of these Marines are hard acts to follow and I hope my efforts will be worthy of the standards that they have established.

Semper Fi  
JS

**Can’t make it to a meeting?**

Our Detachment bylaws allow all members in good standing to attend a meeting and cast votes electronically if for any reason they are unable to physically attend a meeting. You can join your Brother and Sister Marines on Zoom or by telephone. Instructions and links are provided by email prior to every scheduled meeting.
HOW TO CONTACT US

Mailing Address:
Det. 1143 MCL
P.O. Box 1934
Martinsburg, WV 25404
Website: Pending
Email: Pending

For now please contact Adjutant/Paymaster at:
timurph@comcast.net or 703-980-3878

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(Eastern Panhandle Marines)

The mission of the Marine Corps League is to promote the interest and to preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines and FMF Navy Personnel who wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism.

WHERE WE MEET

We meet the third Wednesday of every month as guests of the Moose Lodge at 201 Woodbury Ave., Martinsburg, WV. Meetings begin at 19:00 Hrs. (7:00 p.m.) Free parking is on site. Meals are served after the meeting and member donations to the pickle jar at the sign-in sheet cover the costs of the meal.

How you Can Help

We are an all volunteer organization made up of Marines, FMF Corpsmen (Navy), and friends of Marines (Associate Members). We rely solely on outside funding to carry on our efforts. If you’d like to join us please fill out the application below and follow the submission instructions. If you’d like to make a monetary donation we are a registered (federal and state) non-profit organization—501-C-19. Please make check payable to Detachment 1143 MCL. You can send your tax deductible donation (no cash please) to: Mailing address: Detachment 1143 Marine Corps League, P.O. Box 1934, Martinsburg, WV 25404.

Membership Application for Marine Corps League Detachment 1143 Eastern Panhandle Marines

Full Name ......................................................................................... Phone ..................................................
Email .......................................................................................... Street Address............................................................
City ......................................................................................... State........ Zip Code........................................
DOB     /    / Service or SS Number................................. Type of membership application: Regular ....... Associate........

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes.... No....

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: I hereby certify that I am currently serving or have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, "ON ACTIVE DUTY," for not less than ninety (90) days and earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor;* or have served or am currently serving in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and have earned no less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points; or that I have served or am currently serving as a U.S. Navy Corpsman who has trained with Marine FMF Units in excess of ninety (90) days and earned the Marine Corps Device (clasp) or the Warfare Device worn on the Service Ribbon, authorized for FMF Corpsmen; or have served or are currently serving as a U.S. Navy Chaplain and have earned the FMF Badge serving with Marines; if discharged, I am in receipt of a DD Form 214 or a Certificate of Discharge indicating "Honorable Service". ("Honorable Service" will be defined by the last DD Form 214 or Certificate of Discharge that the applicant received). General Discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable.

By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of honorable service/discharge upon request. I hereby authorize the National Executive Director, Marine Corps League to obtain an un-redacted copy of my latest DD Form 214 from the Marine Corps custodian of Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF), and/or verification of honorable service if deemed necessary to verify my eligibility for regular membership in the Marine Corps League. I understand the DD Form 214 may contain information such as military awards, training, and character of service.

I agree to all the above and attest that all the above is true (signature)..........................................................
Date............................................

You may mail to Det. 1143 MCL, P.O. Box 1934, Martinsburg WV 25404 or hand deliver to a Detachment member, or present at a Detachment meeting. Note: Annual Dues are $30, but will be waived if on active duty.