

ATTENTION ON DECK

2015 DETACHMENT OF THE YEAR

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COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE



I hope all you father's out there enjoyed your special 18 June Father's Day. It is a day that is well-deserved. During our May meeting, there were 29 members, 6 guests, and 1 speaker. The speaker was *Alexia Williams*, Red Hat Society at Grand Isle. She asked our detachment to help her group find an active duty Marine/unit to send goody boxes to. 1stSgt (Ret) *David Huckobey*, Murrieta Valley HS (MVHS) MCJROTC, will work with her. It is always good to know there are organizations/groups that support military service members – thank you *Alexia*. We also swore-in *Waco Merchant* our newest member who joined following our April meeting. Oh yeah, the official "Life Member" plates finally arrived for *Carole Vogt*, *John Hernandez*, *Paul Kraxberger*, and *Nick Vultaggio*. They were so ecstatic they forced me to take a picture of them with their cards in hand.

Thanks to all who continue to support our coffee mess and fundraising opportunities. During May's meeting we collected \$12.05 in our honor-system coffee donation jar and \$99 in fundraising opportunities. Let's continue to look around our gridsquare for items worthy to be raffled off at our meeting. The money from donations goes to supplement our budget so we can continue to purchase the business cards, the tri-fold recruiting brochure, and other items such as the pop-up we recently purchased.

We presented two **\$300 Scholarships** during our May meeting. This year's recipients were Jamie Goebig and Jessica Gettle, MVHS MCJROTC cadets. A job well done! Jamie's family was on deck to witness as they were very appreciative. Good luck to both cadets as they head off to college.

Also, during our May meeting new MVHS MCJROTC Cadet Commander Alexandria Milligan, presented the detachment with a certificate of appreciation for our purchasing of 30 "Rifleman Dodd" books. Also, LtCol USMC (Ret.) *Paul W. Bishop*, Senior Naval Science Instructor, Chaparral High School NJROTC program, sent an email thanking us for our very generous donation of \$100. He stated it was a pleasure to have *Mr. Krampe* recite the "American Creed" for their audience. And as he stated, "It is always a highlight of the evening." It should be noted that Murrieta Mesa HS (MMHS) NJROTC, Paloma Valley HS (PVHS) NJROTC, Tahquitz HS (THS) MCJROTC, and Tolleson HS MCJROTC (Tolleson, AZ) thanked us onsite and were very appreciative of the \$100 gift and awards we presented to their cadets.

Once again, Camp Pendleton looked out for us. It is one of the perks we have of living so close base. In recognition of Camp Pendleton's 75th anniversary, the Commanding General of Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton requested our company to observe a Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Demonstration showcasing the Marine Corps' Amphibious Operations capabilities on Wednesday, 0900/14 June at Red Beach, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Las Pulgas 43 area. The 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit conducted a ship-to-shore exercise as a part of their final pre-deployment certification. We had 10 of us that enjoyed the continental breakfast and demonstration. The stands were filled to capacity with other local dignitaries and guests.

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Carole & Martin Vogt attended the June MCL Department of CA Convention. Below are 3 things of note. *Martin* will explain how this affects our detachment at the June meeting.

1. Department voted to increase membership dues sent to Department by \$2. This does not affect Life Members.
2. Department voted to increase number of members on Board of Trustees by 2, creating Vice Commandant positions.
3. Department voted to cut number of annual meetings, eliminating the fall conference. Beginning 2017 there will only be a spring conference in March and a convention in June.

Hopefully you all will be able to attend our **"Thank You Breakfast" at the Wildomar VFW Post 1508, 21180 Waite St., Wildomar, CA.** Our meeting will commence Saturday at 0900/24 June and terminate at 0930 so we can chow down for breakfast. This is your much-deserved "Thank You" for all that you do. This will be for our members & spouse/significant other.

A reminder about the change in the expiration date of members from individual dates to a single-expiration date of 1 September for all members, effective September 1, 2017. National will no longer be mailing renewal notices. Renewal will be the responsibility of the individual member and his/her detachment. Please stay on top of this, you are important to us, we do not want lose your membership.

Semper Fi, Warriors!

R/S

Larock W. Benford

Commandant

OFFICERS and STAFF

Founder: Don Krampe

Commandant: Larock Benford

Senior Vice Commandant:
Anthony "Doc" Borges

Junior Vice Commandant:
Paul Kraxberger

Judge Advocate: Martin Vogt

Adjutant/Paymaster: Carole Vogt

Sergeant-at-Arms: Ken Lepore

Chaplain: Bradley "Scott" Burris

Junior Past Vice Commandant:
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Tonya Dallas
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*Members interested in any of the above committees, contact the persons' name (s) listed.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Greetings Marines!

At the start of this message, I would like to recognize the tragedy and the loss of life aboard the USS Fitzgerald. As we commend those souls to the deep, let us pray for their families in this, their hour of need.

Our Nation is blessed by The Creator with freedom and prosperity. Often times both have needed to be fought for and won. Sacrifices made by past, present and future defenders reveal to our Creator our willingness and our commitment to hold on to the blessings He has bestowed upon us. This Independence Day will commemorate 241 years of American Freedom. But Freedom has been fought for over the past ten thousand years of existence. History is full of examples of a people seeking to be free from oppression. America has embraced the freedom that the Creator has given to us and has, over the years, fought to extend that divine blessing to others who have been unable to fight for themselves. As we approach our 241st Birthday, let us keep in mind the sacrifices that have been made by the strong in their defense of the weak.

To my fellow FMF Corpsmen, as I write this message, today is the 17th of June. 119 years ago today, the United States Navy commissioned the first Hospital Corpsmen. Hospital Corpsmen have been serving Marines and Sailors ever since, side by side on the battle field and in the fleet. There is a special and unbreakable bond that exists between Marines and their Corpsmen. Let us wish them a Happy Birthday.

Semper Fi Devil Dogs and Semper Fi Devil Docs.

Chaplain Scott "Doc" Burris

...OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU

Mrs. Cram (Charlie's wife)
Marcelo (Speedy) Gonzalez, Jr.
Victor "Ski" Grzybowski, Jr.
Adrian Trevino
Connie Ulloa
Gene Ward
Jess (Paul Bessette's friend)
Daughter of (Sandy Van Zanten)
Lori Ward (Gene's wife)
Katy Wiggs

2017 PATRIOT OF THE YEAR: DAVID "DOC" HOOPER



Chapter 2929 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Commander, John Melendrez (left) presents David "Doc" Hooper (right), with his Patriot of the Year award.

Uniform Items

New members, the one item that we should/must wear at our meetings or official functions that we are representing our detachment is the **MCL Cover & Gold EGA (Eagle, Globe, & Anchor) Cap Ornament or the Associate Member's Cap Ornament**. That is the main/official requirement; however, I do recommend the wearing of the MCL Red Golf Shirt doing our meetings, etc. Here is an excerpt from National Bylaws **UNIFORM CODE-MARINE CORPS LEAGUE ENCLOSURE THREE (3)**:

"V MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COVER

A. The basic uniform of the Marine Corps League is the unique cover that identifies the members of the Marine Corps League. Because all other parts of the uniform that are designated in this enclosure are optional, the cover remains as the only consistent identifier for Marine Corps League members, which is why the cover is worn indoors at appropriate Marine Corps League functions. When Marine Corps League Members are wearing the appropriate cover, as listed below, they are considered to be in uniform. **NO OTHER TYPE OF COVER MAY BE WORN AT A MARINE CORPS LEAGUE FUNCTION OR MEETING.**

B. All members of the Marine Corps League are authorized to wear the **RED COVER**. The Semper Fi Store: <http://semperfistore.org> Contact us at merchandise@mcleague.org 703-207-9588

u1 Detachment Cover Men's Detachment Cover (RED) lettered with MARINE CORPS LEAGUE. **\$ 29.00**



wa121 Golf Shirt Red MCL Golf Shirt, Red with pocket, Marine Corps League with EGA

\$ 22.00



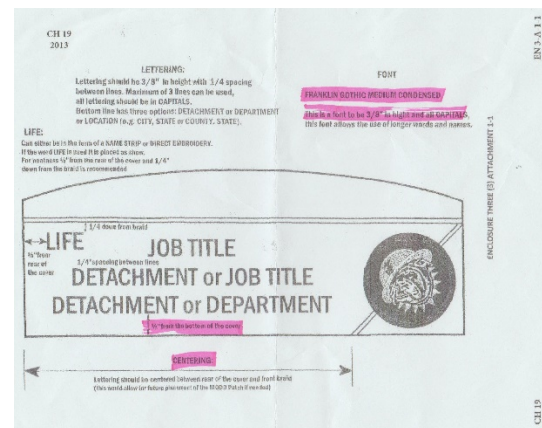
u3 Women's Cover Detachment Cover (RED) lettered with MARINE CORPS LEAGUE. **\$ 29.00**



u13 Cap Ornament Regular Member (Marine/FMF Corpsman & Chaplain) **\$ 4.50**



u13a Cap Ornament-Associate (Non-Marine/FMF Corpsman & Chaplain) **\$ 5.50**



Excerpt from *National Uniform By Laws* (Uniform Cover Guidance). If you need someone to sew or embroider your MCL Polo/Golf Shirt or Cover, you can contact:
Tim Sisson (GySgt Ret) of T&D Designs. Phone: (951) 303-5948
Email: tim@tandddesigns.com
Website: www.TandDDesigns.com, 30546 Mill Valley Ct, Murrieta, CA 92563.



HAPPENINGS:

***Membership information:** Contact *Larock Benford*, Commandant

***Quartermaster position** available. Interested parties contact *Larock Benford*, Commandant

***Members' dues** are to be paid to *Carole Vogt*, and not mailed to Nationals. Cash or checks only.

***"Unclaimed Veterans" Memorial Service**, every third Wednesday, of the month, at Riverside National Cemetery shelter "G" at 0900. POC *David "Doc" Hooper*

***Members requiring assistance**, at Murrieta (CA) VA Clinic: Contact *Scott Burris* at (951) 290-6500 ext. 50318

***Needed:** Donated motorized mobility handicap scooters (working or not). There are a waiting list of Veterans who are in need of scooters. Non-operational scooters are refurbished before distribution. For pick-up contact Ed and Sandy Wiggs at (951) 301-9553

***Rancho Army Navy Store**, will donate used uniforms for Military personnel wanting to be buried in uniform. POC *Ken Lepore* or *David "Doc" Hooper*

***The Semper Fi Store:** <http://semperfistore.org>

***Detachment Cookbook:** Submit your favorite recipe(s) to *Ed & Sandy Wiggs*. Include a picture

VA Loma Linda Ambulatory Care Center (ACC)**, 26001 Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA 92373. Monday – Friday (not open on holidays), 0800-1630 (909) 825-7084 **No Emergency Services**

***Lestonnac Free Medical Clinic**, 39429 Suite C, Los Alamos Road, Murrieta, CA. (951) 691-8204.

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MCL 2017 meetings

24 June
29 July
26 August
30 September
28 October
25 November

***No meeting in December

Meetings: Last Saturday of every month

Time: 0900

Location: Fountain Glen at Grand Isle
(Conference Room)
24405 Village Walk Place
Murrieta, California 92562-5238

OTHER EVENTS

***Golden Age Games** in Mississippi, Andrew Genninger participating

***National Holocaust Memorial** in Murrieta, California

***Dedication of the Purple Heart Ceremony** on August 7, 2017. Semper Fi #1 participating.

DETACHMENT 1057 EVENTS



It's official!!! "Life Member" plates finally arrived for *Paul Kraxberger, John Hernandez, Carole Vogt, and Nick Vultaggio*. Welcome to the Club!



Waco Merchant Swearing-in_27 May 2017



Waco Merchant Swearing-in as his wife *Rikki Merchant* (on the right over the Commandant's back) looks on_27 May 2017



\$300 College Scholarship recipient *Jamie Goebig*, MVHS MCJROTC, and her family



Waco Merchant our newest member, after Swearing-in_27 May 2017

CAMP PENDLETON EVENTS



Marine Air- Ground Task Force demonstration for the 75th Anniversary on Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 14, 2017. Somewhere on the right in red MCL Polo shirt & or cover are *Richard Poulter, Bob Cleary, Rita Nastri, Don & Jean Krampe, Paul Kraxberger, Larock Benford, "Chuy" Ramirez, and Bill Lauper* in blue.



A Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC), with 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, lands at Red Beach during the Marine Air- Ground Task Force demonstration for the 75th Anniversary on Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 14, 2017. The demonstration allowed all in attendance to observe Marines as they recertified their qualifications before deployment. (U. S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. *Betzabeth Y. Galvan*)



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Assault Amphibious Vehicles (AAV), with 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, lined up in formation on Red Beach during the Marine Air- Ground Task Force demonstration for the 75th Anniversary on Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 14, 2017. The demonstration allowed all in attendance to observe Marines as they recertified their qualifications before deployment. (U. S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. *Betzabeth Y. Galvan*)



A Light Armored Vehicle (LAV), with 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, moves to the static display area for the guests to view at Red Beach during the Marine Air- Ground Task Force demonstration for the 75th Anniversary on Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 14, 2017. The demonstration allowed all in attendance to observe Marines as they recertified their qualifications before deployment. (U. S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. *Betzabeth Y. Galvan*)



Marine Air- Ground Task Force Demonstration. MCL Det 1057 Commandant *Larock Benford* hanging out with some of his Inland Empire United States Navy League (USNL) members, including our own *Bill Lauper*, National Director & Inland Empire Council, Founding President.

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Marine Air- Ground Task Force Demonstration. This is the Naval Ship where all the amphibious vehicles disembarked from. (Photo by Jesus "Chuy" Ramirez)



Marine Air- Ground Task Force Demonstration. Static Display of an Assault Amphibious Vehicle (AAV). (Photo by Jesus "Chuy" Ramirez)



Marine Air- Ground Task Force Demonstration. Static Display of Light Armored Vehicle (LAV). (Photo by Jesus "Chuy" Ramirez)



Marine Air- Ground Task Force Demonstration. Paul Kraxberger, Richard Poulter, & Larock Benford photographed with Marines from the 11th Marine Artillery Regiment. Static Display of a M777 Lightweight Towed Howitzer, 155 mm Artillery piece. (Photo by Jesus "Chuy" Ramirez)



Marine Air- Ground Task Force Demonstration. Static Display of back end of an Assault Amphibious Vehicle (AAV). (Photo by Jesus "Chuy" Ramirez)

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In Memory of the tragedy and the loss of life aboard the USS Fitzgerald

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